

AGENTS FOR THE INDEPENDENT
Wheeler Bros., Oakland;
J. Lyons, Astoria;
J. R. P. Wilson, Yoneda;

The Literary Exercises.
The literary exercises at the last meeting of the Philanthropic literary society were first-class in every particular, and the number of visitors in attendance was quite large.

Route Weather.
A letter received by Mr. Jos. Clough from Empire City under date of Jan. 9th, is as follows: "Yesterday witnessed one of the most terrific gales ever experienced in this country, taking timber, houses and vessels in its fury."

Pastor's Matters.
During the year 1879 the postoffice at Roseburg issued 2,009 orders, the amt received for orders issued, \$45,759 85; fee on the above orders, \$41,185; during the year the number of orders paid, 676, amounting to \$17,453 40; amount deposited at Portland on money orders, \$28,149 02; 12 orders repaid, amounting to \$156 81; commissions allowed and created during the year, \$139 82; number of parcels and letters registered during the year amount to 494; the sale of stamps during the year amount to \$283 38; the number of stamps cancelled on matter mailed amount to \$1,768 48.

Lately Arrived.
Dr. Scroggs, of Bushnell, Ill, lately arrived here, has brought the drugs, medicines and Dr. Woodruff, and is renovating and replenishing the store, preparatory to keeping a full line of pure and reliable drugs and medicines; and also books, stationary and toilet articles.

In Roseburg.
Mr. Jas. W. Hamilton arrived in this city from Coos Bay Tuesday, making the trip via Dr. J. D. Hamilton's in the enjoyment of excellent health, and is being kindly welcomed by his numerous friends. He reports the contracts for the improvement of the Coos Bay bar and harbor as having been let, and that the work of improvement has already commenced. He will remain in Roseburg for several months.

Programme.
Following is the programme of the Philanthropes for next Tuesday evening as far as made up: Lecture, by Judge Watson (unless compelled to be out of town); discussion, Fred Flood and John Guddell, question, Resolved, That a standing army should be sustained; supported by Mrs. George Roberts, comic song by Albert Hafendens; Good music promised for the occasion, and also a recitation by some one. Let there be a full attendance.

Purchased the Property.
Mr. S. Wheeler this week purchased the house and lot on Coos Bay road, on the corner of the street. Mr. Wheeler and family will soon remove to Roseburg town, and as soon as the weather opens Mr. Noble's family will take their departure for Eastern Oregon.

Loss of Horse.
From Mr. J. L. Warren we learn that 10 horses belonging to himself and brothers, died during the past month with a disease which much resembles epizootic. No horses have been saved after once attacked, and it appears that the disease is most prevalent during cold frosty weather.

Restaurant.
Mr. M. A. Brentano has opened a new restaurant opposite Hafendens Bros., store, and is ready for any number of patrons. The new proprietor has had long experience in the business and will at all hours be prepared to serve meals or lunches in fine style and at lowest prices.

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Winter's Backbone Broken.
The people of Umqua valley are now congratulating themselves upon the general appearance of the weather, which would indicate that the "backbone" of winter is broken. Buds are swelling, birds singing, etc.

The Game Law.
Our readers must remember that the game law takes effect February 15th, after which date it will be contrary to law to kill deer.

FIRED INTO ITSELF.
The Plaindealer of last week contained the following paragraph, which was copied into the Standard in this shape:

It is reported, and generally believed, says the Roseburg (Republican) Plaindealer, that Sol. Abraham has purchased a controlling interest in the Mercury and has moved it to Portland to furnish his own private ends. We congratulate the democrats of the State upon their acquisition.

The Plaindealer must have failed to think twice in writing the above, for the paragraph lays it plainly open to the charge that it desires to help the democracy. It has been said that the Mercury is published now to divide the democratic party, and democratic organs make the accusation against the paper. Now, if Sol. Abraham has purchased the Mercury, it stands to reason that he has done so for the purpose of creating dissension in the democratic party for the benefit of the republicans, and if the Plaindealer is not suited by the purchase it cannot be pleased at what would promise to increase the chances of its party for success. This is the logical conclusion in the premises as the case stands, and were it not for the fact that Sol. Abraham has not purchased the Mercury and does not own one dollar in it, this newspaper, the idea might grow out of the Plaindealer's remarks that the Plaindealer desires to play traitor to its party by exposing its party's inside work.

Roseburg Water Works.
Mr. Henry Bowen has secured by deed all the right and title of J. D. Bowen to the springs on the hill east of the city, also the right of way for pipes, and will commence work early in the spring in the erection of a building, pipe-laying and the construction of mains to supply Roseburg with fresh, pure water, for fire and domestic purposes. The main spring flows two gallons of water per minute during the month of the year. At this spring will be built a tank of brick and cemented 50 feet square, and having a capacity of 15,000 gallons of water. In case the main spring does not furnish sufficient flow of water, other springs of nearly the same size will be connected with it by pipes. Already have contractors been interviewed by Mr. Bowen, and the preliminaries settled in the securing of building materials. This is one of the most important improvements to the city, and undoubtedly will receive the encouragement of every property-owner and business man in Roseburg.

Stowaway Grain.
Reports from various precincts are to the effect that many farmers are engaged in stowaway grain. There is yet much plowing to be done, and it is unfortunate that the grain crop of Douglas county is not already planted. The weather at this writing is warm and pleasant, more like May than January, and is now all in the soil it would bring an early harvest and decrease the chances for rust.

Death of J. J. Nichols.
J. J. Nichols died at Sam's valley, in Jackson county, on the 11th instant, after an illness of only four days duration. Mr. Nichols was 54 years of age at the time of his death, and formerly a resident of this county. He removed to Jackson county in 1868, where he remained to the time of his death, honored and respected by all. His life was insured in the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance company for \$1,000.

Hanged Himself.
The Chinaman, Wang Fook, who was to have been hanged last Tuesday for the murder of his mistress Hui Qui, hanged himself in jail by suspending himself with a scarf, fastened across his neck, to the ceiling of his cell. Before his death he left a written statement declaring his innocence of the crime, and charging one Ah Wing with having shot the woman.

Frozen to Death.
The missing sheep herder, Amie Bogue, of Wasco county, whose relatives reside in Dallas, Polk county, has been found. He went out into the storm of Black Friday to gather in the sheep, and failed to return. His body was found on the 11th, near the ranch, where he had sunk down and frozen to death, the thermometer being 25 degrees below zero at the time.

Secured Abraham's Hall.
The managers of the masquerade ball have secured Abraham's hall warehouse at the depot for the masquerade ball on the 9th of February, and will at once proceed to fit it up in a handsome style. With the place secured, good music, and a good agent, the ball will be a complete success.

Going to Canyonville.
It has been reported upon the streets for several days that the Oregon and California railroad company would start an early day extended the railroad from this place to Canyonville; but upon diligent inquiry we are forced to the conclusion that there is no truth or foundation in the report.

Returned Home.
Mr. L. L. Williams has returned home from Portland. While at the metropolis he was interviewed by an Oregonian reporter as to his choice for president and vice president, and replied, Garretton and Grover. He wanted a ticket with backbone.

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UMQUA FERRY.
Everybody in this section seems to have a bad cold.

Another independent victory! Ed. Fields is the happy father of a ten-pounder, and it arrived on the 15th inst., and is of the female persuasion.

The deep snow hindered the miners of Jackson creek and other sections from working, but this impediment is now the past.

Parties from San Francisco have organized a company with the intention of opening up and working an extensive tract of ground lying along the Ticks creek, which is supposed to be very rich.

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STOP THIEF!
EDITOR INDEPENDENT: Last Wednesday night, while I was visiting my sick boy at town, some thief went into my smoke house and stole a ham and shoulder of a hog I had killed a day or two ago. It is pretty well known who the thief is, and he does not stop stealing, and goes to work to support his family honestly by either receive a change of location or coat of furs and feathers, the first thing he knows. This is not the only thing committed in the neighborhood this winter.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT: While men lay with a pickaxe and shovel on earth, weighed down by object speculation which took its rise from designing and ignorant preachers, threatening men with horrid terrors, then at length Thomas Paine first dared to assert his natural liberty.

The Sterling company is delayed by snow, which lies about four feet deep at the head of its ditch. The water was turned out when the storm subsided, and the snow melted, and will proceed with all possible speed.

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NOTICE.
LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OREGON, Jan. 15, 1880.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make a proof in support of his claim, and a certificate of title thereon at the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice, to wit: Thomas P. Maupin—pre-emption claim statement No. 2286 for lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, section 27, T. 33 N. R. 7 W. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: G. W. Dimick, of Douglas county, and David McMillan, of Douglas county. W. F. BISHAM, Register.

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