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WESTLINGS.

—Christmas will reach here one week from next Sunday.

—School vacation during holiday week and the week following.

—The fine weather continues—and we ought to be thankful for that.

—Glenada is going to have a strip of sidewalk—south from the church.

—Frank Fox has accepted a position as engineer at the government works.

—A new channel is being cut out at the mouth of the river—so reported, and straight to sea.

—Johnny Weaver is back from Nebraska and is now waiting on the table at Hotel Morris.

—J. H. McClung, the Eugene merchant, quotes prices. Read his ad elsewhere in this paper.

—Mrs. A. McDonald, wife of Foreman McDonald at the government works, has been, and in fact still is, quite ill.

—Harper Workman, who has been quite ill at the Florence hotel for the past three weeks with lung fever, is reported to be improving.

—Schooner Free Trade has sailed from San Francisco, and unless she breaks all previous records she may be expected to arrive in about thirty days.

—N. H. Bjeldanes has moved, with his family, from that pleasant North Fork ranch to Florence to remain the winter—in N. E. Berkrem's house.

—At what point can Florence people, who attend church in Glenada, get off that they may hit that new sidewalk which is being built "south from the church?"

—Captain Cox is busy up at Acme these times getting out saw logs, the same to be sawed and shipped to San Francisco. He expects to get out about 600,000 feet.

—On the 4th Saturday of this month, the Masons will meet in the evening at the Hall for work. The Dispensation has arrived, and nothing is left to do but go forward.

—Henry Nelson returned this week from Portland, at which place he has been undergoing surgical treatment at a hospital, and from which he returns almost entirely recovered in health.

—Jared Scott doesn't propose to get behind his North Fork neighbors in matters of farm improvements, and to keep pace with the steady advance he is now erecting a fine dwelling house.

—The report of the Oregon state board of fish commissioners shows that the Siuslaw river stood next to the Columbia river for the season of 1892, \$72,000 being the estimated value of 18,000 cases canned.—*Guard*.

—S. B. Colvin reports to the *Argus* that during the recent heavy wind a wagon, buggy and a year old calf were blown from under a shed on "Dad" Eicher's place on the red hills and land-

ed clean off the ranch, and that the next gust of wind lifted the shed and let it down gently in another place. Of course, it is understood that Mr. C. is now a resident of Florence, Oregon, and it is probable that he has charge of a portion of the Boreas column of the paper there.—*Biggs (Calif.) Argus*.

—"Where did you get that?"—Meyer & Kyle have as fine a line of hats as was ever brought to Florence. As a matter of fact, they are just a little slicker than any thing that ever showed up in this man's town.

—M. F. Parker is making many improvements in the interior of his West Florence residence. He is keeping very close to himself regarding that five and a half foot door which he made to fit a six and a half foot frame.

—In our ad columns to-day appear the advertisements of J. H. McClung, S. H. Friendly and E. Hanson. These are all Eugene business men, and their ads we hope will be read with interest by our people, and to their profit.

—The citizen property owners of Florence are requested to meet at the schoolhouse on Thursday evening next, to assist in framing the incorporation articles for our town. Come out and give your consent or your objections, or forever hold your peace.

—Canvas-back ducks are quite plentiful on the Great Siuslaw. Jim Tronson and Bert Minaker took a run up the river yesterday, and in less than two hours they returned with ten very fine ducks. Jim "shooed" the mud-hens away while Bert laid low the canvas-backs.

—The force of workmen at the government rock quarry is to be laid off tonight, for a few days. This is done because of the want of a boom stick of the right dimension which Engineer Rick-sacker is endeavoring to get hold of and without which work cannot progress.

—M. F. Phillips' new house is the envy of many river people. It will be one of the best and most convenient dwellings in Florence. Mr. P. is now at work putting on the first coat of plaster. The interior will be finished in natural wood, and the ceilings and walls in hard finish plastering.

—THE WEST job rooms are having a big run of work this week. Letter and bill heads for Knowles & Gettys and Siuslaw Lumber Co., bill heads for steamer Chance, and where we glisten the most brilliant is on the Odd Fellows' invitations—smoother than silk and done in three colors.

—An attempt was made on December 1st to wreck the north bound freight train, near tunnel 9. It is said that a rail had been removed, and was discovered by a man living near there who expected his daughter to return from Grant's Pass on the train and had gone to the station to meet her.—*Plaindealer*.

—Buy patent medicines at Meyer & Kyle's—big stock. You are not sick now, but you may be. Lay in a stock for a sick day while the assortment is good and prices out of sight.

—It is quite probable that many of the lady readers of THE WEST have panel pictures of a "yard of roses" or a "yard of pansies," but this office goes them all several notches better. We have a yard of turnip, the genuine article, no chromo business but a solid yard of solid turnip—grown by Mr. Brewster, on Clear lake, and the one turnip measures just an even yard in circumference.

—Minnesota Hotel, in Eugene, is one block from depot. Rates, \$1 per day. All white help. This hotel has been refitted and newly furnished. Patronize it.

—It is given out that now only local mail is carried on the Florence-Eugene route. The mail which formerly came over this route goes to Drain where it is supposed to be transferred to the Drain-Scottsburg route, but if reports be true,

it gets no further than the Drain office, as Cornwall, the Scottsburg carrier, refuses to carry mail which he thinks ought to come over the other route.

—Captain William Smith, called Billy for short, has accepted a position with Captain Bergman's life-saving crew at Gardiner, and left this week for that place. Mr. Smith is an all 'round good man any place you can put him, and it is more than probable he will not impair his reputation in his new vocation.

—The new sidewalk connecting West Florence to the town proper was completed this week, and its usefulness is remarked upon by all who pass over it. There was some little dissatisfaction which came from one or more sources as to the advisability of building the walks, but as yet THE WEST has failed to notice any of these disgruntled ones going more than a block out of their way to avoid walking on the walk.

—August Schulte was about town yesterday soliciting aid to procure transportation for E. A. West from Florence to Portland, at which place he will enter a hospital for treatment for cancer. The gentleman has been in poorer health than usual for the past few weeks, and to prolong his life for any length of time it was considered necessary that something be done at once. He expected to leave by this morning's stage.

—Amos Haring is doing considerable fixing up about his fine North Fork ranch, a new chimney and fire-place being among the improvements. Mr. Haring has as fine a ranch as any in the valley, and he has gone just a little further than most of his neighbors and stocked it with forty head of cattle, many of which are milk cows. The gentleman makes a great amount of butter, all of which meets a ready market at a good price per pound.

—Rev. Moys is a minister of the gospel of the Methodist faith, but it is quietly given out that he performed an act this morning which is more in accordance with the Baptist faith than with the one to which he adheres more closely, but inasmuch as the perpetration of the joke was upon himself, there isn't any kick coming. When about to step into his boat his head got mixed up with Colter's wharf piling, which upset him so completely that he lost his balance—the water right at that point is about seventeen feet deep, and wet and cold every inch of the way—Rev. Moys is our authority for the statement, and he ought to know because he has traveled the entire distance—both ways. He caught onto his boat's painter as he came to the surface and made a successful climb onto the wharf again, a very wet clergyman, but none the worse for his early morning plunge.

—Any and all kinds of building material both rough and dressed, at David & Son's Glenada saw-mill.

A PECULIAR DISEASE.

From the Eugene Register.
C. W. Young has lost another colt. The last one died a few days ago. It had been apparently unwell for several days, and the day it died was walking along in the pasture and suddenly fell over dead. Mr. Young cannot account for this disease which has attacked his horses. He has lost twelve horses and two mules in this way this fall. They are now pretty near all gone and he will have to stock up again.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Sacramental services will be held at the Presbyterian church Christmas morning.
The Point Terrace Sunday-School will join with the Florence Presbyterian Sunday-School in Christmas tree exercises.
Rev. Moys will preach at Point Terrace next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.,

and at Seaton the same day at 3 o'clock p. m.

The Florence Missionary Society will give their regular quarterly concert at the Presbyterian church on Christmas night.

At the Presbyterian church, Florence on Christmas eve will be held a Christmas tree, together with appropriate exercises.

The Methodist people are arranging to have a Christmas tree in Glenada on Christmas eve. The exercises will consist of readings, recitations and singing.

LOCALS FROM ACME.

M. E. Saubert & Co. are busy sawing timber for the government tramway at the mouth of the river.

Gourney & Erhart are "bumping" themselves very swiftly these times. They are putting in from eight to ten thousand feet of logs a day.

—Sid Wait has finished logging Tallman's, and will bring his team down and rest until spring. He has put in 1,500,000 feet of logs and is piling this season.

John Hewitt met with a slight accident in the Siuslaw River Lumber Co. mill, by a block from a trimmer striking him in the face and cutting a hole through his upper lip.

Henry Gates has been in Florence for sometime, at work on Merchant Hardware new drug store, but has now returned to Acme and is ready to tackle a game of crib at the drop of the hat—and take away the laurels as regular as any of the boys.

Charlie Cox, Martin Noffsinger, Riley Mills, W. A. Cox, Johnny Morris, Jim and Tom Neely all brought logs to the Siuslaw River Lumber Co.'s mill last week. Johnny Morris walked away with the whole bakery, so to speak, and floated in a raft of five logs which scaled 10,362 feet, and which brought him in the neat sum of \$41.48.

The next schooner to arrive will be the Free Trade which will load at E. Saubert's mill. The schooners Danielson, McCullough and Chetco will return so soon as they discharge their present load of lumber in San Francisco and will reload at the Siuslaw Lumber Company's mill. The Chetco carries the largest and most valuable cargo of lumber that has been sent out of the Siuslaw river this season.

—Florence needs a good grocery store. For terms, rent on store building, etc. write Geo. M. Miller, Fairmount Oregon.

STRANGE THINGS ABROAD.

A COUNTRY jail in Mexico is said to consist of a live-oak tree, with a chair and staple attached.

At the death of Queen Elizabeth 3,000 dresses were in her wardrobe, of which two only were of silk.

A NEW iron bridge over the Farrar in Strathglass, Inverness, lately collapsed through a cart of about one ton going over it. The rivets were cut as clean as a razor would slice a potato.

THERE are ex-military officers, ex-doctors, ex-lawyers, one lord by courtesy, one baronet, several honorables, one ex-member of parliament, and a dozen bankrupt landed proprietors among the London cabdrivers.

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