

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

LOCAL ITEMS.

The Arenia arrived at Coos bay on Thursday.

For fine cigars and tobacco go to Charley Elliott's.

Mr. Harry Dahms, of Randolph, spent Sunday in this place.

Charley Elliott keeps chestnuts, and in fact all kinds of nuts.

Mr. James A. Matheny, of Myrtle Point, arrived here from the bay Friday.

Mr. I. Cook, of the Coquille Mill and Log company, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. Paxson has built a splendid dwelling on his place on Cunningham creek.

Charley Elliott has received a lot of canned honey which he offers at very low figures.

Mr. Henry Hansen, of Coos bay, was in town Tuesday. Henry is still making the best of soda-water.

The wharf at Empire is covered with machinery for the new mill, which arrived by the steamer Al. Ki last week.

Lewis Simmons killed a bear on Cunningham creek yesterday. It is the second one he has killed since Christmas.

Charley Elliott at the Star restaurant, has an assortment of the finest candy and chewing gum ever brought to the river.

Mr. J. B. Lee, of North fork, was in town Friday. He is still making saddles and is said to be a first-class hand at the business.

Charley Elliott, of the Star restaurant of this place, has a splendid sewing machine which he will trade for a good milk cow.

Louis Nielson, the deck hand, who was killed at the explosion of the tug, Sid Thomas, was a nephew of N. J. Nielson, of Norway, Coquille river.

For a new and fresh assortment of drugs and medicines, call at Nosler's drugstore. He also has a splendid assortment of toy and toilet articles.

The Theopians, owing to the inclemency of the weather, did not have a very large house at Myrtle Point. They only cleared \$35 over expenses so we are informed.

Mrs. F. Winchester died at her home in Empire City on the 5th. She was well and favorably known on the bay, and leaves a host of friends who deeply mourn her death.

Great preparations are being made for the inauguration ball which will be given here on the 4th of March. Everything will be done to make the affair pleasant for all who attend.

Mrs. O. Grungel, nee Miss Erta Fahy, died at her home near Dandon a week ago yesterday. Her husband, Capt. Oscar Grungel, is entitled to the greatest sympathy in his bereavement. His misfortunes of late have been very great.

The bottom lands on Cunningham creek, even in the heavy timber, are getting thickly set with "fox-glove," a noxious weed that has been given a place in the flower garden, and which is destined to cause an immense amount of trouble.

Our apologies are due Mr. M. C. Miller, in that we forgot to announce that his school would open yesterday. The school opened all the same, under favorable auspices, and the prospects are favorable for an interesting and profitable term.

The following officers were installed in Mamie Rebekah Degree lodge No. 20, I. O. O. F., on Jan. 7, '85, by D. D. G. M., J. A. Walker:

Mrs. L. E. Buck, N. G.; Mrs. Mary Cartwright, V. G.; V. N. Perry, R. S.; T. B. Willard, T.; Jas. Cartwright, W.; H. J. Collier, Con.; L. E. Lathrop, I. G.; S. P. C. Johnson, O. G.; Mrs. F. M. Steward, R. S. N. G.; Miss Emma Clemens, L. S. N. G.; Miss Mary Langlois, R. S. V. G.; Mrs. L. Shelton, L. S. V. G.

Mr. Henry Schroeder was in town yesterday.

Mr. William Galtner, who has been sick, for some time, is now convalescing.

C. S. True, late engineer at Hermann's mill, has left town and gone to Portland.

Yesterday was the 155th anniversary of the naming of Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. W. P. Shelly has left the river. He stated that his destination was uncertain.

Rev. S. B. Hollenbeck preached in the church in this town, last Sunday evening.

At the opening of M. C. Miller's school, yesterday morning, 29 pupils were in attendance.

Our latest exchanges gives numerous accounts of people freezing to death in the colder portions of this State.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Aiken assumed control of the Olive hotel, on Monday the 12th inst. We wish them success.

We have had considerable wind accompanied with intermittent showers of rain; but, as the wind has blown from a southerly direction, the atmosphere is warm.

Mr. S. Mahaffey, of Norway, paid this office a visit yesterday, and subscribed for the Herald. Mr. Mahaffey is an old type, and his tribute to our paper is a gratifying endorsement.

The times are dull this winter, owing to the reduced price of lumber. The closing of the mill at this place has had a bad effect. Hopes are entertained for an improvement as the spring opens.

We would like to have a few items from Bandon, occasionally, as to the progress of the jetty, or when the work will terminate. In fact, any local items relating to incidents, etc., on our river, will be appreciated.

Mr. Haskell was in town on Friday last. He says that the specimen of coal which he sent to Portland to be examined, was pronounced a superior quality as it did not clinker. We have a theory in accord with this, that is that the further we go into the hills, the older the formation, and the more valuable the coal.

The Plaid leader tells how Capt. Parker is going to build a steamer to run on Coos bay from Bandon to Coquille City. If papers would give articles as they are in the papers from which they take them, or use more care in working them over, they would not upset the geography of the country. For the benefit of the Plaid leader we will say, that such a steamer would have to make a voyage to sea, or climb a huge mountain to run to the points named.

A petition is being gotten up to get an increase in the pension of the survivors of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve from \$8 to \$10. Following is a list of those receiving pensions in Oregon: John Grimsby, Corvallis; Stephen Carrol, Mitchell, Wasco county; Solomon Cox, Eugene City, Lane county; Jas. Laughlin, Ashland; William Manger, Hartman, Umatilla county; William Shaw, Salem; Jacob Spores, Willamette Falls, Lane county; James Waters, Looking Glass, Douglas county; Peyton Wilkes, Greenville, Washington county; Jas. Woolly, Applegate, Jackson county; David Carnes, Soderaville.

A man named Blizzard was frozen to death at Cross Hollow, near Antelope, Wasco county, a few days ago. He left his house to go to a field a mile distant to see his stock, but before he could get back he was overcome by the cold. He laid out all night, and when found next morning was still alive, but soon died.

Senator Dolph has introduced a bill amending the act of June 2d, 1878, relating to a bill for the sale of timber lands in California, Oregon and Nevada, and the Territory of Washington. Another bill introduced by Mr. Dolph provides for the amending of section 2347, revised statutes, relating to the sale of vacant coal lands belonging to the United States.

An exchange gives us the startling intelligence that a steamer has been put on Beaver slough connecting with the Oregon Pacific railroad, thereby opening up many miles of fine country tributary to Coaledo.

LINES TO JOAQUIN MILLER
 BY ELI GILSON.

Just thirty years ago, Joaquin,
 When you and I were young,
 At Vaughn's old school house near Eugene,
 We read, and wrote and sung,
 The time that passed now so soon,
 To us it then seemed slow;
 You were a big Web-foot gossamer,
 Just thirty years ago.

The times have changed since then, Joaquin,
 When you forsook the road;
 Some of our schoolmates tread the green,
 And some lie 'neath the sod,
 Clear up, my lad, but draw it mild—
 Truth wins at last, you know,
 We remember you were somewhat wild,
 Just thirty years ago.

And when you picture Lane, old chap,
 Don't mix the paint so thick;
 One dose of that snake-bone pay
 Has made your friends quite sick.
 We saw the man and knew his worth
 So well that you must know
 We're posted on things that had birth
 Just thirty years ago.

"Dry up that old" about the Greek
 And Latin; it's too thin,
 We know that you've licked the check,
 Where "school" could only win.
 But, go ahead, improve your mind,
 Your friends would hear it flow;
 For friendly thoughts are still entwined
 With thirty years ago.

Announcement.
 What is truth?
 Why sound is truth.
 What does the life mean?

There will be a series of meetings held at the church house in this place; beginning Monday, the 29th inst., 1885, at 7 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of investigating to see what the bible teaches. The evening will be spent in singing, by the congregation, followed by a lecture or bible readings. In case of lecture, at the close of the discourse, time will be given to any person to make remarks on the discussion. Liberty will be granted anyone to ask questions on any of the subjects under consideration, by writing the questions down, and laying them on the desk, and they will be answered the following evening, or disposed of. The lectures will be free. All are cordially invited to attend. Bring your bible, pencils and paper and take notes. Ministers and people all come and participate, and we shall have a profitable meeting.

D. P. Strang,
 J. C. Bunch,
 Coquille City, Oregon, Jan. 10th 1885.

Saved Once More.

Our old acquaintance and co-laborer, John C. Manning, of Marshfield, seems to defy augury and to evade death, successfully, so far. Johnny is an obstinate subject—his ungovernable self-will leads him often into difficulties. His last narrow escape from death by drowning, related in the News of the 7th inst., is an apt illustration. Having worked with him at Gardiner, Unappus, and having shared in one of his numerous afflictions, we feel warranted in expressing the opinion that the outside envelope of his anatomy is adamant, and the inside, cast-iron. Our opinion is, that he never fell overboard accidentally, but that he became disgusted with his surroundings, and being in a state of obfuscation, attempted to walk ashore. This operation of walking on the water is insignificant when compared with some of Johnny's visionary schemes. To conclude, we are glad that he is still right side up, and that he may yet throw the romantic notions of Don Quixote completely in the shade.

Post Office Integrity.

We have investigated—inquired and probed into the matter during a period of five months, and the following is the result: Our mail after reaching Portland, proceeds into Washington Territory and is distributed correctly; but, that which is directed to the Astoria post office, seems to remain in the office at that place. To come down to short metre, our subscribers in Astoria, individually and collectively, received our paper about once in every six weeks during the period mentioned. Somebody needs stirring up.

Mail Matters.—The mailing room of the Postoffice is crowded to suffocation, and the clerks will have all the work they can do in distributing it for some days to come. Most of the letter mail has been sorted, but tons of paper mail yet remain. Three hundred sacks were sent out on the train for the Sound yesterday, and as much more will be sent to-day.—Daily Standard.

A Reporter.

The Mail writes us down an ass. Do not go into spasms, old comrade, as there is not the least necessity for calling names; but, if you will force us into that position, loan us thine ears, so that we can assume the character of an appropriate costume. We assert one thing and you assert another. We have our rights and you have yours; but, the ass will only apply to the person who objects, and who possesses no grounds upon which to substantiate his objections. We have quit calling names. A majority of our subscribers objected to the practice, therefore, we have become virtuously inclined, and see no virtue in running counter to their wishes, or in driving our heads against an animated and irrepressible block-head.

HANDBOOK.
 Signal Service, War Department U. S. Army.

The following is the meteorological record at "The Bandon Station" for the year 1884. The observations, which are condensed here into monthly records, were taken at stated times daily, and forwarded to Major General Hazen, chief signal officer of the army, war department, Washington:

Month	Monthly mean Temperature	Rainfall in inches	Foggy days	Windy days	Snow days
Jan.	43.08	4.60	14	7	0
Feb.	40.11	9.72	13	11	4
Mar.	45.97	5.29	3	13	2
Apr.	49.04	3.96	1	13	0
May	52.69	.33	0	4	0
June	55.47	1.25	0	6	0
July	58.12	1.04	0	1	0
Aug.	58.09	.04	0	1	0
Sept.	54.37	5.12	0	13	0
Oct.	50.37	3.12	0	9	0
Nov.	51.12	3.93	2	7	0
Dec.	43.58	13.65	10	16	1
Mean	50.05	5.22	44	103	7

The temperature of February was unusually low, being no less than 6.31 degrees below the average of the previous ten years.

The rainfall in 1879 was 81.57 inches; in 1881, 73.22; in 1883, 48.45, and this year it was 52.12, owing to the very heavy rains in December. Were it not for this the rainfall of 1884 would be the lowest recorded yet.

GEORGE BENNETT,
 Voluntary Observer Sig. Service,
 War Department.

The old idea that the sap of trees descends into the roots in the fall, remaining there through the winter, is an error with no foundation whatever, says Mr. A. S. Fuller. As the wood and leaves repine in the autumn the roots almost cease to imbibe crude sap, and for awhile the entire structure appears to part with moisture, and doubtless does so through the exhalation of the ripening leaves, buds and small twigs, but as warm weather again approaches and the temperature of the soil again increases, the roots again commence to absorb crude sap and force it upward, where it meets soluble organized matter, changing its color, taste and chemical properties. If this were not the case we could not account for the saccharine properties of sap, as in the maple.

The following statement comprises the amount of money orders and postal notes issued, and of orders received and paid at Myrtle Point P. O. Money orders issued from July 21st, to Dec. 31st, 1884—Number—170, value, \$6833.64. Postal notes—116, " 8252.72. Orders rec'd & paid, 20, " 1257.70.

Last Friday morning three places were found in Jacksonville where preparations had been made to start fires. One was in the rear of Riley & Cavanaugh's saloon, next to the livery stable, another was at the old Franco American hotel and the third at a place in the center of the town.—Ex.

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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
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
Ten, green	39 @ 75
do, English bkfst	75
Rice	10
Beans	7 1/2
Apples, dried	10 @ 36
Rusins, do	25 1/2
Currents, do	12
Wool	15 1/2
Dry Hides	12
Green, do	6

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