

The past year, though not particularly noted for that, has been quite an eventful one, so far as the Coquille is concerned. In the way of improvements, we have to report a better channel at the mouth of the river for the ingress and egress of ocean craft; the addition of a fine steamer for the river trade, the building up of business of the various towns, the addition of a good, local paper, the increased capacity and necessity of the saw mills, the establishment of a new and paying cannery and the enlargement of the area of farming and grazing lands. Meanwhile we have gained many new and valuable citizens; established better communication with Coos bay, and developed some of our many resources. Our mines have received unusual attention, and have proved worthy the effort of capital to develop.

The claims of 1886 stop where those of 1887 begin, and that we may not accord too much to the incoming year, we will say, on the principle that an object is half accomplished by the attainment of well-laid plans, that the fullest fruition of our highest aims and grandest hopes for '87 would place half the credit on the dear, departed year. In view of these facts, we can only look back to the old year with pride and kindly remembrances.

The holiday number of The West Shore is the handsomest that most excellent western magazine has ever issued. Many of its illustrations are printed in five colors, and none of them in less than three. They are highly artistic both in design and execution, and are especially appropriate to the season. An elegant, large engraving of Mt. Hood, the famous snow peak of the Cascade mountains, accompanies the number as a special supplement. It is executed in eight colors and embossed, and is by far the most beautiful reproduction of the grand scenery of the West yet made by the printing press. The literary features of the magazine are most excellent. The holiday number and supplement will be sent to any address upon receipt of fifty cents by the publisher. They will be sent free to all who subscribe now for 1887. Subscription price, \$2.00 per year. Address L. Samuel, Publisher of The West Shore, Portland, Oregon.

The G. A. R. have held memorial meetings all over the country in respect to the memory of General Logan.

The long-looked for schooner Laura May turned up at Port Townsend a few days ago after being out 42 days.

A fund of upwards of \$30,000 for the relief of Mrs. John A. Logan had been secured several days ago, and it was still being augmented.

It has cost the Cascade Division of the N. P. railroad company \$75,000 to protect its Chinese employees. They should have employed white men.

The steamer, N. S. Bently, collided with a pier of the new bridge at Albany last Tuesday, broke into and sank with 3400 bushels of wheat on board. She and the cargo are total losses.

Of the amount stolen in the St. Louis express company robbery for which Frothingham, the agent, has been suspected, \$45,000 have been secured through Mrs. Wilrock, Jim Cumming's mother. She gave it up to save some of the boys.

It is thought that a democrat will succeed Gen. Logan. It is said he was the only republican strong enough to carry his district.

The president has been too ill for a few days to admit congressmen.

Letter From Josephine.

Friend John:—Thinking perhaps the readers of your most excellent paper might appreciate a few items from here, I take the liberty to pen a few lines. Times are very dull here. Some of the farmers have sowed their fall grain. We haven't had any winter to speak of yet. Stock of all kinds living on the range. Religiously, we are getting along splendidly. Rev. G. W. Black, formerly of Coos bay, assisted by Revs. Brown and Stearns of the Baptist church have been holding a protracted meeting here. There were ten or twelve converts, four being baptised; besides this we have prayer meeting every Thursday night, a Sunday school, and two sermons every Sunday. Eld. George Hoxie preaches once a month here. So you see in church matters we are up with the times.

Joe Clinton formerly of Coquille is here. He says he will return to Coquille in the spring. I am engaged in the lumber business with G. W. Hoxie of this place. There are three saw mills running here and all doing very well considering the hard times. I haven't seen but 25 cents in cash since I came here the 1st of last September. My brother who was run over last fall with a loaded wagon, and so fearfully mangled, is almost well again. To-day I am enjoying the inevitable position of hobbling around on crutches, the result of falling from the floor of Hoxie's mill to the ground (about 10 feet). Will be all right in a week or two. Lots of salmon here already—nice ones too.

With best wishes for the HERALD and all my Coquille friends, I am respectfully yours,

Ernest Maltravers. Williams, Dec. 22, '86.

Christmas at Sugarloaf.

Ed. HERALD:—The Christmas tree at Grandma Rowley's was a grand success. A splendid supper was prepared and the neighbors came in to the feast, when the following exercises were had, around a finely decorated Christmas tree, beautiful to behold: Singing—Bringing in the Golden Sheaves; recitation—The Christmas Story—by Nannie Endicott; Singing—Brooklyn Fire—by the Misses Endicott, Nannie and Fannie, and Miss Bell Rowley; recitation—The night before Christmas—by Luther Williams; recitation—Now I lay me down to sleep—by Bell Rowley; singing; recitation—Oh! why should the Spirit of Mortal be proud—by Mary Fredenberg; singing—When the Mists have cleared away; recitation—Over the River—by Rachel Rowley; singing; recitation—After Christmas—by Fannie Endicott; singing—Ring the Bells of Heaven. At the close of the exercises, the presents, of which there were a fine variety (chicken legs and pickles in particular), were taken from the tree by Rachel Rowley, Mary Fredenberg and Luther Williams and the names read by Santa Claus, and then delivered by Nannie and Fannie Endicott and Bell Rowley, after which all repaired to the dining room where there was a delicious supper awaiting them. They all partook and did ample justice to the highly toothsome viands—pread on the hospitable board of the best old people alive. After supper the guests were conducted to the parlor where innocent games and other amusements were indulged in till one o'clock when all retired well pleased with the events of the evening.

Wildcat. Dec. 26.

MARRIED.—In Coquille Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, Mr. Edmund M. Gallier, and Miss Emma L. Chlemens, both of Coos county. Ed., as he is familiarly known, is the junior member of the firm of Gallier & Son, blacksmiths, of this place and is withal an excellent young man. The bride is one of the most successful teachers of the county, being engaged in teaching the Halls prairie school at the present time, and is an exceptionally fine young lady. Both have the congratulations of the people of the county and elsewhere where they are known. We got the cake.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent. Washington, Dec. 21.

Congress made an excellent record for the second week of the session. Some important bills were passed, such as that repealing the Tenure of Office act by the senate, and allotting lands in severalty to Indians, by the house, and various subjects came up for a share of attention in both branches. Among them were trade dollars, appropriations, Mexican border affairs, the fisheries, the tariff, secret executive sessions, and the bill preventing Senators and Representatives from taking pay from the Government and from railroads at the same time.

It is a long, long distance between the place where Senator Edmunds stood a year ago, and where Senator Hoar stands to-day on the question of Executive patronage and prerogative. Mr. Edmunds thinks the senate is taking a step backward by repealing the Tenure of Office act. Mr Hoar regards the Tenure of Office act as a relic of barbarism that ought to be blotted from the statutes. Both however, are in favor of civil service reform. The Tenure of office act has worried and puzzled politicians ever since it was enacted.

There is a growing sentiment in congress against the Congressional Record, which is daily growing more cumbersome. Under the present arrangement, congress is too unwieldy and there is too much talking on unimportant subjects. When a congressman makes a speech, and it appears in the Record, his next move is to have several thousand speeches printed for distribution among his constituents and the latter jump to the conclusion that their man is fairly stirring up the world in Washington.

Congressman Oates, of Alabama, wants to reduce the Congressional Record by limiting speeches to thirty minutes. Others say the only way to do it is by prohibiting the reading of speeches from manuscript, and that it is boys' play to permit members to read speeches, for such speeches seldom influence legislation. Those who advocate the abolition of the Record, say it is only a question of time ere it will be given up entirely. Then the correspondents who sit in the press galleries of the senate and house, will give the country all the news that transpires at the capitol.

The interstate commerce bill, which proposes, among other things, to make uniform rates to all shippers, and which threatens to become a law, is to meet with organized opposition. Its enemies are beginning to arrive, and in a few days there will be one of the most formidable lobbies about the capitol that has been seen there for years. They hail from Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Louisville, New York, and elsewhere.

There is also a much larger Mormon lobby here this year than last. In preventing legislation against them last session, they carried their point by securing the adoption of a very rigid bill by the house judiciary committee, as a substitute for the 'Edmunds' bill of the senate. This made it impossible for the senate bill to be considered by the house, and so between the two nothing was done. The Mormons are trying to play the same game again this winter, so as to defeat both bills.

The democrats are somewhat elated at the passage of the Tenure of office act, as it will relieve the president from the restraint now upon him in making removals. There was quite a stir in the senate during the vote, which was very close, and the democrats hustled around in order to secure every vote possible.

Equal interest was felt in the house when it was voting down Col. Morrison's tariff bill. When the result was announced, the republicans broke forth in loud applause, the gallery hissed, and Speaker Carlisle had some difficulty in calling the house to order.

A momentous question of carriage hire is disturbing the conscience of Judge Durham just now.

He is the comptroller of the U. S. treasury, and he does not see why eleven carriages, at \$20 apiece, should be paid for out of Uncle Sam's pocket to convey nine justices of the supreme court from their room in the capitol to the White House to pay their New Year's respects to the president. But what can be done about it? All such expenses are approved by the justices themselves, liverymen feel at liberty to make their charges correspond with the prodigal hilarity of the season, and while justices are very plain, sociable people, when off duty, they think that on state occasions they must have due regard for the eminence of their stations, and not be too particular about the price. They would say that on New Year's day they call not as individuals, but as members of the U. S. supreme court—by virtue of a custom that is tantamount to a statute and that it is perfectly proper for the government to pay the cost of the performance.

The following shows what a newspaper man can do in a pinch: "We begin the publication of the Rocca Mountain Cyclone with some phew diphthentials in the way. The type foundlers phrom whom we bought our outfit phor this printing office phailed to supply us with any ephs or cays, and it will be phour or phive weex before we can get any. The mistake was not phound out till a day or two ago. We have ordered the missing letters, and will have to get along without them till they come. We don't lique the loox of this variety of spelling any better than our readers, but mistax will happen in the best regulated phamilies, and iph the phs and es and xs and qs hold out we shall ceep (sound the e hard) the Cyclone whirling apher a phashion till the sorts arrive. It is no joke to us—it's a serious alphair.

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Send in your orders no pains spared to give full satisfaction. v1n17

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Notice!

All those owing James Burke on note or book account will come forward and settle the same with me, they having been placed in my hands for collection.

Myrtle Point. Chas. E. Edwards. n31-3m

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Edward M. Hoffman and Luther Williams is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Dated Myrtle Point, Edward M. Hoffman, Or., Nov. 10, 86. Luther Williams. n14-4w

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J. J. Birch, Agent.

Warlike News.

Vienna, Dec. 29.—The Press is becoming convinced that Russia is determined upon war. Reports of increased Russian armament are continually coming to hand from various sources. The latest intelligence is to the effect that 300,000 Russian troops have been ordered to Massiukoff. The occupants of 10,000 houses have received official notification that the soldiers will soon be billeted in them.

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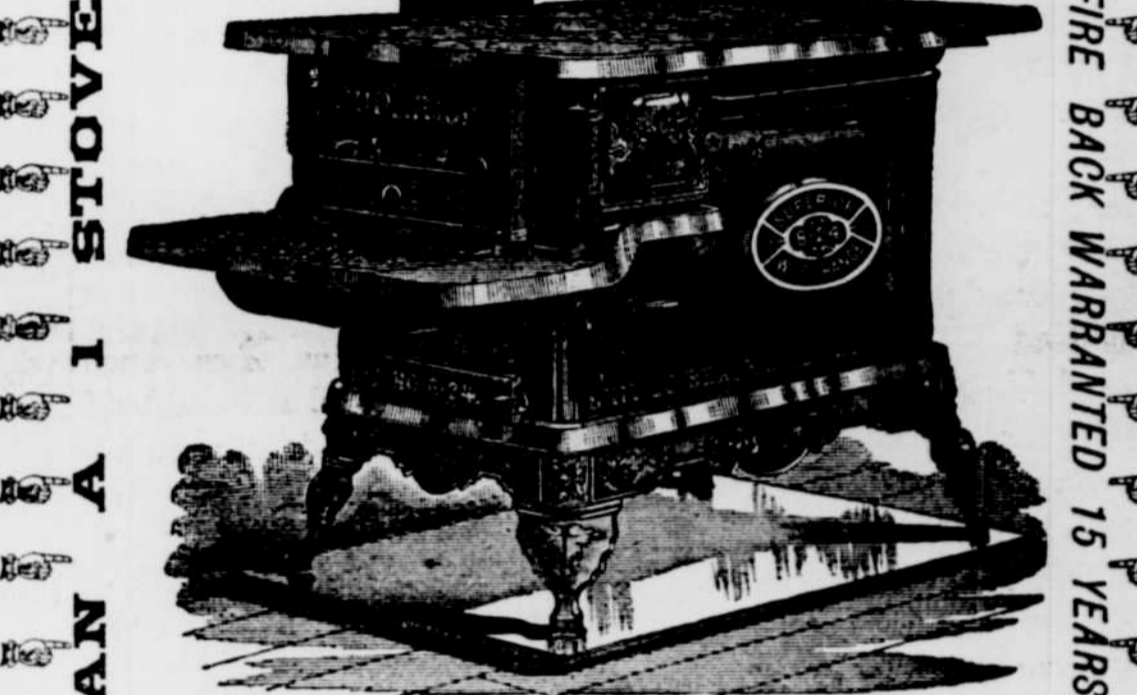
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Few towns possess the natural advantages that Coquille enjoys, and which will, in the near future, cause it to blossom as the rose. It has a beautiful and pleasant site, being situated, for the most part, on a level plateau on the sunny side of the Coquille River, thirty miles from the Pacific ocean, which is reached every day by a four-hour steamer ride. Coquille City is at the center of the converging wagon road system of Coos County, and is at the head of deep-water navigation, and in the central part of a vast body of rich, river bottom land, which is the source of all true and enduring prosperity. The country round about is filled with precious metals, minerals and coal to an unparalleled extent, and is covered with a variety of timber that for quantity and quality is not excelled by that of any place on the Coast, if, indeed, equalled. As a dairying and stock-raising country, and a sanitarium for those seeking health, it is bound to come to the front rank. The fishing industry will prove an important factor, while the numerous mills and factories, completed, in course of construction, and contemplated, will make the whole county a buzzing hive of industry and wealth. Coquille City is in the center, is the most eligible and will enjoy all. Its school, church, and society advantages are second to none in the county. Building material is cheaper at this point than at any other in the county. It has the advantage of a corporation and is to soon have a mountain stream of water, run through it for protection against fire. Property reasonable.

J. A. DEAN, AGENT, Coquille City. M. J. McDONALD, PROP., San Francisco. v1n2f

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