

The president's message is at hand. It is unusually long, containing 36,000 words, which prevents us giving a fair synopsis. It is an able and well-written document. His ideas on the Chinese question will be met by a heavy opposition by the masses wherever the Chinese curse has become fully known. He shows how this country, by its compulsory silver coinage laws, is bringing about the substitution of silver for gold. In regard to the Mormon question he is very emphatic. He says: "There should be no relaxation in the firm but just execution of the law now in operation, and I should be glad to approve such further legislation as will rid this country of this blot upon its fame."

In casting about for a premium to go with the HERALD, we concluded the best thing to do would be to club with the best farm journal in the country. We will, for a short time give, free, with the HERALD, a large farm journal—the Home & Farm, to all subscribers who pay up arrearsages and one year in advance, and the same will apply to all new subscribers who pay one year in advance for the HERALD. Just think of it! a large, eight-page home and farm paper free, for one year. The Home & Farm is published at Louisville, Kentucky, and has the widest circulation of any paper of the kind in the west, being over 100,000, and using over seven tons of paper each issue. It is published where farming and stockraising is being made a study, and the information it contains is invaluable. As we shall only extend this offer for a short time, please come forward at once, if you would avail yourself of it.

The Coming Generation.

Ed. HERALD:—With the coming generation I claim to be acquainted. I give some of their characteristics. They are a new generation, a peaceable generation, a wise, good, faithful, truthful, just generation, an obedient, merciful generation, a sincere, upright generation, a rich, liberal generation, a healthy generation, who never get sick; a young generation, who never grow old; a strong generation who can do all things, can bear all things, to whom nothing is impossible; who neither murmur nor complain; who love their enemies; who return good for evil; who please not themselves; who seek not their own; who walk in a straight way; who do as they would be done by; whose fruits are all good; to whom pertaineth the New Testament. This is the perfect generation, who are to succeed this generation. These are some of the things I know.

George Ferry. Marshfield, Dec. 10.

Good News to Homesteaders.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Great apprehension has been felt in the west in respect to the scope of Commissioner Spark's recent decision to the effect that homestead claimants who have previously had the benefit of the pre-emption law cannot "commute" their homestead claims. Members of congress have received many letters on the subject, all indicating a widespread fear that this decision was to be made retroactive, which would have the effect of upsetting titles to many claims which had passed by purchase into the hands of third parties. Senator Van Wyck, on behalf of many of his constituents, recently made inquiry of General Sparks, in reference to the matter, and was informed that the decision will, unless reversed by higher authority, be a guide for future action of land officers, but that the commissioner is not inclined to go into the actions of his predecessor, nor interfere with claims which have already been secured, under former rulings of the land office in this respect, unless fraud is shown to have been perpetrated in securing such claims.

Norway items.

The weather is rough and every body is under deck, with mail and ax laid in the shade. Farmers had to stop plowing and seeding on account of the rain.

There has been fencing done and lots of substantial work during the good weather.

O. Nelson made a lively purchase in poultry a few days ago. Somebody wants fowls for the holidays. Mr. N. has just received a fine lot of store goods.

Our roads are wrong side up. They need bailing out.

School is progressing lively at Norway.

At spelling school the other night a young fellow went to take a seat in a girl's lap, and to his surprise found he had sit down in the water bucket. He made a mash, wide out.

Joe Radabaugh with his dogs and trusty rifle made a raid on the lynx which had been feasting on the neighbors' sheep.

Butchering is now in progress among the farmers, and every body has a greasy mug.

We hear to-day the whistle of two grist mills—Rackhiff's and the Norway mill.

Albert Radabaugh is very sick. The most of folks are well and kicking.

Church at Norway last Sunday by the Dunkard Brothers, with a good attendance.

O. K.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Observances of the Man about town

GAY ANE FESTIVE.—At the little social gathering had at the Olive Hotel last Friday evening everyone seemed to be as happy as he could be in this life, as the land lady, Mrs. Cartwright, is possessed of that very rare facility, or gift of making every body in sight feel perfectly easy and cheerful, and as she is as chipper as a wren herself, it becomes contagious where ever she goes. At eleven refreshments consisting of cake, lemonade, confectionary and fruits were served, and the light fantastic was kept up till near midnight, when the mirthful, and pleased guests betook them to their several places of abode, all satisfied that the Olive house was in the right hands to make it one of the best hotels, as well as one of the most pleasant places of resort, in Southwestern Oregon. This social was given as a mark of respect to Messrs. C. J. Sechrist and P. J. Schaefer who have endeared themselves to our people during their stay here.

CHANGE OF CLIMATE.—We learn that the vigilants are making the northwestern part of the state rather warm for the hard cases who have infested that part of the country for some time past.

GETTING DRY.—The bright, warm days of the past week, are putting the mud out of sight at a rapid rate.

FINE TOYS.—All who want to make their little folks happy at Christmas time, ought to call at Nosler's drugstore, before the stock is gone.

A PLEASANT SOUND.—The bell at the Robinson house rings as regular as a clock, and you can find out what it is for by just paying two bits and stepping into the dining room. If you are not satisfied, the money cheerfully refunded.

SALOON WANTED.—A prayer with an amen from over sixty of her citizens, would rather intimate that Myrtle Point would like saloon on toast about these days.

FIRST FREEZE.—On Friday the 11th we had our first hard (?) frost; a little ice could be found in favorable places.

NEW CROSSING.—At the foot of Main street, a crossing, of new clean wood has been put on, and the man about town walketh across to the saloon, rejoicing; and taketh his regular drinks as usual, and goeth back to the hotel rejoicing.

RATHER DAMP.—The heavy dews of the forepart of last week sent the river off on a little high, and it tried to spread itself just as if there had been a regular rain; but the effort was rather feeble, on account of the scarcity of stock.

Roseburg Notes.

Rain. High water. No end nor bottom to the mud. All the streams are up booming.

The Roseburg Temperance Reform club has 218 members.

The winter term of the public school began last Monday with 331 pupils in attendance.

Lane & Lane can always be found at their place of business opposite the Cosmopolitan hotel.

Maj. E. F. Walsh writes up the locals for the Plaindealer, and what he doesn't find out is not worth printing.

The population of Roseburg is over 1400. It contains more people than either Curry or Tillamook county, and is not half as large.

Hon. J. C. Fallerton addressed the Reform club last Tuesday evening. He spoke at length to an audience of over 200 people.

A gentleman in this city believes that if the Roseburg water was better and the beer poorer, it would facilitate the temperance cause in this place to a great extent.

I thank "49-r," for the favor with which he has been pleased to notice me. I never fail to read your letters—they are interesting and readable. Keep at it my boy! I knew you when you first began to "hop".

The health of Roseburg and vicinity is remarkably good. The coating of black mud protects both great and small.

Umpqua valley, lovely place! Oh, who can paint its beauty? 'T would take a poet in a trance To do the subject duty.

You see, me am a poet, and I know it.

The following is a portion of the programme carried out at the last meeting of the "Roseburg Reform Club" Tuesday evening December 8th: Music by the "juvenile" band. Prayer by chaplain, Rev. J. W. Miller, father of our esteemed friend, Clark Miller.

Address by Hon. J. C. Fallerton. Remarks and reading by Rev. J. R. N. ...

Gentlemen from different parts of the Union were introduced and addressed the "club": Mr. Wooley of Eugene City spoke at considerable length on prohibition—he favored it in every sense of the word. His remarks were duly appreciated by the society. Mr. W. J. Mullen from Maine followed with rather a wet speech. Hon. W. F. Benjamin made a few well-timed and appropriate remarks. Not a person in the room failed to hear him—he was understood by all. The president made a short speech, after which he read an interesting letter from Mr. S. F. Floed of Salem. Recess and circulation of pledges. Music by the band. Recitation by Miss Alice Hall. Song—by Miss Sallie Tibbets—entitled "When rum shall reign no more." Miss Tibbets was received with usual favor. Recitation by Miss Bertha Richardson. "Bullets from the prohibition gatling gun."

Recitation by Miss Katie Barker. Song—"Honest sailor Joe." by Miss Tibbets and Miss Myrtle Watkins. Play—"The Higgins Family."

Mr. E. G. Hursh was elected speaker at the next regular meeting, Tuesday evening Dec. 15th, '85. "Cor."

Roseburg Dec. 10th, 1885.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Congress met on the 7th inst., and proceeded to work. Senator John Sherman was elected president of the Senate with no opposition. In the house Carlisle was elected speaker, the vote standing: Carlisle 177, Reed, of Maine, 138.

Remember this: We give the HERALD and San Francisco Chronicle for \$2.75 per year; the HERALD and S. F. Call, \$2.50; the HERALD and S. F. Examiner, \$3.00; and the HERALD and Home & Farm \$2.50—all in advance. The latter paper, the Home & Farm, will be sent a year free to any address by the sender paying one year in advance for the HERALD and any arrearsages that he may owe.

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NOTICE.

Petition for license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in less quantities than one quart, in Myrtle Point, Coos county, Oregon: To the honorable county court, of Coos county, Oregon:

Whereas, J. A. Lehnherr will petition your honorable court, at the next session thereof, to wit: At the first day of the January term, A. D. 1886, to grant him a license to sell liquors in less quantities than one quart at Myrtle Point, Coos county, Oregon, for a term of six months. We the undersigned legal voters of Myrtle Point precinct pray your honorable court to grant said petition: James Bark R Ward W L Roland Jas Wyant Edward Wyant John Mast W A Border O H Prey G D Elgin J L Bush F C Kennicut J M Johnson J F Proshcars, W H Hall J D Baker G W Frenderburg Louis E Bender Albert Barklow J A Devaul Alvy Lee A L Buell W A Adams J W Lamb Thomas H Neil J F Noyes Geo W Leneve C Miller J W Brown J Taylor T M Hermann Levi Gant J B Hoyer J H Baker J C Brown E Bender J M Wise Orvil Dod, e F M Decker W P Hermann E W Hermann J K P Elliott Daniel Giles J C Whittington M P Whittington Chas E Schroeder C E G Deitz B C Shull A F Frenderburg Jas H Bryan A H Snyder Levi Snyder A Ward Sam Adams J E Cretchfield C W Dye D H Brown W H Harris F P Hermann W Bohm G W Major A Steele J R Leonard Oscar Reed S Wise.

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200 Acres of good, cleared, bot on land, on Four Mile creek, 8 miles from Bandon. ... under a good, stout fence, and is in tame grass. Some stock and farming implements go with the place. Price \$3,000; enquire of Mrs. Emma Erickson on Four Mile, or at this office.

Notice of Sale.

Notice is hereby given, that on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1885, I will sell in public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the residence of W. H. Carter deceased, all the personal property belonging to the estate of said deceased, described as follows: Six cows and calves, one yearling, one horse, one mule, one riding saddle, bridle and cantonists, one peck saddle and rigging, one Winchester rifle, one six shooter and other articles by numerous to mention. GEO. W. MANTON, Administrator.

Dated the 3rd day of December, 1885.

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Myrtle Point, Oregon, J. F. Noyes, Proprietor,

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160 acres of land on Bandon Beach: 25 acres well improved, good meadow and fine pasturage; splendid house—formerly the Bandon Hotel—also out buildings. One quarter of a mile of beach frontage on the place. For a rare bargain look no farther. For further information, apply on premises to Mrs. O. Nelson.

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A BARGAIN!

We have the selling of a half section of land, half bench and half bottom land, near Coquille City. It would make a half dozen good little ranches, or a good dairy and stock ranch. The price is \$20. per acre.

INTERESTING BOOKS.

Mr. Hiram Plank, formerly a resident of the Coquille, but whose present address is Red Bluff, Call has two books which every agent should handle. They are very cheap, and will sell rapidly. Write to him at once.

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