

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

LOCAL ITEMS.

How's your plants since the frost?
 Judge Dyer came over Saturday evening.
 Mr. Jacob Prewett, of Parkersburg, is in town.
 Mr. E. D. Myers has become a resident of this place.
 The steamer Coos Bay, has made her last trip to Portland.
 Our old friend, Dan Roberts, is captain of the Little Annie.
 Rev. Hollenbeck and lady, of Fairview, came down Sunday.
 J. D. Hayes and Elias B. Robinson were in town Wednesday.
 Mrs. S. M. Benham, of Fairview, has been in town since Friday.
 Mr. Wm. Gallier, of this place, has been quite sick, but is improving.
 Mrs. Geo. McEwan who has been quite low for several days is much improved.
 Mr. D. P. Strang moved to town last week. He occupies J. Snyder's residence.
 Mr. Starkey, of this paper, paid the bay, his former home, a visit last week.
 A debate between the Elders, Nosler and Easters, is the next in order in this place.
 The Barnham sawmill down the coast is to be enlarged to accommodate a grist mill and a planer.
 Frank Clarno, of Ellensburg, recently had a leg broken in attempting to lower a wagon down a hill.
 The Areata and Coos Bay arrive in the bay Sunday, and the latter sailed for San Francisco yesterday.
 We are in need of the money due us, and our patrons will please remember this, and send us the amount.
 Our old friend, Dr. H. H. King, of Looking Glass, spent two days last week with us. He looks natural as life.
 Mr. J. J. Thompson, superintendent of the government work at the mouth of the river, was in town Saturday.
 All interested in getting up a Christmas tree, will attend at Nosler's drug-store Saturday evening at 6 P. M.
 Uncle Daniel Palaske has sold his place at the foothills opposite this place. We hope Mr. P. will remain among us.
 Mr. Geo. Leneve who has been steward on the Annie for some time, informs us that he is soon going to the Palouse country.
 Johnny Leneve killed 23 fine ducks last Saturday afternoon. He invariably gets more game in a hunt than the other fellow.
 Congressman-elect Hermann and Mr. Wise, one of the new mercantile firm of Myrtle Point, made this office a pleasant call yesterday.
 At going to press, a regular old-fashioned rain and wind storm is getting its work in. A considerable raise in the river is inevitable.
 Congressman Hermann intends visiting Washington to take in the inauguration of Cleveland, after which he will return here and put his mill in motion.
 The late frosty weather which lasted almost a week moderated into what promises to be regular Oregon rain, at which ye web-footer rejoiceth muchly.
 The December number of the Portland, Oregon, West Shore is on our table. It is the finest number yet published of that interesting and worthy publication.
 News reached here Saturday that a Swede, whose name our informant had forgotten, had been killed at Empire City the day previous. It seems that he and another man were running a loaded truck from the new mill when it struck against a flagpole, knocking the ball loose, which coming down struck him on the head killing him. He was a stranger and had only worked four days.

SUICIDE BY DROWNING!
Mrs. Mary A. True Throws Herself into the River.

Last Friday morning this place was thrown into great excitement over the report that Mrs. True, wife of Charles S. True, post commander of the G. A. R. of this place, had drowned herself in the river, which proved true. A week before she had given birth to twins, a boy and a girl, the former still-born. The week intervening she had been as well as could have been expected, and her husband leaving her at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Elliott, in the care of a competent nurse and his family physician, went back to the lower river where he was engaged as engineer of the tug, and was returning home when met by a messenger, who gave him the sad news of his wife's untimely demise. On the fatal morning some time before six o'clock Mrs. True, seemingly in good spirits and much improved physically, begged her attendant, Mrs. Barklow, to retire, as she was feeling well and needed nothing. A few minutes later Mrs. Barklow and Mrs. Elliott, each, heard some one leave the sick room, but each thought it was the other, until some fifteen minutes afterwards, when it was found that it was Mrs. True. Prints of her bare feet in the frost were tracked from the door to the wharf, in front of the house, which is about 35 feet above the water, and from which she threw herself. The tracks indicated that she had went direct to the place, making two short steps to bring her foot at the edge of the wharf. Her night clothes, which is all she had on, in going down brushed the frost from the outer plank. Boats, with drags, were searching from soon after it was known that she was drowned till soon after noon, when Johnny Jenkins, with the aid of a drag, found and raised the body to the surface, from whence it was taken by tender hands back to the heart-stricken husband and children. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon and an immense gathering witnessed the obsequies at the Masonic cemetery. The little babe which was buried a week ago was placed beside its mother. The cause of this rash act is a matter of conjecture, but it is generally believed that it was the result of an aberration of mind. Her husband informs us that on three occasions before, during sickness, she had left her bed and wandered aimlessly about, but remembered nothing of it afterward. She leaves three little girls, aged, one week, three and six years.

Schetter & Flanagan have enlarged their Marshfield market.
 Mr. H. P. Whitney left for the World's Exposition at New Orleans by the Coos Bay.
 The North Bend mill is temporarily shut down, pending the adjustment of a main shaft.
 The O. S. I. company are said to be selling goods extremely low at their Empire City store.
 Judge Dyer recently sold his stock ranch at Roland prairie to Schetter & Flanagan, for \$6700.
 "Stukum Joe," will give his entertainment to-morrow night, at 7 1/2 o'clock, after which a dance will be given.

The new steamer, Al-ki will not return from the city till after going on the ways for the purpose of receiving a new propeller, we are informed.
 The Wise Bros. who have purchased an interest in the Myrtle Point store are spoken of in the highest terms by those who knew them in Jackson county.
 Preaching is held in this place at hours that prevent many from going. The announcement is generally made for 11 o'clock, and the small congregation that can go will have gathered at a little before noon, when the service is begun. At this time all the public and most of the private houses have dinner, and a person must do without that meal or fail to go to church. It is out of the question to expect women to have dinner and work incident thereto done much before noon, or wait till one or two o'clock before commencing the work of getting their mid-day meal.

PRAGMATISTS.
 [By LE GARDON.]

What trouble we bow through life,
 What thorns in our path ever sowing,
 What sorrows of turmoil and strife
 Spring from minding what others are doing,
 I'd prefer, much, to wander alone
 In a desert of pitfalls and snares,
 Than to hear the perpetual moan
 Of the usidler in people's affairs.
 There are some that feel fretful and sad,
 If their neighbors surrounding are quiet,
 But always disposed to feel glad
 At the sound of a fracas or riot;
 They envy another's success,
 And sneer at that other's contentment,
 And are filled with the greatest distress
 Unless full of bitter resentment.
 There's a "shining light" now in my eye—
 'Tis in fertile precepts and hints;
 The measures he won't like you to try
 Are oblique—cause—mentally he squints.
 He had plenty of morals in store,
 But alas! this prodigal elf
 Gave the good ones away to the poor,
 And kept all the mean ones himself.
 Be adieu to all foolish reserve,
 Fling sentiment into the flames,
 Give to mankind just what they deserve,
 And call their acts by their right names.
 Where you find one gadding about,
 Some evil of others to speak,
 Then, alas, he's a pragmatist—but—
 You must post him at once as a sneak.
 We all may avoid this whirlpool,
 As the danger is ever in view;
 The act, then, is that of the fool,
 Interfering with what others do;
 My scheme has no merit because
 It has brought me but sorrow and care,
 What of that? If I break not the laws,
 'Tis my own—not another's affair.

Card of Thanks.
 To our kind friends in Coquille City, I extend my heart-felt thanks, also those of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, for their kind attentions to my poor wife while in sickness, and for their sympathy and kindness to me and my orphaned children in our severe affliction. I feel especially grateful to my comrades of the G. A. R.
 Charles S. True.

Card from the String Band.
 Having seen it announced by the "Dramatical Entertainment" placard that the Coquille String Band would give a Ball at the close of the Entertainment on the night of Dec. 27th '84, and thinking the public might be misled, would state that the Coquille String Band will not close the Entertainment with a Ball on the 27th of Dec. 1884.
 C. W. Zumwalt,
 Leader of Coquille String Band.

The Western Union has reduced wages 10 per cent.
 A tie game—pretty girls begging gentlemen's neckwear for crazy quilts.—Journal.

China proposes to assume the aggressive, taking its queue from France.—Telegraph.
 The official vote of West Virginia for October was determined by the supreme court on the 6th inst. No going behind the returns is the gist of the decision.

OBITUARY.
 The spirit of Lueta L., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gibbins, of Catches creek, took its flight to the eternal world at 5 o'clock p. m., Nov. 27, 1884. Her age was 15 years, one month and 15 days.
 After an illness of about two years of that dread disease, consumption, the messenger summoned her to cross that dark river from which no traveler ever returns.
 Her modest and lady-like disposition won for her the love of all who knew her. She bore her sufferings with heroic fortitude, with never a murmur.
 She expressed a willingness to die, and urged those around her to meet her above, "Where sorrow will be felt no more."
 "One more plant just blooming fair,
 Could not stand the chilly storm;
 Christ who loves, with love so rare,
 Changed it to an angel form."
 The bereaved parents have the heart-felt sympathy of all. No one can realize until they have had a trial of it, how sad and lonely it is to go home and find that place so desolate—a vacant chair, a vacant place in the once happy fireside circle. It is hard to give them up, but we console ourselves in the blessed thought that we shall meet them again.
 Why then mourn your precious darling;
 She is happy ever there;
 And is waiting for the dear ones,
 In the realms bright and fair. L.

BORN.
 In this place Dec. 11, to the wife of J. Wes Nosler, a son.

DIED.
 In this place, Dec. 12, Mary Aseanth, wife of Charles S. True, and daughter of J. W. Clark, of Kansas, aged 24 years, 11 months and 12 days.
 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.

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. B. E.
 The best music will be in attendance.
 HONORARY COMMITTEE:
 Hon. J. HENRY SCHROEDER, Hon. R. H. ROSA, Hon. W. MORRAS, Hon. J. H. NOSLER.
 COMMITTEE OF MUSIC:
 Chas. Zumwalt, Clark Miller and J. W. Nosler.
 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 farms, wild land or town lots, improved or unimproved, will do well to call on G. C. Huntington, "City Boot & 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, 20 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.
 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., 1/2 mile from Coquille City.
 One suburban lot, containing 1 1/2 acres, new cottage, 100 fruit trees 3 years old, very desirable for a family residence, being 1/2 a from 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!
 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 Speciality of job work, and guarantee satisfaction at Living Prices.
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 Lamps, Chimneys and Lanterns,
 Saddles, and harness, rope, paint and oils, and a full line of
SHELF HARDWARE,
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