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Mount Carmel, June 4.—A terrible storm struck this city to-day, by which 16 men lost their lives and \$500,000 worth of property was destroyed. Among the killed are Alderman Watkins, Wm. Newkirk, Mr. Goodrich, Burton, Masterson, Child, Fred Gerke, Geo. Moore, Geo. Bruce, J. A. Edgar, Charlie Norman and John Tuttle. A large number are wounded, several of whom will undoubtedly die. The bodies of four of the killed were buried. There are at least 25 still missing.

Later information says four more bodies have been found and two of the wounded have since died. The ruins of buildings are being, threatening the total destruction of the whole town.

Chiro, Ill., June 4.—Private telegrams state that a tornado struck Mount Carmel, Ill., about 4 p. m., causing great loss of life and property. Twelve are known to be killed, thirty wounded and twenty missing. Among the buildings destroyed are the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, two school houses, court house, several stores and residences.

New York, June 3.—The World's special from Washington says because of the embarrassments to retail business, interest among leading business men intend appealing to the Secretary of the Treasury to rescind the recent order substituting silver for one and two dollar legal tender notes.

The Times has a special from South Carolina and Mississippi showing that Republicans are persecuted in those States, and no white man pronounced himself a Republican.

New York, June 4.—A special to the World from Washington says General Ord does not think the Mexican raids have been exaggerated either in number or importance. The Texas border is over 1,200 miles long, and many raids are never heard of through the press. Twenty or thirty persons have been killed during eight months, and the raids are increasing.

The World's Washington special says Gen. Crook, now here, has been requested to investigate the Utah troubles. Sheridan thinks they are greatly exaggerated and persons are sent.

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ion of peace will be self-government for Bosnia, Herzegovina, Bulgaria and the Christians of Lusatia, European governors, a European commission of control, European garrisons for some time, and cession of territory in Armenia.

Brussels, June 4.—La Nord, the Russian organ, publishes a letter from St. Petersburg which says if, after crossing the Danube, Russia is able to conclude a peace and at the same time realize her programme, and if the powers adopt toward Turkey an attitude sufficiently firm to complete the lesson received from the sons of Russia, then an equitable and dignified peace might be arranged and the necessity of pushing the war to extremes be avoided.

London, June 4.—Gen. Grant and Minister Pierpont attended services of Westminster Abbey yesterday, and listened to a sermon Dean Stanley. In the course of his sermon he said Gen. Grant has just laid down the scepter of the American commonwealth after having by military powers, and still more by generous treatment of his courage in victory enemies in defeat, restored unity to a great and divided people. England welcomes him as a pledge that the two nations of the Anglo-Saxon race are still one in heart and spirit.

London, June 5.—The Berlin correspondent of the Times says it is asserted that Count Von Moltke regards Russia's chances as steadily improving. In consequence of the extraordinary negligence and lack of foresight of the Turks.

Matchless, June 5.—A Vienna dispatch says the Turks exaggerate their troubles. It is believed that the main body of the Russian center is still near Karo, and that the recent panic at Ezerum was provoked by a flying corps of Cossacks and irregulars.

London, June 5.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says Prince Gortschakoff's note to Lord Derby, of which Count Schouvaloff is in possession, states that the Tsar does not want any territorial increase in Europe, but only desires autonomy for Bulgaria and the independence of Roumania and Servia. He also demands the cession of Armenia, from Bayazit to the coast, but not including Erzerum.

The following is the order of exercises for Commemoration Week, which will be held in the College Chapel.

SUNDAY, June 10th, 10 A. M.—Annual sermon by Rev. J. H. Aston.

MONDAY, June 11th, 8 P. M.—Anniversary of Alka and Athletes Societies.

TUESDAY, June 12th, 8 P. M.—Commencement of Medical Department.

WEDNESDAY, June 13th, P. M.—Business Meeting of Alumni and Annual Meeting of Board of Trustees. 8 P. M. Public exercises of Alumni.

THURSDAY, June 14th, 2 P. M.—Exercises of graduating class. 8 P. M.—Address by Rev. P. S. Knight, A. M. and conferring degrees.

MOORE FACTS STATED.—We have received from Mr. J. J. Adams, Prineville, a statement concerning the dispute of land title between O. M. Pringle and A. D. Pettyjohn, and we consider it sufficient to say that he shows that after Mr. Pettyjohn left the place it was taken up by a Mr. Kaine, who sold it to Mr. Pringle, who supposed that Mr. Pettyjohn had abandoned the country, being dissatisfied with it. Instead of publishing Mr. Pettyjohn's account in full we made a brief note of it and we do the same with the answer. The parties are our personal friends, Mr. Pringle being an intimate friend of long standing. As the matter will have to be decided legally on the merits of the case nothing can be made by a newspaper controversy—except ill feeling, and that does not seem to us either proper or necessary.

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WEATHER REPORT.

During May, 1877, there were 6 days during which rain fell in sufficient quantities to measure in the rain gauge with an aggregate of 73 inches of water; light showers fell on several other days, but not sufficient to measure. The mean temperature for the month was 63.09°. Highest daily mean temperature 68° on the 11th; lowest daily mean 47° on the 20th; mean temperature for the month at 2 o'clock p. m. 63.04°; highest thermometer for the month 73°, at 2 o'clock p. m. on the 11th; lowest thermometer 42° at 7 o'clock a. m. on the 22d. The prevailing winds for the month were from the north during 13 days; south 17 days; s. w. 1 day.

During May, 1877, there were 9 days during which rain fell, with an aggregate of 49 in. of water; 7 clear and 15 cloudy days, other than those on which rain fell. Mean temperature for the month 62.63°; highest daily temperature for the month 63° on the 7th; lowest daily mean temperature for the month 46° on the 16th.

T. FRANCE.

EOLA, June 1, 1877.

THE STATE GRANGE.—The Oregon State Grange held a picnic, and to a surprising success, profitable session at Salem last week. Hon. Wm. Cyrus, of Linn, as worthy Master, seems to be the right man in the right place, and his advice and counsel are steadily pushing the Order in Oregon to a prosperous future career. Besides the regular business of the session of the State Grange, the members and delegates in attendance were extended many social courtesies and kindnesses from the Salem Grange, which were evidently highly appreciated.

S. A. Clarke, Esq., editor of the **WILLETTS FARMER**, tendered the Patrons a reception at his pleasant residence, at which his excellent and accomplished daughters attended him in an entertaining manner. For five days' session closed with a grand picnic at the **Chalet Hotel**, at which Mr. Chapman, lately "aid himself" in his well known picturesque style of entertainment.

Much social fun in the form of a song and a dance, the music of which was supplied by the **country** well as to the **title of the year.**

Hawley, Reid & Co.

Calling on this well-known firm a few days ago, we found them already busily engaged selling harvesters and threshers. They say business is not only better than they anticipated, but exceeds that done any previous year. Men who have large crops are in a hurry to purchase, and they are in good season. They say they have had an unusual demand, that has caused them to already order the second lot of Buckeye Mowers, over a hundred having been sold. They already are selling many of these Chicago Pitts' Thrashers; one steam thrasher has been sold for French Prairie. They also have steam engines constructed to burn straw.

Sheep Shearing.

This business comes off quite late here this season, as the weather has been quite cool and wet so far. The wool, as taken off, seems in good condition—sheep generally in fine order. There is a large increase of lambs this season, in Western Oregon, most of which have been saved. Owing to the need of all our wheat lands here for crops, the pastures are insufficient for all the sheep. All the sheep, horses and cattle of Western Oregon should be driven to the west, bunch grass country in Eastern Oregon. The present prices of wool in Portland, are encouraging to sheep raisers here.

Reed & Cox sometime since loaned a person who had been in the employ of Mr. Jesse Parrish near Marion \$100, taking as collateral security a note purported to have been signed by Mr. Parrish. A few days since the note was discovered to have been a forged one. Reed & Cox immediately took steps to secure the forger, and by the aid of officers J. A. Baker, T. H. Reynolds and John W. Minto the man who has been selling under various aliases was arrested in Jacksonville yesterday and Sheriff Baker started this morning to bring him into camp. The tracing of the man was done in a manner that shows our officers to possess the keenness of a "Scottland yard" detective.

The frequency of copious rains here lately, seem to discourage some of our farmers. They fear that the fall wheat will incline to lodge. It is certain that wheat will be very stalky this season. The spring grain, pastures and meadows can hardly fall to be abundant this year here. It has been rather cool, wet and cloudy for gardens this season. Though many thousands of tomato and vine plants were lately killed by frost, yet such can be set out now with reasonable prospects of good crops.

Mr. George Weller has purchased the South Salem Mills and we hear it rumored that the machinery is to be used in a new mill, to be erected at the mouth of North Mill creek, in North Salem, by Mr. Weller and several other gentlemen. Should the arrangements, as proposed be perfected the construction of the new mill will be commenced immediately.

A man over-bored—an editor.

A Cold Water Picnic.

There is to be a grand temperance rally at Roberts' Bridge, near Shedd's Station, camping on Saturday and Sunday, 16th and 17th of June. It is to be a basket meeting, and everybody is invited to come and bring their baskets well filled. Many of the best temperance speakers in the State are expected to be present. The programme will be short speeches, full of fire; music, as good as the country affords, recitations, songs, etc. The following programme interspersed with the best of music has been arranged, for Saturday; the programme for Sabbath will be made after they arrive at the camp ground.

L. J. Powell,
F. M. Rinehart, } Com.
D. P. Porter,

Introductory address, by Rev. S. G. Irvine, D. D. of Albany.

"The annual cost to this county of alcoholic drinks, in time, money, lives and pauperism," by Hon. W. R. Dunbar.

Effects of alcoholic stimulants upon the human system," by J. W. Watts, M. D., of Yamhill.

"To what extent alcoholic drink is the instigator of crime, and the constitutionality of a prohibitory law," by Judge Piper, of Albany.

"As a corrupting agency in politics and at the ballot box," by Hon. T. H. Cann, of Salem.

"What shall be done to extirpate the evil?"

"What says the voice of reason?" by Rev. I. D. Driver, of Brownsville.

"What is the teaching of God's word," by Rev. J. S. McCain, of Eugene.

"The demands of the hour upon parents," by Prof. Jan. Kenney, of Corvallis.

"The demands of the hour upon young men," by Rev. L. A. Banks, of Corvallis.

"What part can young women take in saving the land from this scourge evil?"

STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The fourth annual meeting of the Medical Society of the State of Oregon, will be held in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on Monday and Tuesday next. The first day's session will be held from 10 to 5 p. m., and 7 to 9. The second day from 8 to 12 a. m. and 2 to 5 p. m.

- 1st. Society called to order.
- 2d. Report of the Committee of Arrangements.
- 3d. Calling of the Roll.
- 4th. Report from the Board of Censors upon the election of new members.
- 5th. Reception of visitors by invitation.
- 6th. Election of officers for the ensuing year, delegates to American Medical Association, and place of meeting.
- 7th. Address by the retiring President, at the conclusion of which he will conduct the President elect to the chair.
- 8th. Announcement of Standing Committees by the President.
- 9th. Reports of Standing Committees.
- 10th. Special Reports.
- 11th. Reading and discussion of voluntary contributions.
- 12th. Introduction of new business.
- 13th. Unfinished and miscellaneous business.
- 14th. Adjournment.

The Society will attend the Commencement Exercises of the Medical Department of the Willamette University, Tuesday, at 8 o'clock p. m., after which they will participate in a social reunion and collation at the Chemeketa, by invitation from the Medical Faculty.

Physicians arriving in the city will call at the office of the Sup't of Public Instruction, where they will find a member of the committee, for the purpose of Registration. Physicians traveling over the O. & C. R. R. and upon boats of the O. S. N. Co. will, upon the presentation of a certificate from the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, be passed at half rates.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

H. Carpenter, M. D. L. L. Rowland, M. D. J. W. McAfee, M. D. S. D. McCauley, M. D. J. A. Richardson, M. D.

MOOD RIVERS, May 25.

Allow me to ask, through the columns of the FARMER, if it will injure strawberry plants to give them a thorough plowing after they have fruited? Also, whether sweet potato plants require irrigation or not during a dry spell, or will water injure them?

JAKE HUNSAKER.

Strayed or Stolen.

From the farm of the subscribers, one mile east of Dixie, a dark chestnut Mare—about fifteen hands high—chunky head, with white nose. Any information leading to her recovery will be suitably rewarded.

H. B. & J. E. TRIBLEAN.

Wool.—Look at our advertising columns to see what merchants in Salem are in the market as purchasers of wool.

Marion County Pomona Grange.

ED. FARMER: Last week, Friday, the Marion County Pomona Grange met with subordinate granges of the lower end of Marion county, at Silvertown. Brother Hadley of Mt. Vernon Grange presiding. Members were present from all the subordinate Granges in Marion county except Jefferson Grange, and there was with us Bro. Skirvin, and others, from Clackamas county. Short addresses were made by Bros. Herren, Boise, Minto, Clark, Davenport and Sister Minto. The credit system, co-operation, and other topics were discussed, and perhaps the best thing of the day was a report on education from Sister Hillery, the Chairman of the Committee on Education, of Marion county, Pomona Grange.

The general turn out and good fraternal feeling exhibited by all present, together with the reports from the subordinate Granges of the degree work going on at present, shows plainly that the Grange movement is moving forward in Marion county.

Most of the visiting brethren brought their wives along, which added to the interest of the meeting. A Grange meeting without Sisters! Get away! What sort of an affair would it be? I am enough I should think. What if some of the Sisters are slightly infected with suffrage? we can't do without them any way, and the equal privileges accorded them in the Grange is one of its best features. You would have thought so, Mr. Farmer, if you could have seen the Sisters unloading their baskets of baked chicken. Now, I am not an itinerant minister, but I have a fondness for baked chicken, for all that.

I was going to describe that dinner, spread from one end of the hall to the other, but it can't be done. Why there was enough left to feed the town as long as all roads were good.

Our next meeting will be in Salem, on the first Friday in July, at ten o'clock in the morning. There is a large class to be initiated at that time, and it is desirable that members should come prepared to stay all night.

S. W. BROW.

Marion Pomona Grange.
SILVERTOWN, June 6, 1877.

THE FARMER'S REVIEW.

This is the last issue of the FARMER that will reach the country before the meeting of the Pomona at the State Fair Ground, on Friday, June 15, and we commend the master of attendance to all who may be able to be there, confident that they will find it a most enjoyable occasion. The Committee of Arrangements invite all having people modestly inclined to come prepared to take part in the musical exercises, in there will be a piano and organ there for home talent to make interesting. The general services of the day will be attractive, and a Restaurant will feed those who do not come provisioned. See the programme published elsewhere.

Kelly & Underwood, Wagon and Carriage Makers.

The advertisement of this well-known firm of carriage and wagon-makers should not be overlooked by those who are desirous of purchasing either wagons, hacks, buggies, or carriages, of which they are turning out a great variety. Call at their shops, and they will show you as fine work and as substantial as you can desire. They are deservedly successful in their enterprise, and they have already sold a large number of vehicles of all descriptions, and are hardly able to satisfy the demand upon them. After looking at their work, we do not wonder at their receiving orders in advance to keep them busy.

The drug trade of Portland, with its adjuncts of paints, oils and glass, has reached an importance that justifies its recognition among the foremost branches of trade. The firm of T. A. Davis & Co. is one of the leading houses in this line, and the only one that confines itself entirely to the jobbing trade. The senior member of the firm, Mr. T. A. Davis, has been engaged in this business at the same stand, No. 71 Front street, since 1854, and has seen the trade grow from a small beginning to its present large proportions. The stock carried by this firm is very large and complete in all its appointments, filling entirely a two story brick store, 25x80, and a warehouse also 25x80 feet. Strangers from the East who inspect this establishment are struck with astonishment at seeing such an immense stock in such an out-of-the-way place as Portland, and fail to appreciate the extent of trade it supplies. Oregon, Washington and Idaho are tributary to this market, and the merchants are beginning to realize that they can do fully as well by buying here as by going to San Francisco. The quantity of window glass, white lead, oils, drugs, patent medicines, etc., which Messrs. Davis & Co. carry, enables them to fill all orders, and the extent of their trade is such that they are able to sell at prices which hold the business here where it belongs. Dealers are beginning to realize the benefits that accrue to themselves by having an establishment of this character so near at hand from which to draw their supplies, and that increase of trade to the jobber means lower prices to the dealers, thereby working mutual benefit.—Com. Reporter.

The Farmers' warehouse has received about 15,000 pounds of wool so far this season.