

THE INDEPENDENT.

FOREST GROVE, DECEMBER 27, 1873.

Local News.

THE CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.—The exercises at evening at the Christmas tree in the Congregational Church were of excellent character and the little folks had a happy time. There were about five hundred persons in attendance. There were three trees, a large one in the center and two smaller revolving ones were placed on each side situated in the end where the pulpits stand. The trees were loaded with gifts some of which were very valuable. Dolls hid their rosy faces in the branches, bead work glittered among the leaves and cornucopias swung to and fro like the bright hanging nests of the Oriole. The estimated value of the presents on these trees reaches about \$1,000, which is a liberal sum for a country town, and we doubt very much that another town in the State has done so well. The exercises were short and appropriate, being introduced by a Christmas song by the little folks; a chapter in the Bible was read by Rev. Thos. Condon who made some excellent and appropriate remarks and a prayer; and then the work of distributing the presents began, and continued till about half-past nine o'clock. At the conclusion some more Condon sang and played the Collier song to the infinite amusement and applause of both old and young.

DEBATING CLUB.—The Forest Grove Debating Club met on last Monday evening to discuss the subject, Res: "That all officers of our Government should be elected by a direct vote of the people." In the presence of the President, C. L. Smith, Mr. F. Hubbard was chosen Chairman, protem, and Mr. J. Swick and Stephen Blank were chosen Judges. S. Hughes opened the discussion on the affirmative and Dr. Bowditch on the negative. The affirmative was supported by Messrs. Blyen, Tyler, Shipley and Roe; and negative by Messrs. Goodell, Johnson and W. N. Goodell. The decision was awarded to the negative. The subject for the next debate is Res: "That the organization of secret societies for political purposes is anti-republican and contrary to the genius of our Government."

FRS. MARSH'S LECTURE ON HAYLITE.—The Oregonian of last week has a lengthy notice of Dr. Marsh's lecture on the above subject. The audience was large and the discourse of a highly literary character, and was appreciated of course. The presentation of the subject was highly original, showing close study of Shakespeare's masterpieces, and a deep insight into the "method" of the "Moody Prince." We would like to publish the notice and would like to publish the whole lecture, but our limited space will not permit. We hope, however, that the Doctor will at no distant day give the people of the Grove the pleasure of hearing this lecture.

HAVE AT YOU HILLSBORO.—The Hillsboro correspondent of the Oregonian says: "The Forest Grove Independent is amusing itself by throwing the (Debating) Club at the head of the Hillsboro Literary Society. Perhaps it might be necessary for Hillsboro to set up one night with Forest Grove. In that case they will have been the best club with set of folks in this section. If you mean business trot out your bodies or stop posing."

THE HILLSBORO'S PLACE TO TROT OUT, as it began the party. The challenge was passed by the Hillsboro correspondent of the Independent and was accepted by us. Now then come on with your men and quit your bluster and bragging. We have met your challenge and we want to see your faces, and no more words.

THE WEATHER.—The snow has lain on only a week and is now all gone from the valleys and hills, though the mountains have a coat that will wear till Spring. On Christmas it was sunny and warm—the thermometer in the afternoon going up to 50 degrees. This morning—Friday—it is a little colder; thermometer 29 degrees at daylight, though it will go up to 50 by the middle of the afternoon. But from all appearances we may look for another freeze-up. The wheat looks fresh and green. It was not injured by the late freeze.

"GOOSE COON SKINS."—B. F. McMillen went a coon hunting this week and succeeded in capturing four of the ring-tailed varmints, down on the creek a short distance from town. His dogs scented their tracks and found them, one in a hollow log and three others in a stump. This is Mr. McMillen's first coon hunt for a long time and he had fun enough for all the Grove. We have shaken them out of trees in the night-time, way up on Long Tom and we know that it is a very superior article of fun.

CHRISTMAS TREE MYSTERY.—Part of a toilet set consisting of what is called Bohemian glassware, and intended for Mrs. S. W. Carter, is missing, and was doubtless delivered to the wrong parties from the Christmas Tree. They are colored, with figures of flowers running around them. If any one has them he will confer a favor by leaving them at A. Hinman's store.

LECTURE.—Mrs. Dunaway editor of the New North West and an interesting and able speaker will lecture on the subject of Intemperance this evening at half past six o'clock at the Congregational Church. She will have a large audience of course—she always does.

A PLEASANT PARTY.—A select party was had at Mr. J. T. Scott's residence last night. Some forty young men and women were in attendance. Refreshments were served. Beecher treated the guests with popcorn. And it was a pleasant party indeed.

LOST.—A fur cape was lost by its owner last night either at the Congregational Church or in the immediate vicinity. The finder will be suitably rewarded if he will leave the same at the Post Office in this town.

PERSONAL.—Raleigh Stott has favored our town with his presence during holidays. He is on a visit to his relatives near the Grove. He is having a good time generally and is looking well.

THOMAS TOWNSE, Esq., the well known and active Attorney at Hillsboro was admitted to the bar in the U. S. District Court at Portland last week.

MATTHEW'S new sign is the ninth and last wonder of Forest Grove.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

At the Congregational church, Rev. E. Walker preaches every Sabbath at 11 A. M. At the Methodist church, Rev. Mr. Wolfe preaches on the first and third Sundays of each month.

At the Baptist church, Rev. Mr. Chandler preaches on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

DIED.

At the Warm Springs Reservation, Dec. 10, 1873, from the effects of a burn received the day previous, Anthony Walker, infant son of Marcus W. and M. S. Walker, of that place and grandson of Rev. E. Walker of this place, aged five months.

OREGON.

Roseburg is to have a bank, not a faro bank either.

Christmas was celebrated with more than usual interest in Portland.

Morris Ball accused of illegal voting was declared not guilty by the grand jury in the District Court at Portland this week.

Miss B. A. Oxeen, a well known lady of Roseburg, will shortly start for Philadelphia, where she proposes to graduate as an M. D.

Wm. A. Mills, Esq., long a resident of Washington county, has removed to Clackamas county, and gone into merchandising at Marshfield with Mr. Phillips.

Up to their present time the Oregon City Flouring Mills have ground 155,000 bushels of wheat. Collectively the two mills have purchased 550,000 bushels this season.

Since the snow fell in the coast range, the wolves have come down on the "sheep in the fold" in Yamhill and Polk counties, and many sheep and few wolves have been killed.

The Eugene Guard says: A bridge has been placed across the McKenzie at Hayden's ferry. An effort is being made to prevent it by building the Willamette river at Springfield.

Astoria is talked of as the future site of the Great Co-operative Store where farmers can meet the imports, but during the recent freeze, flour went up to \$10 a barrel, potatoes \$1 50 a bushel.

Colonel B. B. Taylor well known in connection with journalism in this State will sail on the steamer tomorrow for San Francisco, so says the Oregonian.

A correspondent of the Oregonian gives the wheat production of four counties as follows: Linn, 1,591,000 bushels; Lane 700,000; Benton 381,000; Polk 725,000, total 3,397,000, of which 2,632,000 will be exported.

Personal and General.

Plus the Ninth has buried over one hundred Cardinals.

One rat-hole in a Duluth elevator discharged 600 bushels of wheat.

Gray's "Elegy" contains 907 words, of which 803 are derived from the Anglo-Saxon.

The latest notion is a Constitutional amendment prohibiting any Congress from increasing its own pay. Mr. Hale and a majority of his committee are said to favor it.

The Post Office at Manassas, Virginia, was simultaneously sought by a man and a woman. Finally the matter was referred, both candidates consenting to popular election. The vote has just been taken, and the woman is ahead.

Anna Dickinson has bathed in the waters of Idaho, and, according to the Cincinnati Times, she says: "Girls it's like the rapture you feel in your lover's tender clasp." And more lasting, we hope; for how often that rapture is untimely nipped by detecting the prints of his manly fingers on your brain new silk.

Farm and Garden.

The Corn Crop.—The agricultural report for October shows that the corn crop is 16 per cent. below a normal crop. The crop of last year was estimated at 1,192,000,000 bushels. In view of the decrease of 4 per cent. in area the indicated reduction is above 23 per cent., of 250,000,000 bushels. The only States returning the average condition are Georgia, Florida, Arkansas, California and Oregon. The other averages are as follows:—Maine, 85; New Hampshire, 99; New York, 89; New Jersey, 99; Pennsylvania, 93; Delaware, 76; Maryland, 91; Virginia, 99; North Carolina, 95; South Carolina, 89; Alabama, 92; Mississippi, 86; Louisiana, 92; Texas, 78; Tennessee, 91; West Virginia, 96; Kentucky, 91; Ohio, 88; Michigan, 88; Indiana, 84; Illinois, 67; Wisconsin, 88; Minnesota, 97; Iowa, 81; Missouri, 76; Kansas, 66; Nebraska, 77.

MEASURING LENGTH.—The length of a flash of lightning is generally underestimated. The longest known was measured by M. E. Petit, at Toulouse. This flash was ten and a half miles long. Arago once measured a series, which averaged from seven to eight miles in length. The longest interval ever remarked between a flash and a report was seventy-two seconds, which would correspond with a distance of fourteen miles. Direct researches have shown that a storm is seldom heard at a greater distance than from seven to ten miles, while the average are rarely heard over four or five miles off. This fact is the more curious as cannon may be distinctly heard double or treble that distance, and in special cases much further.

The Territorial papers are confident the Northern Pacific will be built to the Yellowstone Park next summer.

COUNTY COURT.

HILLSBORO, Dec. 20th, 1873.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT, Dear Sir:—During the past week the county court in vacation made an order confirming the annual account of B. F. Hartman guardian of the minor heirs of R. Arthur deceased. And also the report of Thomas Steward, guardian of H. Pearson, insane.

In the suit of K. Crandall vs M. Hoffman et al, taken under advisement at the regular December term, no decision yet.

The matrimonial market so far this month has been very dull, there having been but two applications for marriage license.

The county authorities have been notified by the Secretary of the State that the tax charged against this county will be on the amount of property as equalized by the county board of equalization, making the amount of State tax to be paid by this county on the property assessed \$8,898 37 and \$775 poll tax.

The county jail is empty once more Bush having paid the balance due, after serving about a week.

SCRAP.

THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY IN THE BUSINESS RELATIONS OF LIFE.

Self interest is a law of our nature and so long as it is kept within proper bounds, it is legitimate and right. But when it is degraded into a mere greed for gold or inordinate thirst for place or power, it becomes more of a vice than a virtue. Observation plainly reveals the fact that the poorer or middle classes of humanity are by far the most generous and sympathetic. It is a universal law which has but few exceptions, that the more of wealth or power we acquire the more we desire, and unless the mind be constantly exercised by generous impulses and the dispensing of charities, the heart becomes cold and selfish, and turns a deaf ear to the calls of sorrowing humanity. There is no class of persons more generous and free-hearted than the farmers, and none are so much taken advantage of by those whose only object in life seems to be to make money. Nearly all trades and professions have their rules and regulations and are united in advancing each other's interests. Not so the farmer, for though his life is one of the most independent, and gives the largest freedom, yet the prices of the varied products of his farm are constantly subject to change often bringing less than the actual cost of production, while the middleman reaps a large pecuniary reward and grows rich, the farmer meanwhile scarcely more than holding his own. On the other hand, shut off from the world to a greater or less extent, and unacquainted with the fluctuations in trade and the productive cost of articles he must needs buy for the household and farm, he often gives a large per cent. into the hands of the dealer, thus paying high prices for what he buys, as well as losing on what he sells. The great end of our Organization is to meet this difficulty. Middlemen are often necessary and we are willing to give them a fair support, but we don't propose to let them take all the profit, and unless they yield to our demands, we propose to deal directly with the manufacturers, for our needed supplies. There is still another power, to whom perhaps we may pay a still larger tribute, and that is, the combined capital of transportation lines, the great monopolies of our day. So strong do they feel in their boasted strength, that they almost defy us, and laugh in our faces, and tell us to help ourselves if we can. As yet we know not our own strength, or what great problems we may work out in the future. We only know that "In union there is strength" and that "Labor conquers all things," and undaunted by the great obstacles to be overcome, disheartened by no adverse circumstances, caring not for the scoffs and jeers of those who were the truth but know reality fear the power we may exert, we propose to move onward with steadfast purpose. We are living in a "grand and awful time." There is need that all the better elements of society should be united for one common purpose marching to one grand old song. There are many other organizations with whom we can cooperate, yet outside of the Christian Church we claim to embody all the nobler principles that actuate the kindred Societies, and in our intellectual, social, and business relations with the world, do man feel that 1e for God and Humanity.

C. H. W.

Oxford County, in Maine, the home of the Governor of Maine, with about 20,000 inhabitants, has no grog shop, and its jail is without an occupant. Several other counties are without grog shops and with empty jails.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

MARY AND I.



'Twas evening in May; and the soft zephyr sighed Through branches low bending above My Mary and I, as we wandered along. "My Treasure, my beauty, my pride!" "We'll make us a nest like the birds," I said, "And never shall part any more." "Oh, yes," she replied, "and can furnish it?" "A HUBBREN & SHINDLER'S STORE."

"Fair creature, there's many a wealthier man Would gladly have you for a bride; But no one can love you more fondly than I. Oh, had I a mansion, with carpets of gold And silver, I'd cover the floor!" But, smiling, she said, "You can purchase the best."

"I'll spread you a conclusion which to recline When evening shall call us to rest, Of the fleeciest down." "But," she said with a sigh, "I like hair mattress the best." "Then so it shall be, love; the tables in laid, And seats from some far distant shore." "Oh, no," she exclaimed, "They have elephants."

"But, Mary, alas! I must sadly confess My means are but slender as yet; To furnish a house in the style you demand Would hopelessly plunge me in debt. To ask you to share my poor lodgings and board Is something that I should deplore." She said, with a smile, "You can buy very cheap."

"To purchase every style of furniture lower, Are able to supply all the public demand." "A HUBBREN & SHINDLER'S STORE." We went, Mary and I, and can I ever forget The pleasure that beamed in her face, As she gazed at the marvels of beauty displayed.

In HUBBREN & SHINDLER'S place! We furnished our home in an elegant style. I have been married twelve months or more And Mary is singing this song to her babe. OF HUBBREN & SHINDLER'S STORE. n37 ly

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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J. B. Matthews, Proprietor.

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CHEAPNESS OF ITS PRICES!

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ONE MAN'S MONEY IS AS GOOD AS ANOTHER'S.

All will fare alike in prices, which shall always be THE VERY LOWEST they can be afforded for

For Cash!

New Goods are constantly arriving and

New Goods, Good Goods, CHEAP GOODS, WILL SELL.

I will always keep all the Standard Brands of Goods and, by a strict integrity of purpose to deal as I would be dealt by, I now invite you to my Store, which I now christen the

Bee Hive Store.

Remember the place, J. N. Campbell's Old Stand, Forest Grove.

J. B. MATTHEWS, n7 ly

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A. HINMAN, Forest Grove, Nov. 7, 1873. n7 ly

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Washington County, Ogn., administrator of the estate of George Buemann, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them to me at my residence, five miles north-east of Hillsboro, Washington County, Ogn., or to Thos. H. Tongue, my attorney, at Hillsboro, within six months from the date of this notice.

ROBERT EMBRIE Hillsboro, Nov. 15th, 1873. n35 4

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, administrator of the estate of Truman Garrett, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are requested to present them to me at my residence, eight miles north-east of Hillsboro, County and State aforesaid, or to my attorney, Thos. H. Tongue, at Hillsboro, within six months from the date of this notice.

REBECCA A. GARRETT, Hillsboro, Nov. 15th, 1873. n35 4

Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has filed his final account as Administrator of the Estate of Simon O'Brien, deceased, in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, and that the first Monday in January, 1874, has been set by said Court for the hearing thereof.

W. B. CHATFIELD. n36 4w

BUSINESS CARDS.

NOTICE.

THOSE WISHING TO AVAIL THEMSELVES of the New Series of school books at the "introductory rates," which are 33 1/2 cents less than they will sell at after the time mentioned above, would do well to send in their orders to Dr. Saylor's Drug Store before the tenth of January next. All orders must be accompanied by the cash as the books are sold on commission.

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POST OFFICE HOURS.

Mail going south closes at 8 A. M.; Mail going east closes at 1 P. M. Office hours on Sunday from 10:30 to 11 A. M. No departure from this rule. N. E. GOODSELL, Post Master.

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J. R. Spencer, DEALER IN

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CORNELIUS, OREGON.

All kinds of Produce bought and sold. n14 ly

NOTICE.

I HEREBY NOTIFY ALL PERSONS against purchasing any accounts, except my negotiable notes of Messrs. Weeks & Morgan, of Portland, without my consent. Any person so doing will be liable to be put to trouble. n10 1/2

H. McDonald. n10 1/2

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