

Quoth James: "My mule has a hen,  
Whose age is wondrous—very;  
She turned her three score years and ten  
Sometime last January.  
Says John: "That hen is old and gray,  
But I have more than matched it;  
Down at my boarding-house to-day  
They boiled the hen that hatched it."  
—[Cincinnati Times-Star.]

### LOCAL ITEMS.

Several local items were crowded out last week.

Henry Ploeger, of Empire City, was in town last week.

Mr. Abe. Higley, of Marshfield, called in on us, yesterday.

Grandma Cox has returned to Coquille City, from Denmark Curry county.

Fred. Hoffman, of South Coquille, soon leaves for Corvallis, to attend college again.

Nosler & Hunt will deliver all goods bought at their store to any point in town, or at steamer dock.

Rev. W. Lund called at our office on Wednesday last. He preached at the church, the same evening.

Peter Hickey has resigned the office of deputy sheriff. Geo. M. Waters succeeds to the position.

Remember this is positively the last week of the McMillan Bros. in town. They go over to Sumner next Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Grundy Short, an old typo who worked in this office at one time, called on us last week. He is employed on the breakwater at Coos bay.

Our young and enterprising blacksmith, Steve Gallier, is about starting a laundry in this place. This will afford a rare opportunity to get your skirts *ironed*.

Uncle Thomas Willard is suffering from an attack of the ague. This is an uncommon occurrence in this section. We hope to see Uncle Tom on his pins again, as hardy as ever, in a few days.

Mr. Vineyard and family arrived in Coquille City last week, after a long trip over the plains with a horse team. They left Missouri in March, and consequently, have been six months on the trip.

A. R. Zamwalt, superintendent of Hume's stock and dairy ranch, is visiting this section, and will remain till after the fair and races. While here, he will look into our progress in stock raising and dairy business.

Several gentlemen have arrived in town during the last week, from the bay and other portions of the county. Messrs. Hazard, Whitney, Cassans, F. Tupper and A. J. Sherwood were here attending to individual interests.

Mr. John Kronenberg returned from Port Orford last Thursday. He informs us that the "Orient" sailed with the last cargo of lumber from Joe Nay's mill on Wednesday, and that the mill has been shut down for this season.

Dr. G. Elgin, of Myrtle Point, called on us last Saturday. The Doctor and us are old, bed-rock acquaintances, and we felt somewhat astonished at the fact that he never visited this office, when he was in town. Better late than never, George.

This is the opening day of the fair and horse racing at Hall's Prairie, under the auspices of the Southwestern Oregon Agricultural Society. For the mile race, Jim Aiken's Sammy Tilden, Joe Nay's Maplewood and the Gallier mare have been entered.

The Pioneer Hardware man is out of newspaper squibs—has a batch coming by next steamer. He will sell hardware cheaper than you can buy at retail in San Francisco, or from any one in Coos county.

Geo. McEwan.

William Rohm, of this place, while passing a small farm on the side of a mountain, had his horse become frightened at a pumpkin, containing 2 pigs, which rolled down across the road and burst against a log. For a time it was difficult to distinguish the legs of the horse from that of the rider, or ascertain which would ultimately come out on top.

Trippers of the light, fantastic toe, will be afforded an opportunity to regale themselves on spring chickens and oysters, at the Robinson House, at 12 o'clock p. m. Thursday, October 8th.

Mrs. Capt. Butler was visiting old friends on this river last week. Her husband put his steamer, the Empire, into Port Orford during a gale, and his lady took advantage of this opportunity to see her old friends and look after her property here. She will go back by a Coos bay steamer.

Our old friend, James F. Cox had a narrow escape from drowning in the lake near Denmark. The mule that he was riding, got out of his depth, and falling backward, Jim's foot got caught in the stirrup. After some considerable and desperate kicking, he managed to extricate himself from his perilous position.

The bridges across the sloughs and gulches between Coaledo and Marshfield are now finished. This will enable horsemen and foot-passengers to travel through from Coquille City to Marshfield. When the grading is completed, the stage will go through, but we do not think that it will be permanent before next spring.

James Williams, formerly of Looking Glass, but lately of Denmark, was in town several days last week, and while here, leased the Odd Fellows' hall for a grand ball on New Year's night. He has leased the Chris. Long dairy ranch for a term of three years, and contemplates selling some of its products on this river.

The dramatic and musical entertainment by the Coquille City brass band, takes place on Thursday evening, next. We anticipate a good, sociable time. The affair has been in the hands of skilled musicians, without which, all efforts of this kind must appear tame. A great deal cannot be expected of a first performance by amateurs, but, no effort has been spared to make this an enjoyable affair. The dramatic portion of the entertainment will be followed by a ball.

C. A. Hanscom, of Coaledo, writes to us and offers his protest concerning that big day's work, hauling logs, by Jap Yeakum—56, 650 feet. Charley hauled 41 logs that averaged 1923 feet to the log, in one day—78,843 feet. He did not think that he had done a big day's work until he measured the logs and figured it up. This throws Jap's figures in the shade—being 22,193 feet in excess. Try again. The distance that the logs are hauled by the team, and the number of cattle must be taken into account, otherwise, a fair decision cannot be given.

Go to Whitney & O'Connell's hardware store in Coquille City, and buy at rock-bottom prices—where you will meet with courteous attention. They will make it warm for the old foggy, high-price dealers, and don't you forget it. We have no fear of successful contradiction when we assert that our competitors can't touch us. Mind you, no "leaders" below cost do we offer to catch trade; but every article is sold at bottom prices. Remember, high prices must come down, or something is going to bust—we can't take time to tell you how and why, but ask you to call in, at your earliest opportunity, when you will discover that it will be a cold day when we get left. Consult your interests by giving our stock and prices an inspection.

### Information Wanted

Will some friend on the lower Coquille inform the undersigned, a daughter of Robert Panter, whether the said Robert Panter is dead or alive; if dead when and where did he die, and how he was buried, and oblige Mrs. E. Thurston, Plainfield, Will county, Ill.

A deed longer than the moral law was recorded by the county clerk this week. The same conveyed 63,143 acres of the old Coos Bay Wagon Road Co. lands, by W. H. Besse to the Oregon Southern Improvement Co. for a consideration of \$91,711.—Plaindealer.

### TEMPERANCE.

(LE OREGON.)

Pass for n1 the glass, brothers, come let us drink,  
Of that clear running stream from the ground.  
The fountain of health where emities sink  
And the symbols of spring-time abound.  
Pass round the glass, sisters, let all combine  
In a song to the bridge that is sure;  
The life-giving liquid—production divine!  
'Tis the emblem of all that is pure.

(CHORUS)

Then the sweet springing water forever,  
The clear, crystal drops of the dew,  
May none from their pledges e'er sever—  
To our emblem prove faithful and true.  
We'll banish the wine cup, creator of strife—  
'Tis the demon destroyer of health,  
Debasing the mind, 'tis the bane of this life,  
It consumes—but produces no wealth.  
The tears of the orphan, the widow's deep wail  
Cry aloud at the wrongs they endure,  
Let us cling to the breeze, the motto, "Don't fail!"  
For our emblem's the water that's pure.

### Myrtle Point Correspondence.

Teachers' Institute.

The County Teachers' Institute for Coos county, convened in the Academy building at Marshfield, on Wednesday Sept. 24, and was promptly called to order at 9 o'clock a. m. by Dr. J. T. McCormac, County school superintendent, who introduced Prof. E. B. McElroy, state superintendent of Public Instruction.

After a few appropriate remarks on the general conduct and manner of holding Teachers' Institutes, Prof. McElroy delivered an exhaustive and extertaining lecture on the conduct of a district of schools, which occupied several hours. During the course of his remarks, the professor dwelled upon the selection of a school, duty of teachers to thoroughly inform themselves of the work before them, and of the nature of their surroundings before opening school. Urged the necessity of becoming acquainted with the characters of their pupils and their parents. He advocated the passage of a law, making the teacher the custodian, during the term, of all the apparatus, furniture, etc. in and about the school room, and holding the teacher strictly accountable for the same.

"The discipline of the first day, should be the discipline for the term. Make as few rules as possible, but never deviate from a rule once laid down. Be firm, but kind. Make the school room attractive; have everything in its place, and be neat in appearance; make first impressions as favorable as possible. The teacher should have a programme of each day's work mapped out before calling the school to order.

Do not allow pupils to select their own seats—the teacher should attend to this, and should, use judgement in selecting those pupils to occupy the same seats together, which would best insure harmony and good order.

Should strive to study the character of pupils, from the time they first enter the school room, and control them accordingly. Be prompt—call to order exactly on time, and get pupils to work as quickly as possible. Should have some kind of opening exercises—religious, literary or musical, and should be governed in this by the characteristics of the people in the community. Give short advance lessons; better have a little work well done, than much work poorly done.

At the close of Prof. McElroy's lecture, the institute took a short recess. A short discussion of the subjects touched upon, then took place, after which the institute adjourned till one o'clock p. m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Dr. J. T. McCormac in the chair. After calling to order, Prof. McElroy appointed Messrs. J. C. Canterbury, Ed. T. Jennings and Miss Clotilda Volkmar, as a committee on permanent organization, who, after a short deliberation, made the following report:

### PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

President—Dr. J. T. McCormac; Vice-President—M. C. Miller; Permanent Secretary—Wm. A. Welsh; Enrolling Secretary—J. D. Hawes; Reporting Secretaries—A. J. Sherwood and Carl H. Volkmar. Committee on introduction—Miss Lillian Glass, Miss Emma

Stauff, and Mr. W. Welsh. Critics—Messrs. D. L. Rood and Ed. T. Jennings.

The report of the committee on permanent organization was adopted as read, and on motion of J. D. Hawes, following programme was then carried out:

1st Lecture on reading by Miss Lillian Glass of Marshfield. 2nd A lively discussion was then indulged in, as to the pronunciation of the words calf, half, laugh etc.

3rd Lecture on history, by Prof. J. D. Hawes, of Marshfield. The close of Prof. Hawes' lecture was the signal for another animated discussion, as he advocates teaching history backwards.

4th Recess. 5th Lecture on methods in geography, by Prof. H. J. Tobias, of Coquille City. Considerable discussion as to the best methods of teaching, and utility of the study etc. of geography was then indulged in by Messrs. Canterbury, Welsh, Hacker, Tobias, Mrs. D. L. Rood and Miss Glass.

6th Lecture on literary exercises in school exhibition, by Rev. J. C. Canterbury. After more general debate by various teachers, the institute adjourned, to meet at the Baptist church at 7:30, p. m.

EVENING SESSION. Meeting called to order by Dr. J. T. McCormac, who invited Mr. Andrew Nasberg to preside, after which, the following programme was carried out:

1st Quartette—Instrumental—by Messrs. Mitchell, Helm, Walt and Miss Annie Short.

2nd Address of Welcome, by Dr. J. T. McCormac.

3rd Quartette—Vocal—by Messrs. Welch, Hawes, Miss Short and Mrs. Egenhoff.

4th Lecture on the study of good literature in school, by Prof. E. B. McElroy.

5th Instrumental quartette, by Messrs. Mitchell, Helm, Walt and Miss Annie Short.

6th Recitation, by Mrs. G. W. Black.

7th Duett, by Miss Annie Short and Mr. W. A. Welsh.

8th Reading, by Miss Mary Macnamara.

9th Music by the M. B. B. The church was filled to its fullest capacity, and all went away, well satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

### BOREY.

At Burton Prairie Sept. 14th, to the wife of H. W. Holverson, a son. Mother and child doing well, and the father as happy as a clam is said to be at high tide.

### Grand Dramatic AND Musical Entertainment.

To be given by the Coquille City Brass and String Band, at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Coquille City, October 9, 1884.

PART FIRST. Minstrelsy—Consisting of vocal and instrumental music, jokes, gags, sketches, comedians etc.—Grand Combination of mirth, wit, —by the entire company.

INTERLUDE. Consisting of character songs, sketches and recitations.

PART SECOND. The Charming Little Melodrama, ARABELLA'S COURTSHIP.

Mrs. LENA LUCAS in the Title Role, supported by the following cast: Mr. Dennison—J. W. Sugg. Josiah Sprinkle—Chas. Zumwalt. Balinda Bobbins—Miss Alice Bunch. Geo. Clayton—H. S. Krebs. Wm. Dennison—Steve Gallier.

OLIO. OVERTURE—ORCHESTRA. Serio-Comic and Sentimental Songs and Character Sketches.

PART THIRD. The Mirth Provoking Farce, LARKIN'S LOVE LETTERS

With the following cast: Lillian Lenz—Clark Miller. Bobbins—Walter Sinclair. Sallie—Mrs. A. A. Tobias. Isabella—Mrs. W. Sinclair. Col. Bubbston Bollow—H. J. Tobias. The whole to conclude with a GRAND BALL.

The members of the Myrtle Point and Marshfield Brass Bands, have kindly volunteered their services for the occasion. Admission 50 cents each; children half price. \$2 per couple to the entertainment and ball.

### NEW HACK LINE!

Connecting With Steamers "Ceres" and "Little Annie" at the terminus of their upper river route, carrying passengers and freight to and from Myrtle Point.

G. A. BROWN, Proprietor.

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R. E. BUCK, Prop. Leaves Coquille City every day (except Sunday) at 10 a. m. and return same evening, connecting at Fairview with the Coos bay & Roseburg stage, so that a person can reach Roseburg in one day. Fare with 50 lbs of baggage, \$1. n50

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Stage leaves Coquille City every day (except Sunday) at 6 A. M. and 1 P. M., connecting with the Cars and Steamers for Coos Bay each trip.

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