

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

**LOCAL ITEMS.**

Carl H. Volkmar was in town on Friday the 5th inst.  
 Joseph C. Dean of Coquille City, has arrived at Astoria.  
 Mrs. A. G. Aiken has been unwell, but is now convalescing.  
 "Bright sunny days," but we look for them to "soon fade away".  
 Mr. C. L. Pape did not return to Baltimore, but is at Tulare, Cal.  
 Wm. H. Basso, of the O. S. I. company, arrived in San Francisco.  
 —Mail.  
 We hear that Herman's saw mill at this place will start up after the holidays.  
 Mrs. Dyer came over from the bay, to visit her daughter, Mrs. McEwan.  
 Mr. Langdon paid us his regular visit. By the way, he makes splendid butter.  
 J. T. Moulton is paying the highest cash price for all kind of hides and furs.  
 Saturday night, December the 6th, we experienced the first hard frost of the season.  
 Mrs. McEwan has been very low; but, at the present writing, she is progressing favorably.  
 Messrs. Graham and Palmer, two gentlemen seeking land to invest in paid us a visit on Saturday last.  
 Mr. A. Giromi has returned to the Coquille, after an absence of a few months in Washington Territory.  
 Frick, the man who was cut so severely at Randolph, a few months ago, is in town. He has improved wonderfully.  
 Alex. Shrift, of Flores creek, has been under the weather for some time. We are glad to hear that he is improving.  
 Prof. Tobias' school has opened with 45 pupils, and 15 more seats are engaged. The school will continue four months.  
 Any one wishing full blooded Spanish Merino sheep (ewes) will do well by calling or writing to this office within a week.  
 The rain came down freely on Friday night last. It is late this year, but we may look for an abundance in January next.  
 Mr. Gersham Bowne and family have departed for Empire City, where he will engage in the practice of his profession—the tonsorial.  
 Jim Hayes has removed his barber business to the shop adjoining the Olive Hotel, formerly occupied by A. H. Wright. Shaving and hair cutting done with dispatch.  
 This paper does not claim to do the best job work, nor has it the facilities at present for the most rapid manipulation; but, it professes to use care and a willingness to do the work well.  
 T. J. Patty and John Kitchin passed through town with two fine calves, on their way to Sumner. Mr. Kitchin purchased them from Mr. Dement, of the South Fork, who imported them from Ohio.  
 The shooting match arranged by the Hunt Brothers, for turkeys, chickens, and a beef, will take place on Wednesday the 24th inst., at half past one o'clock P. M. Sharpshooters will take notice; as, there is a big feed in prospect.  
 In the recommendations for harbor improvements along the coast, we notice \$60,000 for Coquille, and \$150,000 for Coos bay. Would it not be well for our people to petition congress to give us at least the amount recommended, as small amounts are absorbed in preparations.  
 That flag staff adjoining Gallier's blacksmith shop, will come down by the run, one of these days. With soft ground caused by the rain, and the stick partly burned away, all that is necessary is a gale of wind. The stick is too long to stand without guys and the prospect is a house razing at any time.

Uncle Wm. Gallier, of this place, is quite unwell.  
 Oakland and Independence have each had a destructive fire.  
 An obituary notice came too late for this issue.  
 Elliott has received a fine sample of cigars. Give them a trial.  
 Go to Charley Elliott's for a supply of nuts—chestnuts pecans, etc.  
 Two hundred and fifty pounds choice, assorted candy, at Elliott's restaurant.  
 The steamers Alki, Arcata and Shubrick sailed from Coos bay Sunday.  
 A man has been convicted of manslaughter in Jackson county, for killing an Indian.  
 The grass in this part is better than usual at this time of the year, which insures good beef this winter.  
 R. E. Scanton, of Sumner, called on us last Saturday. His logging camp is shut down for the winter.  
 December 5th, yet we have not had frost enough to coat the sidewalks white, and no rain, so far, worth mentioning.  
 "Subscriber", who is seeking after knowledge, will find it in remembering to write his name to his next communication.  
 Capt. Parker will soon start up his mill after the holidays, we are informed, to cut cedar which will be kept over for better prices.  
 A large immigration is expected here early in the spring. A number expect to buy improved land, while others aim to secure government land.  
 The race track of the S. W. O. A. S. is being completed under the supervision of J. Henry Schroeder. When finished, it will be one mile in circumference.  
 The board of equalization for this school district met Saturday, and instructed the clerk to proceed to collect the 8-mill tax which was voted some time ago.  
 The steamer Coos Bay is expected to arrive in Coos bay on the 10th or 11th inst. She will make regular trips between Coos bay and San Francisco, hereafter, carrying freight and express matter. Shippers will take notice of the change.  
 The times are dull and have been for the last two months. The misfortune seems universal. Thousands of men are out of employment in the Eastern States and in England. Is it too much protection, too much free trade, or over-production? Quien Sabe?  
 Myrtle Point Lodge No. 78 A. F. & A. M. elected and installed the following officers: V. N. Perry, W. M.; J. Lehnerr, S. W.; B. C. Shull, Jun. W.; C. E. Edwards, Treas.; Ed. Bender, Sec.; M. L. Bennett, Sen. D.; D. Jiles, Jr. D.; G. A. Brown Sen. Steward; M. J. Sturdivant, Jr. Steward; C. Lehnerr, Tyler.  
 The Statesman says that there are four papers in Southern Oregon, each claiming to do the best job work.  
 That is according to the invariable, newspaper rule—the best work and the largest circulation. Truth lies at the bottom of a well, and the newspaper of the period is progressing downward in the effort to discover it.  
 Look out for fun. Not less than four grand balls in this vicinity, between the night of the 23d and the first day of January, 1885.  
 "Music hath charms to sooth the savtge breast and more—  
 'Twill create an impulse to take a rest and snore."  
**Masquerade Ball.**  
 The masquerade ball to be given here on Christmas Eve promises to be a grand affair indeed. The following prizes are to be given: For the richest costume a splendid album; for the best sustained character (gent), a nice watch chain; best sustained character (lady), a ladies' Companion; homliest character (gent), clothes brush and case; homliest character (lady) pocket book. The judges are Mrs. R. E. Buck, Mrs. Allen Collier and Mr. A. G. Aiken.

**THE OLD FARM.**  
 BY LE GARDON.  
 There's a snug little farm, I remember it well,  
 Where the days of my youth passed away;  
 In my dreams I still wander thro' each shady dell—  
 To that spot my fond hopes ever stray.  
 Tho' this life we're inconstant and never content,  
 'Tis a scene of continued alarms;  
 Thus I think of the innocent days that were spent  
 On that dear, long forsaken old farm.  
 [repeats]  
 The little plantation, the scene of my childhood,  
 The dear spot that I once called my home,  
 Its fruits and its flowers, its blossoming wildwood,  
 Oh! I love it wherever I roam.  
 Could we look thro' the future ere bright youth were past,  
 Oh! what anguish we all might avoid,  
 But a Power has confined us, its limits none passed,  
 And to peer through the mist is denied.  
 Retrospection we have—if there's naught to repent,  
 Then the mind has a sweet, soothing balm,  
 So I think of the innocent days that were spent  
 On that dear, long forsaken old farm,  
 The little plantation, etc.

The report that ex-Senator Mitchell was in poor health turns out to be false.  
 The following business was done at the Roseburg land office during November: 19 homestead entries embracing 21,814 acres; 19 final homestead entries of 1,580 acres; 18 pre-emption filings; 1 timber entry and 1088 acres sold for cash.  
 The Southern Oregon Development company, says the News, will soon begin the construction of a large stamp mill and quartz reduction works in East Portland. They have 500 tons of ore on the O. & C. R. R. in Jackson county, which will be shipped down and worked there as soon as the mill is ready. The company have the capital with which to work, and will begin the work of prospecting, etc., in Southern Oregon soon.

**Estimate for the Northwest.**  
 San Francisco, Dec. 3.—A Washington special has the following estimate for river and harbor improvements in Oregon and Washington Territory, made by the Engineer Department, and to be submitted to the committee on appropriations: Entrance to Coos bay, \$150,000; Yaquina bay, \$140,000; construction of canal around the Cascades, \$500,000; upper Columbia river, including Snake river, \$23,000; mouth of the Columbia river, \$290,000; improving lower Willamette and Columbia rivers, \$354,000; improving upper Willamette river, \$20,000; Chelalis river, \$500; Coquille, \$600; Skagit, Snohomish, Stillaguamish, Nootsack and Suquamish rivers, 22,000; Coquille river, \$60,000.

At going to press we learn that Mr. S. S. McAdams' youngest—a boy, of only a few months, died suddenly last night.

**BORN.**  
 In this town, December the 4th, to the wife of Charles S. True, twins—a daughter and a son.  
 In this place, Dec. 9, to the wife of S. P. C. Johnson, a son.

**DIED.**  
 In this town, December the 4th, Milburn Logan, infant son of C. S. and Mary A. True.  
 At Mr. Cribbin's, Catehen creek, Nov. 30, of whooping cough, infant daughter of Joseph and Sarah Davis, aged 10 months.  
 On Catehen creek, Luetta L., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cribbins, aged 15 years, 1 month and 15 days. Her disease was consumption.

Not being a bloated bond holder, or wealthy, I can't put on so much **BIG** Style as some of my neighbors, but will guarantee to give as much goods for less cash.  
 Pioneer Hardware Man.

**EXECUTRIX NOTICE.**  
 Notice is hereby given that Mary Wagoner, the Executrix of the last will and testament of Leonard F. Wagoner, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Coos, her final account as such Executrix, and that said Court has duly made an order appointing Tuesday the 6th day of January 1885 as the day for the hearing of objections to such final account and the settlement thereof.  
 Dated Dec 2d, 1884.  
 C. H. Volkmar, Attorney for the estate. Mary Wagoner, Executrix.

**Grand BON BON PARTY,**  
 —At—  
**Coquille City**  
 —On—  
**NEW YEAR EVE,**  
 BY THE  
**Coquille City BRASS BAND.**  
 The Myrtle Point Brass Band will be present as guests of C. C. E. E.  
 The best music will be in attendance.  
 HONORARY CO-MUSICIANS:  
 Hon. J. HENRY SCHROEDER, Hon. R. E. POSEY, Hon. W. MORRIS, Hon. J. H. NOBLE.  
 COMMITTEE ON MUSIC:  
 Chas. Zenzwalt, Clark Miller and J. W. Noster.  
 FLOOR COMMITTEE:  
 R. E. Buck, S. D. Barrows and Steve Gallier.  
 Tickets (not including supper), . . . \$1.50  
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 No pains will be spared to make this the grand event of the season, and a general invitation is extended.

**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,**  
 Business and social letter-writing, composition, grammar, political, physical and commercial geography, arithmetic, book-keeping, commercial science, algebra, physiology, the laws of health, and the rudiments of music—vocal and instrumental, etc.  
 Tuition, the same as under our old system.  
 Primary (per term) . . . . . \$5.00  
 Secondary " . . . . . \$7.00  
 CLARK MILLER, Principal.

**LAND HUNTERS' HO!**  
 Persons wishing to buy forest, wild land or town lots, improved or unimproved, will do well to call on O. C. Huntington, "City Best 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 in any 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, 20 acres under fence, 15 in grass and 15 in 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.  
 160 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, 20 improved; good house, barn and orchard, also good fences, etc., adjoining Coquille City.  
 21 acres, all bottom, 6 cleared, all good tillable land; house, barn, outhouses, orchard etc., ½ mile from Coquille City.  
 One suburban lot, containing 1½ acres, neat cottage, 100 fruit trees 2 years old; very desirable for a family residence, being ½ a four mile Coquille City.

**POST OFFICE Store,**  
**C. ANDREWS PROPRIETOR,**  
 CONSTANTLY Keeps  
 An assortment of  
 Boots and shoes,  
 Hats and caps,  
 Stationery, Inks,  
 Dry goods and  
 Clothing Ladies, Gents and Childrens  
 General furnishing goods;  
 also groceries,  
 Canned goods,  
 Cigars, tobacco  
 and candies. He pays the highest price for country produce  
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**GRAND CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL,**  
 —At—  
**Myrtle Point, ON THE EVENING of Dec. 25th**  
 —By The—  
**Myrtle Point Brass and String Band.**  
 Tickets for Ball [not including supper] . . . . . \$1.50  
 Refreshments will be served at both the Reed House and the Myrtle Point Hotel.  
 The Coquille City Band will be in attendance as guests of the M. P. B. B. Visiting members from other Bands are expected and a grand musical and social occasion will be enjoyed.

**Farmers! Look to Your Interests!**  
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 Don't be misled by misrepresentations of competitors. Investigate and see where you can buy the cheapest; in doing so, call at Whitney & O'Connell's, the originators of low prices on this river. They keep constantly on hand at their hard ware store in Coquille City, the following specialties:  
**Tin, Copper and Sheet-iron ware; a superior article of Home manufacture**  
 —In connection with a—  
**Well selected stock of general hardware, stoves and ranges, wood and willow ware.**  
 Farm tools and Implements, Iron and Steel, Pumps, Water-pipes and Fittings, Paints, Oils and Brushes, Lamps and Crockery, Harness and Trimmings, Rope, Glass ware, Plated and Granite ware, Rifles, Pistols and Ammunition, Terra Cotta Chimney Pipe, Bird cages and Fishing tackle, and all Goods usually kept in a first class Hardware Store.  
 N. B. We make a Specialty of job work, and guarantee satisfaction at Living Prices.  
 Whitney & O'Connell, Props.

George McEwan  
**THE PIONEER HARDWARE MAN!**  
 Coquille City, Oregon.  
 Dealer in, and manufacturer of, Tin, Copper Sheet Iron Ware, Agate and Granite  
**WARE**  
 Lamps, Chimneys and Lanterns,  
 Saddles, and harness, rope, paint and oils, and a full line of  
**SHELF HARDWARE,**  
 Guns and ammunition, Hercules Powder, Blacksmith's supplies.  
**ALL AT BOTTOM PRICES.**  
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**Old California**  
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**New Home & New Home**  
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 Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Candies, Cigars, Tobacco, Fancy Articles, Stationery and the finest quality of School Books, Agent for the leading sewing Machines, Mason & Hamlin organs, &c. Old Wines and Liquors of the best quality. Prescriptions carefully compounded  
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