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Local News.

Sociable.

The sociable at the Congregational church Tuesday evening, had a fair attendance and the [illegible] evidently enjoyed themselves. On this occasion not many of the ladies of Hillsboro were present, the young folks being largely represented. There was a good deal of disorder—stamping and whistling—which should not be allowed in such a meeting as a sociable. It was not the fault of the children, but of their fathers and mothers. Believe they should teach their children better manners at home or else not allow them to go to society to disturb other people. [illegible] such places for social enjoyment and recreation. A sociable well managed should not be conducted in the same manner as a party of "black-men" or "black-face," and the placing of money for prizes is a practice contrary to a church sociable than in the other case, less proper in the former. We would respectfully suggest to Society Managers at this day mourn the corruption in government and the decadence in society with public officers, and at the same time are teaching children who will use their power to increase corruption and intemperance.

A Split.

Last Saturday evening, twelve members of the Forest Grove Good Templars Lodge withdrew from the Society because a gentleman who made application for membership was black-balled. The reasons were, Miss Hettie Martin, Miss Ella Scott, Miss Ada Cornell, Miss Eudora Hinds, Miss Putnam, Miss Tabitha Clarke; and Messrs. W. L. Cornelius, S. Walker, J. C. Stevenson, W. McLeod, L. [illegible] and M. Putman. This is a serious matter indeed. It will lessen very much the good done by the Lodge. Those who have withdrawn were active, intelligent and active members in the Society and are influential citizens in the community. We hope this matter will be compromised. As the reason for membership was black-balled purely on personal grounds, we think a decision of the Lodge in this case was in contravention of the rules of the Order.

A Monstrosity.

Mr Johns of this place has on exhibition at his store [illegible] which is a wonderful combination of the features and forms of a [illegible] feet long, [illegible] high, and has [illegible] shape. The skin is [illegible]. The nose is [illegible]. The [illegible] of long hair [illegible] and thick. The ears hang [illegible] like those of a dog's ears. The tail is like that of a cat. The legs are short and [illegible]. The feet have [illegible]. The hoofs are [illegible]. The hair is [illegible]. It was found in a river [illegible] north of this place. [illegible]

Thos. Emerson.—A [illegible] Wm. McCulloch, Fred McLeod, Harry [illegible], Cornelius and Oliver Hinds [illegible] in the mill [illegible] Hinds mill on Dairy creek [illegible] in cutting across [illegible] from forty to eighty [illegible]. A conversation between Mr. [illegible] and Mr. Emerson [illegible] Mr. Emerson [illegible] the [illegible] in question [illegible] Mr. Emerson [illegible] Mr. Emerson [illegible] Mr. Emerson