

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

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. H. Bunch visited this office on Friday last.

Mr. P. Dean, of Gravel Ford, was in town last week.

Capt. Parker's mill will start up next week we are told.

Mr. Langdon will accept our thanks for some nice apples.

The steamer Coos will not come to the river as thought some time since.

Elder Edmunds called on us last Wednesday, and favored us with some useful items.

The little steamer Mink, formerly the Wasp, swamped and sank in the bay last Saturday night.

Messrs. A. G. Aiken and J. Waller intend to give an inauguration ball on the fourth of next March.

Representative Sutton passed through town last week en route to Salem, where he goes to attend the legislature.

Capt. Reed had the misfortune to get his barge, heavily loaded with goods, swamped or capsized on the lower river last week.

Donald McKay, formerly of Coos bay, died at San Diego, Cal. We knew him well. Many years ago, he was in partnership with H. P. Whitney.

Mr. Sheddon F. Wilson, of Empire City, paid this office a visit on Thursday last. He is here to attend to legal matters in the case of Easter vs. Fouts.

After the Parkersburg is loaded and goes to sea, we hear that it is the intention of Captain Parker to haul the tug, Katie Cook, on the ways and repair her.

At the farm of Mr. Matson, on Smith river, about eight miles from Gardiner, Douglas county, a land slide occurred, which carried his residence together with a valuable orchard into the river.

The mail carrier's horse on the Myrtle Point and Dora route got fouled on a bush which will prove fatal to the animal. The bush was rough and snaggy, and penetrated its belly over one foot.

Mr. Kenedy, of Sumner, was in town on Friday last, his object being to consult with Mrs. Tobias, regarding the health of his wife, who is seriously indisposed. The last named lady is a medical professor.

John Fred. Weaver, a Russian Finn, and his son John Christopher are supposed to have been drowned in North slough, Coos bay. The term supposed is used because the boat was found, but all attempts to find the bodies have been fruitless.

In the case of Easter vs. Fouts, tried before Justice J. H. Simon, the jury disagreed. This is a further proof of the fact that, jury trials in civil cases where the purely legal aspect of the case must be considered, are not the *sine qua non*.

A petition is in circulation, to be presented to the Legislature at its next session, looking to the incorporation of this town. It is to be hoped that it may succeed, then we can have a fair understanding in relation to the status of hoodlums and improvements.

A correspondence from the bay this morning says: A piece of a skull and also a part of a thigh bone was blown ashore from the explosion of the Sol Thomas at Empire Sunday. The skull was sticking to a piece of timber 8x10 inches and 15 feet long, which was blown upwards of 100 yards.

The following officers were duly installed in Coquille Lodge No. 53, I. O. O. F. on the evening of the 3d inst: V N Perry, N G; W A Welsh, V G; Jas Cartwright, R S; E B Miller, T; T B Willard, W; L E Lathrop, Con; J B R Shelton, P G; S P C Johnson, R S N G; P Drane, L S N G; H J Collier, R S V G; J C Laird, L S V G.

Our old comrade, W. P. Skelly, was in town on Sunday last.

Out of a band of 800 cattle, in Eastern Oregon, 600 have died, during the storm.

Rev. W. H. Nosler preached on Sunday, in the church in this town, at morning and evening service.

The installation of officers of Coquille Lodge, No. 53, I. O. O. F., took place on Saturday evening the 3d inst.

An addition has been attached to the shop lately occupied by Dean and Huntington. Mr. McAdams intends opening it as a butcher shop.

The river is gradually rising, owing to the late, heavy rain. Should the snow in the mountains melt, it will be booming.

Proceedings are under way to construct a new plank walk to the school house and to furnish the building to be used as a commercial college.

This part is being treated to a good sprinkle of rain, but it is accompanied with warm weather. Considering the severe weather in other parts of the State this is a good showing for the climate of the southwest coast of Oregon.

Dean and Huntington are now established on the river front, where they are prepared to accommodate their customers with good boots and shoes. Give them a call; though short your stay, they'll smooth your soles and mend your way.

In response to enquiries regarding the trips of the steamer Coos Bay, we give the following information: The Coos Bay has been withdrawn from the Yaquina bay and Columbia river route and will ply hereafter between Coos bay and San Francisco. Travelers and shippers will take notice and act accordingly.

A number of gentlemen from the interior of the state are looking at this part with a view to settling on the river. They are highly pleased with the country and its prospects, and say that as soon as the people of other portions of the state find out the fact that stock can be raised here without feeding, and the ease with which range can be made, every foot of land hereabouts will be taken, and the woods be filled with herds and flocks. The severity of winter is convincing the

The following are the propositions for the debate between Elders Nosler and Easter which begins on the 26th inst, and continues six days:

Do the holy scriptures teach that those who die in willful disobedience to the gospel of Christ will be ultimately holy and happy. Nosler affirms and Easter denies.

Do the holy scriptures teach that those who die in willful disobedience to the gospel of Christ will suffer endless punishment. Easter affirms and Nosler denies.

Mr. George W. Langdon, of the Blanco hotel, Marshfield, forwarded to his mother, Mrs. Ann S. Langdon, of Cunningham Creek, a Christmas present consisting of one silver-plated castor, a couple of handsome, napkin rings, and one beautiful, double chromo with appropriate, Christmas verses attached. This is as it should be. The intrinsic value of the present is trifling when compared with the unforgotten love of a boy for his mother. George needs no better recommendation than that. If he sticks to the old home love, he will win his way through life.

NO FOR MYRTLE POINT!

The Coquille Thespians will present their fascinating and soul-stirring play, "Among the Breakers," at Myrtle Point on the evening of Saturday, January the 10th, which will conclude with "Family-fix-up"—a very amusing farce; the whole to conclude with a dance. If you fail to hear them, you will miss a grand treat. They will do all they can to make the entertainment pleasant and interesting to all who may attend.

Hon. W. F. Owens, of Roseburg, saved three men from drowning on Christmas day.

REFLECTIONS.

Go tread the paths of busy life
 In high or low condition,
 Mark well the schemes, the rage and strife,
 The mass of imposition.

You'll see the brute that should protect
 His wife, abuse and fog her;
 Vile hypocrites in every sect—
 The quack and pettifogger.

The well-dressed fop who never toils,
 Has neither trade nor calling—
 The cheat who makes with cunning wiles
 A pit where others fall in.

The righteous in their own esteem,
 Who spurn their sinful brother,
 And ever push him down the stream
 His good resolves to smother.

You'll see the miser strive for gain
 Both in and out of season;
 The spendthrift live a life of pain
 The antipodes of reason.

The love of dress becomes a curse,
 Self-torture an attraction,
 The feet are lame, the body worse—
 Brain sunk in stupefaction.

To clothe the form and strut around
 When other wants are pressing,
 The host of slaves to fashion bound,
 Their God's something to dress in.

Male and female alike agree
 To battle against Nature;
 The direful consequence must be
 A race of pigmy stature.

You'll gather as you go along
 Experience with terror—
 To see the blind, the weak and strong
 Rush down the hill together.

**A TERRIBLE AFFAIR!
 The Tug Sol Thomas Blown to
 Atoms and Four men Killed!**

Between 11 and 12 o'clock on Sunday the 4th inst. the tug Sol Thomas was blown to atoms by the explosion of her boiler, while in front of the old Luse wharf at Empire City, by which Geo. Wadley engineer, Jas. Graham cook, Len Nelson deck hand and a fireman whose name we have not learned, were killed, and Capt. Jas. Hill badly injured. The tug had just made fast to a schooner, and was starting for the bar when the accident occurred. The explosion was a terrible sight. No trace of the unfortunate men had been found at last accounts, except particles of flesh which were sticking to heavy timbers that were blown ashore. Those who were near got a view of the inside of the wreck as it went down, and it seemed void of every thing. Capt. Hill who was at the wheel, was thrown back to the stern of the boat and badly hurt by the explosion, but his injuries are not fatal.

Engineer Wadley was a resident young man of the bay, his father having been engineer at the North Bend mills for years. Jas. Graham, the cook, was a resident of Gardiner, where he leaves a wife and 11 children. Of Len Nelson the deck hand, we know nothing, and the fireman likewise.

Ed. Herald—The meeting which has been in progress at Fairview, since Christmas, closed yesterday with seven additions to the church—all by confession and baptism.—Fairview, Jan. 5th.
 S. B. Hollenbeck.

THE LATEST SENSATION.—Five men hung in the ladies' parlor of the Robinson house on the morning of the 2d inst, by one little man. The parties were rescued by Justice Simons, in due time. The hangman was a jury man.

Heavy snows in the mountains and on the plains are drifting seriously.

A farmer in Astoria, said that he never before saw cattle coming up and asking for shelter in that country.

Clatsop county pays \$5 reward to any one finding the body of a dead person, and delivering it to the coroner.

At Stream, of Shohlwater bay, has been awarded a gold medal by the British government for service rendered at the wreck of the Lanmerlaw, two years ago.

The Plaindealer gives an account of a painful accident which happened to a young man named Oliver Hurstine. He was playing with a giant powder cap, and carelessly stuck the stump of a burnt match into the cavity. The cap exploded, tearing off a portion of both thumbs, and seriously injuring three fingers of his left hand, and two of the right hand.

BANDON.

We are so pleased with the improvements made of late at the mouth of the Coquille, that we are all laboring zealously for a fair appropriation to continue the good work. One gentleman who has always taken a great interest in the matter has written to Senator Slater, who is a personal friend of his, urging him to do his utmost. Others also are doing what they can. Our new representative, Hon. B. Hermann, intends to go Washington early in the year, and will do what he can for the Coquille, as well as for Port Orford and Coos bay. Our state senator, Mr. Siglin, writes to us to say: "Be assured, I'll have the state legislature memorialize congress this session for a good appropriation for the Coquille river and for Coos bay, and try and ascertain also why the government does not go on with the harbor of refuge at Port Orford and for which congress voted \$150,000 some years since."

We wish we had this active, energetic gentleman in the U. S. senate instead of that of the state. In the latter he cannot do much any how; in the former he might do a great deal. We would then have a senator and representative both from Southern Oregon; the senator being from the coast, would naturally look after the interests of the place he came from, whilst we have no doubt the representative, who is from the interior, will do the same for his district. Then we Southern Oregonians would have no cause to complain, and we have every reason to believe we would be faithfully served. Northern Oregon has had the representative for some years past; surely it is time that we southerners should get a chance now.

Anderson's hotel at Port Bandon has been a great accommodation to the traveling public this year. Mr. Anderson is a steady, upright man who takes charge of all goods consigned to his care, and hands them out to the owner. Mrs. Anderson is an affable, courteous lady, who contrives to make a friend of every one she meets, and who, as a landlady of a hotel, has very few equals.

Albert Giromi and wife have returned from a prolonged trip through Northern Oregon. They visited Spokane Falls, Portland, Astoria and many other places. They have taken the original Bandon hotel from Mrs. Nelson, and intend making matters very lively this coming summer.

It is stated that the Coos Bay company, instead of building a steamer to run round here from Coos bay, have bought one for that purpose at Portland, also that Capt. Parker will build a warehouse for storing whatever freight she may bring in or take out from his place. When the new road to the Bandon beach is completed and properly bridged, it is probable that all the coast trade will go that way. The Captain is an enterprising man, and as he is willing to dispose of building lots at reasonable figures, we may expect to see Parker's a good sized town in a few years.

Some people here lately got up their supply of flour from San Francisco, and it cost them landed, free of all expenses, only \$4.25 per barrel. Sugar, 7 cents per pound. However when we can get good sugar at Coquille City for 8 cents and have no chances to risk we prefer the latter.
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A small boy was killed in Yamhill county, going through behind his father, who was chopping wood. He was struck in the head and died in a few hours. The father's name is Wm. McCoy.

A CARD.
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Market Report.

Eggs, per doz.	30c
Apples, per bushel	50
Flour, per barrel	6.25
Butter, per roll	50
Cheese, per pound	20
Beef, per fore qr.	8
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
do, English bkfst	30 @ 75
Rice	10
Beans	5 1/2
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Rasins, do	25 1/2
Currents, do	12
Wool	15 1/2
Dry Hides	12
Green, do	6

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