

Church Directory.
 Methodist services, by Rev. H. B. Swafford, are held as follows:
 1st Sabbath at North Fork 11 A. M.
 2nd " " Lampy Creek " "
 3d " " Fish Trap " "
 4th " " Coquille City " "

LOCAL ITEMS.

The people's hardware store.
 So far we have had no frost to speak of, in this part.
 H. Paden and Henry Clemens spent Sunday in town.
 The Coos Bay News failed to come to hand last week.
 D. J. Lowe paid this office a visit on Thursday, last.
 C. H. Volkmar was in town, on Wednesday, last.
 Capt. Parker and Mr. Thomas Beale came over from the bay on Wednesday.
 Chris Danielson expects to launch the new vessel at Grube's mill, next Saturday.
 Mr. W. S. Dye, of Cunningham creek, has our thanks for a basket of fine apples.
 Joseph C. Dean goes to the Columbia by the present trip of the steamer Coos Bay.
 Mr. Carother's residence is receiving a coat of paint, at the hands of Noah Leneve.
 Attorneys, Watson and Gray, arrived in town last night to attend some legal business here to-day.
 Rev. W. H. Nosler will preach in this place the 5th Sunday in this month, and the first in next month.
 The opening of Prof. M. C. Miller's commercial school has been unavoidably delayed, but will open Jan. 5th.
 Five yoke of cattle from the Columbia river came down over the rail last week, to engage in logging at Coos Bay.
 Mr. A. Grimsley went to Roseburg last week to meet his wife, whom he expected from Virginia. They arrived here last night.
 Uncle Chris Lehmann and lady started to Illinois last week to visit friends. They will remain till next summer, we are informed.
 See Whitney & O'Connell's mammoth ad in this paper. They desire an inspection of the goods and prices before you purchase elsewhere.
 We are reliably informed that a brick kiln will be put up here the coming season. This is a thing much needed, and will prove profitable.
 Mr. Thomas Beale called in and had a chat about old times. It is twelve years since we last saw and conversed with him, yet, he seems as young as ever.
 A couple of gentlemen living above town killed a bear the other evening while going home in their boats. They beat and drowned it with their oars.
 There will be a grand shooting match in this place on Christmas day, by Hunt Bros. for one doz. turkeys, two doz. chickens and a beef.
 All persons indebted to the Coquille City mills, will please settle immediately, by paying the accounts to J. H. Schroeder.
 B. Hermann.
 Mr. Sinclair, of this place, has a house and lot for sale in which there is a very great bargain. He also has a ranch of 160 acres, 100 acres cleared, 80 acres under fence, and 500 fruit trees. Price \$1400—very cheap.
 The board of equalization for this school district met last Saturday for the purpose of adjusting wrongful assessments in the recent 8-mill levy for school purposes, but adjourned to meet a week from next Saturday.
 Geo. Harrington, boatswain of the ill-fated collier Tacoma, at the time she was wrecked, is reported to have committed suicide at San Lorenzo, Cal. Harrington left this place as mate of the steamer Coos Bay on her first trip.—Mail.
 M. E. Anderson has for sale, a good house and lot near the Ocean House, at Bandon. Any person seeking a good business location or a private dwelling by the sea-side, will do well to call early and secure a bargain. He also has two good lots for sale near the Golden Beach Hotel.

COLOMBIA
An Aria
 BY THE GAIKON.
 Columbia home; thy lofty mountains,
 Thy woods and lakes are beautiful to see;
 Land of abundance, life's sweet fountains,
 Where'er I roam my heart still clings to thee.
 In distant climes I oft-m wander
 'Mid toys of art and work of Nature's hand;
 Wait! all are grand, there's naught seems grander
 Than scenes of home in this my native land.
 From tyrants and their arts restraining,
 They flee afar in lands where others dwell;
 No fetters here; no despots reigning—
 Land of the free! there's none can thee excel.

THE WAY TO PROHIBITION.

Organize a Prohibition league in every State irrespective of party. Divorce Prohibition from partizan organizations. Let Republicans and Democrats opposed to rum, join hands in a movement against the supremacy of rum. Elect legislatures pledged to the submission of prohibition amendments to the people. This is the only way to prohibition. Half the States in the Union may free themselves from the rum and beer curse in three years, if this method is adopted.—Toledo Blade.
 While we differ with the Blade in the length of time in which to obtain success, we agree with the position that it takes in the above extract. It is a new departure for the Blade, but better late than never.
 The mirth and satire of the harangue creates a momentary gratification, but, the gratification is of a volatile character; the mask being no sooner removed than we discover the sham that lies concealed beneath it. We hope that the Blade is sincere.
 The Salem Talk in discussing the advantage which the settler in a district reaps from subscribing for a local paper, in which he gets the home news and other matters in which he is interested, gives us the following facts in regard to the large city papers: "If one of our former friends should happen in one of these offices, he would find out in two minutes that he had no cordial welcome there, such as he would receive at the printing office at home." That is the frozen truth; and in no other office in the country is it more aptly illustrated than in that of the Herald. But, notwithstanding all this, the press room of a newspaper is no place for the modern orator to deliver a harangue, lasting from a half, to one or two hours. There is neither business or method in the license; it obstructs the type setter, and no man of ordinary intelligence would be guilty of it.
 The agony is past. Cleveland and Hendricks are elected to fill the offices of president and vice-president for the next four years. The excitement incident to a presidential election being concluded, we will now be enabled to observe what radical changes may take place during the period mentioned. Dire calamity has been predicted, but we have no faith in predictions. The law-making power is, generally, so well balanced, that the occupant of the presidential chair operates as but a trifling weight in either direction.
 Prognostication spreads consternation, and with prostration old women swoon. When the battle ends, pacification appears and plays its soothing tune.
 Mr. H. DeYoung, proprietor of the San Francisco Chronicle, was shot twice on the 19th inst., by Adolph Spreckles, the Hawaiian sugar king. At last accounts DeYoung was in a critical condition, and Spreckles under surveillance. The trouble grew out of an article which appeared in the Chronicle, in which it was intimated that Spreckles would eventually abscond and become the owners of the Hawaiian Commercial and sugar Co., leaving nothing but valueless certificates to the company. A third shot struck some books in DeYoung's hands or he would have been a dead man.
 In the language of the Tombstone Record, the Independent is Bawling and the Plaindealer is Hushed.
 The Southern Oregon Improvement's new steamer arrived at Coos Bay last week and brought a large quantity of freight for the company.

Soldier's Pensions.

The case of Edward Lansing, of Fall river, Shasta County, California, a disabled soldier of the late war, is one among many illustrating the injustice and partiality of those government officials who control the bureau of pensions. Three years ago, he furnished evidence, on good medical authority, as to increased disability, and to his having been unable to earn his living by manual labor since the date of his discharge, and that he was a sound able-bodied man at the time of his enlistment, yet, on a mere technicality, his application is denied. The surgeon of his regiment being dead, the assistant surgeon informs him that in the absence of the medical records which were lost on detached service in the Peninsula, in 1862, he is unable to remember his particular case.
 We think that the evidence of his brother, who was a comrade in the same company, and who nursed him in hospital, combined with that of the legal, medical examiner, would be sufficient. It is a difficult matter to probe into the mysteries of red tape, or to discover the reason for placing so many obstacles in the way of the deserving soldier.
 Being requested to publish something in regard to this case, we now comply with as much space as our limited columns will permit.
 It is not our duty to criticize the individual merits of those, who who being more or less disabled, are now enjoying pensions. But, we are aware of the fact, that men who have been utterly and irretrievably ruined, in a physical sense, receive no pension, while others who seem to go about their business in the usual way, and who suffer slightly, if at all, receive pensions. There is something wrong in this—a screw loose somewhere. If every soldier that received a scratch were pensioned, we would be among the last to object. We believe that the man who serves his country well and faithfully in the hour of need, and becomes disabled in consequence, ought to receive recognition, and every facility should be afforded him in prosecuting a just claim. Impartiality demands the attention of the proper officers in cases like this of Lansing's. The claim being a just one, why is it not allowed?
 We are not aware of the attorney's name, if any, that is acting for the suffering family, therefore, we mention one who has served us faithfully, in Mexican War matters—Alex. M. Kenady, Sec. Nat. Asso. Vet. Mexican War, Lock Box 37, Washington District Columbia.
The School Entertainment.
 On Saturday the 22nd, we were aroused from a reverie on the necessity of the government inaugurating the proposed improvements at Port Orford, by the martial sound of the life and drum. Now, thought we, there is some more truthful telegrams—gratification and gall—sunshine and shadow. On going to the door, we were delightfully disappointed. "The ear-piercing fife; the spirit-stirring drum" heralded the march of the school children of this district on their way to rehearsal at Odd Fellows' Hall, for the evening's entertainment. Being indisposed, we were unable to attend throughout the performance in the evening. We beheld, with some feeling of awe, the pantomime where the two opposing armies met in dread array. Our feelings suffered a collapse on seeing the amicable solution of that which seemed to augur an impending conflict. The "Tin-maker-man" was the next on the programme, and it was sung with a vim and regularity that was admirable. The verdict of those who witnessed the entertainment, was that it proved an entire success and reflected great credit on the management. The youthful performers surpassed all expectation, thus illustrating the advantage of sound, deliberate training. The performance concluded with a social dance which was kept up until the wee sma' hours ayont the twal.

The Theory of the Newspaper.

In conversing with a friend—one who is strictly given to impartiality, and who can look at matters from an unbiased standpoint—we were deploring the utter impracticability of being able to draw the line so fine but what some insatiable character would take offence. His reply was, "Set your stakes and stand by them, you cannot please everybody; therefore, you may as well cease trying."
 The advice is good, providing the case had to be tried before an impartial tribunal. But, while the great body of the people are gifted with that spirit of fairness which will always make some allowance in favor of writers who may, inadvertently, give offense, there is a class so prejudiced—so utterly lost in taking into account the rights of individuals, that to endeavor to please them the person must lose his self-respect; and instead of being a free citizen, he must descend into the position of a calligraphic serf.
 While we have struggled to make this paper an acceptable sheet, we may have displeased some people, in giving the facts necessary to support our views on the labor question. If that be the case, we are sorry that people will display a lack of intelligence in misconstruing our efforts in a worthy cause. We have no fears from the result of dispassionate criticism.
 On the evening of the 3rd December—the first Wednesday—Gen. Lytle post will elect its officers for the ensuing year. Let there be a general turn out of all the comrades. By order of the commander.
 H. J. Tobias, Adjutant.
Grand Ball
 To be given by the Myrtle Point Brass and String Band, on Christmas evening, December the 25th. A general invitation is extended. Posters containing the programme will be issued in a few days.
 B. M. Smith's drug store, at Dallas, was partially destroyed by fire on the 20th. Loss, about \$900; insured.
 Candor in some people, may be compared to lemon drops, in which the acid predominates over the sweetness.
 Mr. Joseph Collier has just left at this office a branch of an apple tree which is in full bloom.
 The dwellings and farms of widows, minors and spinsters are exempted from taxation in several states of the Mexican republic.
NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.
 LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OREGON, November 21, 1884.
 Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge or Clerk of Coos county, at Empire City, Oregon, on Wednesday, December 31st, 1884, viz: Jonathan Quick, homestead No. 445 for the N W 1/4 Sec. 22 T 28 S R 13 West.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:
 John L. Orfield of Randolph,
 John Donaldson of Oregon,
 W. Gilman of Empire City,
 W. T. Miller of Oregon.
 Wm. F. Benjamin, Register.
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NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF.
 LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OREGON, August 29, 1884.
 Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the judge or clerk of Coos county, at Empire City, Oregon, on Wednesday, January 7, 1885, viz: John S. Cooke, homestead No. 3105, for the W 1/2 of N E 1/4, N E 1/4 of N W 1/4 and N W 1/4 of section 28, township 27 S R 11 West.
 He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:
 L. A. Lawhorn all of Fairview,
 Geo. W. Norris Oregon,
 Thomas Norris Oregon.
 Also at the same time and place
 Melvin Newland, pre-emption D S No. 4183, for the S W 1/4 of the S E 1/4, E 1/4 of S W 1/4 and S W 1/4 of S W 1/4 section 28, T. 27, S. R. 11 west.
 She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:
 L. A. Lawhorn all of Fairview,
 John S. Doeko Oregon,
 Thomas C. Norris Oregon,
 Thomas Norris Oregon.
 Wm. F. Benjamin, Register.
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Market Report.

Eggs, per doz.	27c
Apples, per bushel	50
Flour, per barrel	6.25
Butter, per roll	50
Cheese, per pound	20
Beefsteak	8
Beef, per fore qr.	6
do, per hind qr.	8
Mutton	8 @ 12 1/2
Salt Pork	8
Corned Beef	8
Hams	15
Bacon (sides)	15
do (shoulder)	12
Lard	17
Potatoes	1
Cabbage	1
Sugar	12 @ 16 1/2
Coffee, in tins	25
do, green	16 1/2
Tea, green	30 @ 75
do, English bkfst	75
Rice	10
Beans	5
Apples, dried	10 @ 16 1/2
Raspins, do	25
Currents, do	12 1/2
Wool	15
Dry Hides	12 1/2
Green, do	6
Hay, per ton	\$10.00

Land Matters Hot

Persons wishing to buy farms, wild land or town lots, improved or unimproved, will do well to call on G. C. Harrington, "City Foot & Shoe store," Coquille City, before purchasing elsewhere, as he has in his hands for sale a large variety of real estate, and can furnish buyers with lands any in quantity, from a quarter section ranch, down to a half lot in town, consisting in part of the following:
 200 acres, good, large dwelling, commodious barn, fine young orchard, good out houses, 30 acres under fence, 15 in grass and 15 plow land. There are upwards of fifteen million feet of fir and cedar timber on the land which is of easy access to the river.
 100 acres, 100 in the bottom, 25 improved; new frame dwelling, good orchard, barn, fine spring, and 10 head of cattle, 2 hogs, 5 sheep, 1 horse and 10 tons of hay. Fine timber on upland.
 37 acres, all bottom, 30 improved; good house, barn and orchard, also good fences, etc., adjoining Coquille City.
 27 acres, all bottom, 6 cleared, all good tillable land; house, barn, out-houses, orchard etc., 1/2 mile from Coquille City.
 One suburban lot, containing 1 1/2 acres, next cottage, 180 fruit trees 3 years old; very desirable for a family residence, being 1/4 a mile from Coquille City.
PRIZE SEND TEN CENTS FOR POSTAGE and receive free our new combination Pen and Ink; has seven different useful articles. Just out. Agents wanted. Address: HALL NOVELTY CO., San Francisco, California.

COQUILLE
COMMERCIAL COLLEGE,
 Coquille City, Coos Co. Oregon, will reopen Jan. 5th, 1885.
 Students wishing to take a complete business course, can avail themselves of the privilege without incurring the enormous expense and inconvenience of going far from home.
A Primary Department
 Will be conducted in connection with this institute, and instruction will be given to pupils of any age and grade. Among the branches which constitute a scientific course are, orthography, reading, elocution, plain and
Ornamental Penmanship,
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