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WESTLINGS.

Did you get a valentine?

New garden seeds at Hurd & Davenport's.

W. T. Kayser came down from Elmira to-day.

The Harrison left for Coos bay Thursday morning.

C. C. Behnke left on the Robarts for a pleasure trip.

The present week has been quite a busy one in Florence.

The Amethyst is loading with lumber at the Cushman mills.

Ask Joe Morris to show you his valentines. He received a few.

The Florence market made some fine bologna sausage this week.

The iron and other material for the jetty work was received this week.

THE WEST was made glad this week by the receipt of its long delayed paper.

Schooner Amethyst was towed in over the bar Tuesday morning by tug Robarts.

Carman can still be found at the old stand, City Market. Call and see him.

A large invoice of goods in all departments was received this week at Hurd & Davenport's.

The jetty work will now be pushed as fast as possible, the much needed iron having arrived.

Merchant Kyle is pleased with the receipt of his Christmas goods on the Harrison this week.

Preparations are being made to raise the Florence hotel and otherwise improve the property.

The bell for the Glenada M. E. Church was received on the Harrison this week and has been placed in position.

The Robarts left for Coos bay Thursday morning. She will bring back a large load of iron for the government works.

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

A life preserver bearing the name of the Majestic was picked up on the beach several miles above the mouth of the river this week.

—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.

The first copy of the Yaquina News, published at Newport by John E. Matthews, has reached this office. It is a newsy paper, well edited, and a credit to the bay.

The Robarts returned from Yaquina bay Tuesday, having satisfactorily settled her business with the custom house officials at that place for license to run in this district.

The steamer Harrison arrived Wednesday morning, having been out from Portland since the 12th of last month. She had on board an unusually large cargo of goods for this place.

Hurd & Davenport's store will be closed Saturday evening out of respect to the memory of Lloyd Phillips.

The subject of Sabbath morning's discourse will be Heaven below and above, at the Presbyterian church, 11 a. m.

The family of Chas. Getty came in on the tug from Yaquina this week and proceeded to Coos bay on the same boat Thursday.

Now let those who wish to be honored with city offices come to the front. An election will be held in a few weeks according to the charter.

The young people had a pleasant time at the Odd Fellow's hall Tuesday evening, where a splendid dance was indulged in until twelve o'clock.

The interior of the Morris hotel is being given a coat of paint by Geo. Roberts who is an expert in this line. He does his work neatly and quickly.

Geo. Roberts, an experienced and first class paper hanger and painter, is in town. Give him your work if you want a first-class job, for he will leave in a few days.

A fire at Pendleton February 7 destroyed four buildings and caused an aggregate loss of \$14,800, upon which there was insurance to the amount of \$7750.

On the beach near the mouth of Ten Mile, wrecks of two vessels are reported stranded. One is the stern of a small coasting schooner; the other is part of the deck and cabin of a larger vessel.

Robt. Shuybold, of Newport, has written to H. H. Barrett asking what are the prospects for patronage if he should start a first-class brewery at this place. Hank thinks he would meet with success.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian church, which has been postponed on account of sickness, etc., will be held Monday evening at 7:30 p. m., Feb. 20, at which meeting there will also be the election of trustees.

The February number of the Cosmopolitan is one of unusual interest. The frontispiece is a splendid half-tone wood engraving of the late James G. Blaine, and the whole number is replete with the choicest literature. Price, \$3 per year.

The copy of the Florence West which reached this office yesterday was printed on lemon yellow and chocolate brown colored paper. The cause thereof was the nonarrival of the ship which had on board the paper for the West.—Newport News.

The Longfellow social given by the Ladies' Aid Society in the Morris Hotel last Saturday evening was a success in every way. The audience was well pleased with the programme and the ladies with the audience, which was quite large.

Somebody's calf kicked the bucket in front of THE WEST office Thursday evening. The owner will confer a great favor by removing the remains of the deceased bovine to some place of more seclusion, or we will form ourselves into a mutual protection society and have the city marshal investigate the matter.

The work of building the wagon road from Glenada to connection with the valley is being pushed with all the energy of our worthy and enterprising citizens across the river. Undaunted by the suspension of the work by the recent storms, Judge Fisk with a large crew of men recommenced the work Friday morning.

The North Fork of the Siuslaw river is one of the most productive portions of Lane county and of the Siuslaw valley. Among the most productive ranches on the North Fork is that of the Messrs. McCornack. The latest production of this fine farm is a 12-pound son which was born to the wife of Joel McCornack

Wednesday, February 15.

A social treat may be expected next Tuesday night at the dance to be given in the Odd Fellow's hall by the Florence Orchestra. No comment may be made on the music as the orchestra is too well known to need lauding. The floor managers are Marion Morris and Drew Seveger and prompters Geo. Morris and Grant Erhart. Look for a big crowd and a jolly time.

Lloyd Phillips, aged 1 year 4 months and 16 days, son of M. F. Phillips, died at 3 o'clock Friday morning of pneumonia. The funeral will take place from the family residence to the church at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, when a funeral service will be conducted by Rev. A. Robinson, after which the remains will be consigned to their last resting place in the Florence cemetery. THE WEST extends its sympathy to the bereaved parents.

A very laudable enterprise is the effort being made to start a grist mill at Elmira by a large number of the staunch farmers of the western part of this county. For this purpose a stock company is being organized with shares at \$10 each, \$4500 being the capital stock. Two-thirds of the stock—\$3000—has already been taken, leaving only \$1500 worth to be disposed of. An Indianapolis firm has agreed to furnish a plant for \$4500 of the best roller process, and we may therefore expect to see this new company getting squarely down to business during the coming summer.

COUNTY SEAT LETTER.

Feb. 13.

The snow has all gone in the valley and is fast leaving the hills.

Born, to the wife of L. L. Schell on Saturday morning, a daughter, and all is well.

The Springfield opera house is now about completed and is a credit to the city.

The Willamette river yesterday was thirteen feet above low water, the highest point reached this year.

Eugene, Fairmount and Springfield are now practically one city, and Fairmount thinks she is in the center.

The question of a beet sugar factory is being seriously considered by the farmers and capitalists of the city, with a fair prospect of success.

The spirit of the Siuslaw & Eastern railroad has not been seen recently, hence it must be inferred it has departed to railroad heaven, where all good baby railroads go when they die.

Geo. H. Armitage, one of Lane county's extensive pioneer farmers, died in Portland yesterday morning. He owned a farm of over sixteen hundred acres of the best land in the valley lying three miles from Eugene.

The Eugene end of the city is sadly in need of an opera house that will accommodate a good audience, with stage room enough for the best plays, and from the sentiment expressed by some of our business men it will be built this year.

The mumps are still prevalent in this vicinity. During the past three months they they have visited almost every family in the city. This complaint is no respecter of persons, as the Hon. County Judge is among the late victims. Fortunately, no cases have proved serious.

The price of apples in our retail market is two dollars and a half a bushel. This price ought to stimulate orchard owners to cultivate their orchards to the highest notch. Eastern apples are shipped to portland and sold at seven dollars a barrel. This is the "land of big red apples," with a good deal of silver in the fruit.

During the past week a petition has been in circulation asking the county authorities for a right-of-way across the steel bridge at Springfield for an electric

street car line. The company is now organized and stock books will soon be open for subscriptions. Portland capitalists offer to carry one-fourth the stock if citizens of this place will furnish the balance, and give the right of way and subscribe the usual bonus.

The Siuslaw dairymen ought to join in the construction of a co-operative creamery. Our merchants are securing large quantities of California butter which finds a ready market at fifty and sixty cents a roll the year round. A creamery located near the mouth of North Fork so that milk could be gathered by boats from the main river, South Slough and North Fork would prove a very profitable affair if properly conducted. At Tillamook and other points along the coast creameries have proved very successful, since the coast climate is more favorable than the interior for butter making.

We read with pleasure that Florence has a new tug and that a steam schooner is to be built for the coast trade. This is a start in the right direction and it will not be long before Florence will be sending her own results to foreign countries, South America, Sandwich Islands, Australia, Japan, Alaska. Perhaps many of our readers have not noticed that Florence lies on a bee line with the two largest cities on this continent, New York and Chicago. If it be true that "Westward the star of empire takes its way," Florence is certainly in the path of that star, and if her people do not take advantage of this opportunity to build up all branches of trade it will be their fault. Florence stands squarely in the path of progress and in the van of progress she should be found.

A rage for manufacturing seems to be taking hold of our people. One firm contemplates making a new trap gun on an extensive scale; another will make wheel-barrows, croquet balls, rolling pins, "tater mashers," etc. Still another company are looking after the sugar factory. Barr Brothers' knife factory is to be enlarged and new machinery added. So that it now looks as our people were coming to their senses and that a period of substantial growth might soon be expected. If this city and Florence will stop howling for a railroad and direct their energies to establishing factories to consume our wood, iron, and save at home the money that is sent out for boots, shoes, wagons, chair clothing, boxes, nails, paper, tin buckets, barrels, soap, sugar, starch, clothes-pins, canned meat, canned fruit, cigars and guns they will prosper much more than now. Ships and railroads, commerce and business will come wherever manufactures spring up. The signs of the times are decidedly better.

Geo. M. Miller

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The deadlock in the Washington legislature still continues. So do the nomenclal sales of Arctic, ladies' gents' rubber goods at Meyer & Kyle.