

Horse Stolen.

We have frequently asserted that there was a regular organized band of thieves in this State. A few nights ago Mr. Cooke's house was entered and robbed of a few dollars and a silver watch, and on Christmas eve, we learn that four watches were stolen in the vicinity of Lake Labish, and last night to cap the climax Mr. Naamah Stein, a resident of this city, had a very valuable horse taken from the stable and rode off. No clue to the guilty parties has been obtained.

Officers Installed.

Past Master, Judge H. A. Johnson, of this city, installed the officers of Jefferson Lodge No. 33, A. F. & A. M., on Thursday evening last. The officers for the ensuing year are Wm. M. Smith, W. M.; Charles Miller, S. W.; John Conser, J. W.; Jacob Conser, Secretary, and Charles Libby, Treasurer. After the installation a regal supper was enjoyed by the fraternity and their invited guests.

Officers Elected.

Yesterday the annual meeting of the First Presbyterian Sunday School took place, and the officers were called to order by Supt. Crawford. The object of the meeting was for the election of officers for the Sunday School. They were elected as follows: J. W. Crawford, Supt.; J. M. Martin, Assistant Supt.; F. D. McDowell, Secretary; J. H. Albert, Treasurer; J. M. Patterson, choirster; Helen Hinadale, Organist.

North Salem Bridge.

The North Salem bridge, that washed down a short time ago, is now again nearing completion. The bents are all in their proper places, the stringers on and partly covered. When completed the bridge will be 666 feet in length. Mr. Kline thinks that he will be able to finish up the work by the last of next week.

Death of Ella Pratt.

At a terrible scourge, diphtheria, has again visited the family of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pratt, and last Saturday evening carried away their first born, Ella, aged about nine years. The funeral took place this afternoon, from their residence, and was largely attended by sympathizing friends of the family. May He who tames the winds to the storm lamb, be their aid and comfort in this, the dark hour of their affliction.

Bound Over.

The man Louis Gibbs, who was arrested a few days ago, and lodged in jail on the charge of stealing some watches from a family living about four miles north of this city, was brought up before Squire Johnson this morning, and had an examination, and the evidence being pretty strong against him, he was bound over in the sum of \$100, to await the action of the grand jury, in default of which, he went to jail.

A HAPPY TIME.

JANUARY 1st, 1878. About forty Baptist brethren and sisters stole a march on their pastor, Rev. J. C. Baker, New Year's evening, taking in with them a good supply of the good eatables, such as our Oregon ladies know how to get up. Two hours' time was enjoyed richly in singing and social conversation; after which refreshments were served. The order was called for Deacon Berry. Mr. Bates then stepped forth and in a fitting speech in behalf of the people gathered there, presented to Rev. Baker a purse and rocking chair, to the amount of about \$45. Mr. Baker, in accepting it, made a very fine speech, stating that the church had been very good in supplying the wants of his family; how well he was pleased with the church and its future prospects; gave an account in brief of his leaving the pastorate and working five and a half years in missionary work and returning to his pastoral labors, etc. At the hour of 10:30 we went to our several homes, everyone feeling happy because they each had such a pleasant time and had made others happy also.

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GREAT MEN.

BY A. F. DAVIDSON.

Cæsar was a warrior, orator, writer, historian and statesman.

Napoleon was the greatest man whom history mentions. The most wonderful commander, keen, sagacious, rapid in execution, daring or politic as circumstances dictated; a politician and a far seeing statesman. Cæsar was the greatest man of antiquity; Napoleon, of modern times.

Cromwell was solid, deep, princely, and had at heart the good cause of human liberty. England, the United States, the civilized world, owe him an immense debt.

Prince William of Orange was truly a prince. To Prince William and the Long Parliament are due the civil and religious liberty of the nineteenth century.

Washington was a warrior, statesman, citizen, and a good man. "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen;" the greatest compliment ever paid to man.

Hamilton put together the whole machinery of our Government, and, without the aid of his wonderful intellect, our experiment would have been a failure.

Burr was a genius, intellectual and ambitious; but an unscrupulous scoundrel, a traitor and a murderer!

Paine was a great writer. If we owe our liberties to the sword of Washington, so do we owe our liberties to the pen of Paine. When our armies of the Revolution were sorely distressed, half naked, half starved and barefooted, when the great cause seemed waning, and liberty was in the throats of death, Paine's burning words were read at the head of our armies and they went forth to battle and to victory; the almost "lost cause" revived, a nation sprang forth a giant. "Common Sense" and "The Rights of Man" will live as long as liberty is loved or the English language is spoken. The "Rights of Man" will be read and cherished by the masses when "The French Revolution" will only be found on the mouldy shelves of the few.

Patrick Henry's commanding eloquence took captive by storm the citadel of feeling and melted the American heart in sympathy with liberty. Henry put in motion causes, Washington used them as means to an end, a great end, but Paine snatched victory from our enemies and placed it on our standard sheet, "Where long may it wave."

Our revolution was fruitful of good men, and unfortunately for the "good cause," fruitful of some infernal monsters, as Burr and Arnold. But Christ himself was betrayed.

DEATH OF DR. WM. KEIL.

A telegram received from Hon. Stephen Smith, last evening, announces that Dr. Wm. Keil, the respected founder of the Aurora colony, is dead. He died at five o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 30, 1877.

The origin, vitality, energy, and even existence of the Aurora colony are due to the efforts of the deceased. Many years ago he, with a few adherents, came to Washington Territory and settled near Woodward's Landing, on the Columbia. Not liking the locality, they afterwards removed to Aurora, which was then in the midst of a vast wilderness. Under the direction of Dr. Keil, fine church buildings, a beautiful garden and park, mills, stores, and shops have been erected, and the colony of which he was the founder is to day one of the most flourishing communities of the State.

We shall publish in a few days a sketch of this remarkable man, embracing a history of the colony which he founded in Missouri, and a sketch of the colony that he has left behind him in Oregon.

Pleasure with Profit.

With the arrival of the wild geese and duck, then begins the chase, and the Nimrods again find pleasure in burningish up their old rusty fowling pieces, preparatory to a raid. The "wild goose chase" began in this vicinity some two months ago, and the excitement of the chase continues yet, and the fatality with the winged and feathery tribes, on the prairies and bottoms, as a result of the terrible shot-gun fusillade of our Nimrods, is perfectly awful. Every day or two some of our citizens returns from a day's hunt all covered with glory, mud and feathers, and chuck-full of a hunter's conceit. Our markets are full of the feathery tribes, the victims of our Nimrods, who claim to be making a good thing out of the "wild goose chase," thus adding profit to pleasure.

Burnt His Way Out.

A jail bird by the name of Anderson, confined for "rolling a drunk," burned and cut his way out of jail in a funny manner last Tuesday night, in Astoria. He went up through the ceiling and roof. The Astorian says the method employed was to char the boards by holding a candle under them, and then digging the coals out with his knife. He had been at work in this manner for a long time and was always growling at his room-mate for wasting the candles. His lie was well stuck to and won his freedom. He is still at large.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR.

The following is a summary statement of business transacted in the office of the County Clerk of Marion county, State of Oregon, for the year ending December 31, 1877:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Count. Includes Mortgages recorded, Deeds recorded, Chattel Mortgages filed, Marriage licenses issued, and similar statistics for the month of December 1877.

Multnomah R. A. Chapter.

At a regular meeting of Multnomah R. A. C. No. 1, held last Thursday evening, the following persons were installed as officers of the Chapter for the ensuing Masonic year: J. J. Murphy, H. P.; Com. E. D. Sloat, K.; H. H. Gilroy, S.; Charles Cartwright, C. H.; F. J. Babcock, P. S.; Wm. Ewen, G. M. U.; Wm. Greenwood, G. M. 2d; H. M. Thatcher, G. M. 3d; J. W. Weatherford, Treas.; L. S. Scott, Secretary; A. Kelly, Sentinel.

At the Recorder's Office.

This morning complaint was made against one Mr. Gorman, charged with beating his wife, while on a drunken spree. Officer Minto soon reached the scene, found his man and brought him before Judge Bowie, where he received his sentence—fine of \$50 or the county jail for twenty-five days. He went to jail.

Number of Arrests.

The following is the number of arrests that have been made in the city and brought before the police court for the month of December, 1877: For vagrancy, 1; disorderly conduct, 7; larceny, 2; assault and battery, 3; burglary, 1. Total number of arrests 14.

PUNCTUALITY.

In establishing a character, nothing is more important than the punctual fulfillment of engagements. A promise once made, should be faithfully adhered to, it matters little at what cost. The highest praise that can be said of a man, is that "his word is as good as his bond," and having gained this reputation, he never lacks for friends or assistance when required. We are led to these remarks in view of the fact that on this coast there is a sad lack of punctuality in keeping appointments, or in complying with terms of contracts. A young man gives his word that he will be present at a certain time, or that on a given day he will meet his obligation, but when the time comes he scarcely gives the matter a thought and when questioned as to his failure, gives some petty excuse, that in itself affords conclusive evidence that he has little or no regard for his word. The young man or woman who starts out in life in this carelessness-shod way, is not likely to attain any considerable eminence, and the chances are that in nine cases out of ten they will become to be regarded as altogether unreliable. If this fits the reader—be it man or woman—commence the New Year by turning over a new leaf and whenever you give your word regard that word as binding as a bond.

Miss Culture, of Boston, was asked to be bridesmaid at the wedding of a New York friend, and she declined by letter, saying: "My etiological class is in frequent session, and my Emersonian studies occupy so much of my time that I shall be prevented, by reason of intellectual duties, from officiating in the manner suggested by your recent communication." And the New York girl said: "What nonsense!"

One day you will be pleased with a friend, and the next disappointed in him. It will be so to the end; and you must make up your mind to it, and not quarrel, unless for very grave causes. Your friend, you have found out, is not perfect. Nor are you; and you cannot expect much more than you give. You must look for weakness, foolishness, and vanity in human nature; it is unalloy if you are too sharp in seeing them.

Gen. Grant is an object of exceeding curiosity to foreigners. When he went to the American chapel at Paris on a recent Sunday, one person, not satisfied with a back view of the General, left his place, walked down the aisle, stood for a few moments contemplating the American, and returned to his seat quite contented.

The Mormon boys of Salt Lake City have taken to cigarettees, and are seen smoking them in the streets at night to an extent that grieves the church paper, the Herald. The boys are by that paper reminded that cigarettees lead to cigars, cigars to pipes, pipes to whisky and whisky to the devil.

Last Summer the teacher who had been engaged for a school in Cayuga county, New York, stayed alone in the schoolhouse every day, waiting for pupils who did not come. Her engagement was disliked by the people, but by attending regularly she established a valid claim for wages.

An exquisite, leading a dog by a string, lounged up to the ticket office window of a railway station, last week, and inquired: "Must I—aw—take a ticket for a puppy?" He was naturally both surprised and annoyed when the ticket seller answered, in a slightly bewildered tone, after a moment's reflection: "No, you can travel as an ordinary passenger."

Mrs. Fremont says that when she went to San Francisco, in '49, visits in the day time were held as marked attention. She was told that "time was worth \$50 a minute," and that she must hold 'as a great compliment the brief visits made to her during the day.

A canal-boat captain at a town sent his boy out for a dollar's worth of provisions. He brought back ninety-five cents' worth of whisky and a five-cent loaf of bread. "Heavens!" exclaimed the captain, "what are you going to do with all that bread?"

A Louisiana man has had three wives in four years. He traded one for a farm, another for a pair of horses, and a third for a mule. He is only forty years old, and expects to stock his farm entirely if he has good luck.

A young man who left his home in Connecticut some years ago to seek his fortune, recently wrote from Texas, saying, "I've settled here." It has since transpired that he was right. He settled at twenty cents on a dollar.

The Philadelphia Chronicle says: California rifle companies hire Chinamen to hold their targets and then, for fear of spoiling their targets, they shoot the Celestials holding them.

"We all know," said the school committee man to the new teacher he was examining for her position, "that A, B, and C is vowels, but wot we wants to know know is why they is so."

"Oh, I've loved before," said a Detroit woman to her fourth husband, as she took a handful of hair from his head because he objected to hangout the week's washing.

A Richmond negro who pawned his shotgun for a marriage license said, about a week after the ceremony was performed, that he was always afraid that gun would be the death of him.

The older we grow the more we realize that fifteen cents will buy more fish than a business man, whose time is worth fifty cents an hour, can go out and catch in a whole day.

How far may a widow go in providing for her children? If left to the widow, she would probably think it right to go one step farther.

Honor tells you not to hit a man when he's down, and discretion warns you against hitting him when he isn't down.

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A man recently wrote to an official of the Boston, Concord and Montreal railroad "for a chance to run on the road." He was told he could "run on the road" as much as he wished if he would only keep out of the way of the trains.

The Cherokee Advocate, the Indian Territory newspaper, requests vigilance committees not to hang any more men in front of its office, as such things annoy the compositors.

In order to save time and trouble, young men should remember that it is plowing sand and sowing salt to attempt to talk poetry to a girl who has been eating onions.

All the Japanese screws turn to the right, and why they don't hitch up a horse with his head to the vehicle is more than any Yankee knows.

OREGON'S CHIEF TEMPLAR.

The Daily Astorian of a recent date has the following in reference to Hon. W. R. Dunbar, Grand Worthy Chief Templar of the State:

W. R. Dunbar's lecture on temperance was a masterpiece of sincere eloquence, beautifully rendered and thoroughly appreciated by the audience. It was a rare treat and deserved a full house. The speaker was evidently at home on the subject. He spoke of the endeavors of a few here who were making a bold stand for the cause of temperance, and claimed they deserved a better support from the temperate who took no active interest in the good work, or offered any encouragement to the workers. Then of the manifold blessings and happiness enjoyed by the abstainer from intemperance, picturing in glowing colors the social pleasures and many benefits derived, and then the slave to the insatiable appetite for alcoholic drinks and his miserable end. Finally the speaker appealed to the ladies to exert their influence which he claimed was the most powerful of all, and related some interesting reminiscences from real life to substantiate this claim. Altogether it was one of the most interesting lectures we have ever listened to. The choir of the Congregational Church furnished appropriate music which was a host in itself. Mr. Dunbar remains a few days and will Good Templars attending lodge this evening will have an opportunity to meet him.

Leg Broken.

A man by the name of Brooks, known as an expert card player in this vicinity, had a leg broken just below the knee yesterday, while scuffling in fun with an acquaintance. Dr. Sharples, of this city, went up last night and reset the broken limb.

Piano Tuning.

Frank A. Owen, just from San Francisco, has come here to reside permanently. He is a first-class piano and organ tuner and repairer, being highly recommended as such by two of the leading music houses of San Francisco, besides of the Gardner Brothers, of Salem. He guarantees satisfaction or no pay. His prices will be for one tuning, \$5 00. By the year, two tunings, \$8 00; three tunings, \$9 00. Leave orders at Gardner Bro's music store. deldw 1v

From Hon. W. H. Jones, of West Dover, Vt.

"I have been troubled from my boyhood with chronic or hereditary lung complaint. Some years since, early in the winter, I took cold, which as usual settled into a severe cough, which continued to increase as the season advanced, although I made use of all the cough remedies I had knowledge of. My family physician also prescribed for me, but I experienced no relief. During all this time I was gradually running down, losing flesh and strength, until my friends as well as myself, became very much alarmed, thinking I should waste away in consumption. While in Boston, during the spring following, I was induced to try WESTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY. After one day's trial I was sensible that it was relieving me; in ten days my cough had entirely ceased, and I was soon restored to health and strength. I have ever since kept the BALSAM in my house, and whenever any member of my family has a cough or cold, it is immediately resorted to. No family should be without it," said by all druggists.

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