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MASONIC INSTALLATION AND SUPPER. From the Record, Dec. 29. Last evening the officers elect for the ensuing year of the two Masonic lodges in this city, Salem No. 4 and Pacific No. 50, were duly installed in their hall, P. M., F. J. Babcock, acting as installing officer.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, which terminated at an early hour, an adjournment was made to the parlors of the Chemeketa Hotel, where were assembled the wives, sweethearts, children, and invited guests of the members of the Fraternity.

Upon the announcement the large assemblage immediately formed in "double column" and marched to the dining room, which had been profusely and elaborately decorated by Prof. W. H. Taff and assistants, for the occasion.

The large company were soon seated, and armed with the usual implements, commenced an indiscriminate slaughter upon the good things set before them.

After everybody had done ample justice to the "good things," the cloth, metaphorically speaking, was cleared, and J. H. Albert, Esq., Master of that part of the proceedings, announced the

REGULAR TOASTS. As follows: "The M. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon"—Respected to in neat and fitting sentences by Hon. H. H. Gilroy.

"Master Masons, wherever Dispersed about the Globe"—Responded to by Elder S. C. Adams, in the gentleman's usual happy and pleasing style.

ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

Synopsis of a Lecture by Rev. P. S. KNIGHT, at the Congregational Church, Salem, on Sunday evening, Dec. 23, 1877.

Dan. 12:4—"Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." If this prophecy points to any particular age, we may safely say that we live in the beginning, if not in the midst, of that age.

Men have migrated in all ages—whole tribes, whole nations. But travelers, even a century back, were comparatively rare. Now they are on all the highways of the world. Thousands of Americans visit Europe every year, and thousands of Europeans America.

The wide Atlantic, which the May Flower was months in crossing, seems but a narrow strait now, and the ships that run from Boston and New York to Paris, Hamburg and Liverpool are like the Hoboken and East Boston ferries, only their time is eight days instead of eight minutes.

Our own country has done a great deal to stimulate and help on this traveling mania. The improvements of the last quarter of a century have been brought strikingly to my mind by the experiences of the last two months. I have in my possession a boy's journal, kept on "The Plains" in the summer of 1853.

Its first entry is dated Van Buren county, Iowa, April 8th; its last, North Bank Columbia River, Oct. 22d, more than six months apart. It is very poorly written, and contains much bad spelling and bad grammar.

It gives occasional glimpses of a man of forty-five with a wife and seven children, two hired men, three ox wagons, a few horses and loose cattle. They are on a journey towards the setting sun. They move from five to twenty-five miles a day. They struggle for one month with the "April showers," muddy roads and swollen streams of Iowa.

With civilization behind them and the desert before. For another month they battle with storms and swollen streams. Then the hot sands burn their feet, they are choked with dust, and the deceitful mirage makes the desert thirst more hard to bear.

They are pelled by pitiless hail storms. Fiercer lightning shames the glare of their flickering camp fires. They toil through the gorges of the Black Hills and the passes of the Rocky Mountains. The alkali waters destroy their cattle, but they push on with broken teams. Savages threaten, but they travel by day and watch with trusty rifles through the night.

MOHAWK VALLEY.

Which are real glories in themselves, but which seem rather dim to one who has lived for more than twenty years in the valley of the Willamette.

The twenty-seventh is given to Westfield, Mass., the town of whips and cigars. The morning of the twenty-eighth the traveler awakes in Boston. The dream of his life is realized. His eyes behold his birth place.

He gets up and looks at his watch. It wants twenty-five minutes of four o'clock. The poor old watch looks ashamed of itself, and seems to be saying: "What evil have I done that you should run away from me like this?"

He should run away from me like this? He goes out and stands under the shadow of old South Church and he looks at his watch. The old South Church and he looks at his watch. He goes to the common, and it seems to him like a very common affair. There are bigger trees and better duck ponds within two miles of Salem—our Salem where no witches were ever hung.

It is Sunday morning and he goes to Music Hall to hear Murray and he goes to an ordinary sermon and a very tame delivery. The organ looks like a small forest of fir trees nicely peeled and varnished. Its sounds are of all grades from the soft breathing of a sleeping infant to the deafening rattle of ten thousand chariots rushing over stone pavements. He goes to

FAIR STREET CHURCH and hears a good sermon, but fails to enjoy it because the fellow in whose pew he is seated looks at him as though he would like to ask what business he had in Boston. He does not feel at home. Long for the quiet of his village, four thousand miles away. Goes to hear Joseph Cook, and thinks him a wonderful man except when he talks about Indians and Chinese. He is wonderful then for his folly. He stays in Boston two weeks among the "lions." He spends one week in New York among the "bulls and bears."

Then he goes to Washington and looks down from the safe heights of the gallery, in the west wing of the capitol, upon the "wild cats and hyenas." He sees a tall man SAWING THE AIR. With his arms and chopping with his hands some sort of furious pantomime, while men all about him are talking, laughing, reading—everything but listening. He learns incidentally that this is the House of Representatives and the man is making a speech—to his constituents—on the repeal of the Resumption Act.

He goes to St. Johnsbury, Vermont and finds Winter in earnest. Finds the Connecticut valley equal to everything west of the valley of the Willamette. Visits deaf-mute institution in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Indianapolis and Oakland, Cal.—the last but by no means the least. Returns by way of St. Louis and Kansas City, reaching San Francisco Nov. 30th, and home Dec. 12th, having in two months and ten days traveled nearly nine thousand miles, passed through twenty States, visited the cities returning with the conviction that Oregon only needs the population she is capable of supporting and the railroad facilities of which she is deserving, to give her a leading position among her sister States and make her fruitful valleys the gardens of North America.

CHRISTMAS SHIP 'ST. NICK.' Not possessing ubiquitous powers, and therefore unable to be in more than three or four places at the same time, our Christmasmas ship, which was unable to get around to the Christian Church. But we learn from those present, that the house was densely crowded and hugely enjoyed.

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Final Settlement. NOTICE is hereby given that Mary J. Weston, administratrix of the estate of David Weston, deceased, has this day filed in the county court of the State of Oregon for the county of Marion her final account in said estate, and said court has appointed Monday the seventh day of January, 1878, at 11 o'clock a. m. for the hearing of objections thereto; therefore all persons interested in said estate are required to appear at said date at the court-house in Salem, in said county, then and there to make objections to the allowance of said account, if any they have.

Notice. A PETITION having been filed in the county court of the State of Oregon for the county of Marion, for the appointment of E. S. Greig as guardian of the estate of Frank Stone, a non-resident minor, and Saturday, December 15, 1877, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, said petition was appointed for hearing the same, and therefore, all persons interested are hereby notified to appear in said court, at the court-house in Salem, in said county, at said time then and there to show cause why said E. S. Greig should not be appointed as such guardian.

Executrix' Notice. THE undersigned having been duly appointed executrix of the last will and testament of James McCubbin, late of Marion county, deceased, therefore all persons having claims against said decedent's estate will present them, properly verified, to the undersigned, at her residence, in North Salem, within six months from this date, and all persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the same place.

Notice. Dated at Salem, Marion county, Oregon, Nov. 19th, 1877. BARBARA McCUBBIN, Executrix.

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