

Brief Bulletins.

Firesmen meet next Monday. Prepare for the Christmas tree. Leon Levy returned from his trip to Portland, Thursday. Mrs. Deering returned from her visit to the east, last Sunday. Buy your Christmas goods of Higginson & Rogers, La Grande. The Oregonian has published facilities of the Mitchell letters. Born—Sunday Dec. 17th, to the wife of Al. Dickson, a daughter. The meetings of the Literary Society are getting to be very interesting. A big shooting match will take place at High valley school house on Christmas day. Remember the grand ball at Wright Bros. hall, on New Year's night, Jan. 1st 1886. See ad. next week. The books of the Cove drug store must be balanced by Jan. 1st. Call in at once an settle your account. A number of interesting communications have been received this week that we cannot publish for want of space. Dr. Strange, chief clerk of the Senate, having completed his labors at the capitol, returned the fore part of the week. A social party was given at the residence of John Dobbins last Friday evening in honor of Miss Minnie Johnson. It was a pleasant affair. An Old Folks Concert, will be given by the Ladies of the Presbyterian church, in Wrights hall on New Years eve. The programme will be given next week. Honore Eaton killed his pet bear last Tuesday. The bear had grown too large, and was altogether too aggressive and overbearing in his demeanor. A grand ball will be given at Wright Bros. hall on the evening of Jan. 1st 1886. Music by the Union String Band. Tickets include supper \$2.50. W. H. M. Conroy is now conducting a Real Estate Business, and Mal and Female Employment Agency, on the corner of First and Washington streets, Portland. The snow has disappeared from the valley, and we have had the most delightful weather during the past week. Think of that ye frost bitten denizens of the East. Mr. E. S. Crain, of the firm of Crain Bros. watchmakers of East Portland, has been in this city for several days, past taking in the situation, and will probably locate here. James Galloway, who recently bought block 4 in Lewis addition, has built an extensive addition to the house and is fitting it up nicely. These facts, taken in connection with his projected visit to Portland in a few days, looks suspicious. A Christmas tree and entertainment will be given in the Frosty district on Christmas eve. Parties wishing to attend the ball at the Cove that evening can also attend the entertainment without inconvenience. The programme is short, and the exercises will begin at 6:30 o'clock. Mr. Curran, chairman of the commissioners elected to build the wagon road from this city to Hogen, informs us that considerable additions have been made to the bill, and that work will be pushed as rapidly as possible. Citizens throughout the valley will have a chance to subscribe shortly. Married—At the residence of Horace Baton, in this city on Wednesday evening last, Mr. Marshall Woodard and Miss Elsie Myers, Rav. P. W. officiating. A reception was given the young couple, on Thursday evening, at the residence of E. H. Rindhart, which was attended by a large number of invited guests. W. T. Wright has had some business glass plates, about 5x7 feet in size, put in the front of the bank building, which adds greatly to its appearance. He is also having extensive improvements made on the inside, which when completed, will make it the most convenient and elegant bank in the state, outside of Portland. Messrs. Ostrander and Brown are doing the carpenter work. The first meeting of the Pine Creek Road Commission took place last Monday. Mr. Danis was elected chairman of the board, Collin Campbell, Superintendent, and J. W. Strange employed as Secretary. We believe it is the intention of the Board to let the building of this new road contract, with the exception of the Eagle creek bridge, which is to be let in a separate contract, and constructed this winter if possible. Last Monday as Mr. Connor was bringing a load of lumber down the steep grade, on Catherine creek, the saw mill, a wheel dropped from a rut and one of the horses was crushed off the grade. Mr. Connor rescued the horse, and thinking that the horse would thereby be enabled to reach his feet. The horse in endeavoring to get up, exerted himself from the harness and tumbled down the almost perpendicular embankment, a distance of nearly a hundred feet. Strange to say, the horse was unhurt, and when Mr. Connor tried to catch him, he lit out at a gallop at a five to four.

La Grande Laconics. Dec. 17th, 1885. Things rather quiet on this side. The deputy sheriff is collecting taxes to-day. Work still progressing on the addition to the board house. Bookpress' store building is about completed, and will be occupied about Christmas. J. T. Outhouse has moved into the building formerly occupied by John Hailey, and is waiting till the first of the year, when he will take possession of the Land office. Thos. Parker has not been seen on the streets, but once, since the first fall of snow. It is hoped by the people that there will be a fair. While the trial was going on, between Clayborne and Ladd, in Justice Mahaffey's court, the attorneys, Joe Baker and C. H. Finn, became very much warmed up and wrath over the subject, and one of them attempted to emphasize his words by doubling on his antagonist with a spittoon. The argument commenced in earnest. The robes of grammar were thrown aside, things were called by their right names, and the subject handled in a scientific and correct manner. Pleadings and denunciations were filed straight from the shoulder, in rapid succession. The atmosphere became so tropical that the court adjourned sine die, and the argument brought to a close by the interference of the marsh and deputy sheriff. Taken altogether it was the liveliest and most interesting case we have had on the docket for some time. OVERTURN.

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Lostine Locals. Dec. 14, 1885. We are to have a Christmas tree. Some snow, but not enough for good sleighing. A boat and shoe store has been opened by F. H. Bugbee. "Sleepy Butcher" won the late horse race by about thirty feet. Everybody should attend the grand ball on Christmas night. Rev. Shields will soon move out to his ranch and engage in farming. Success be with him. Tom Healey will soon take his departure for Walla Walla. His many friends regret to have him go. Two of our young married men got into a terrible encounter with each other a few days ago. It is not yet decided who is the best man. Some of the young town hoodlums are making themselves very obnoxious by going around and peeping through windows at night and annoying neighbors. They ought to be ashamed of themselves, but as they are not, their parents should certainly try and control them in some way. Some of them will probably get hurt soon.

Telecast Tattlings. Dec. 15, 1885. Roads in bad condition for traveling. Snow all gone, owing to warm wind. Great flocks of prairie chickens between here and Powder river. Last Friday evening a dance was given at Mrs. Frank Rusick's. Thirty valley. Good attendance and much enjoyment. Conroy & Tomlinson have built a lot of substantial sheddling for the protection of the sheep at Hays & Smith's ranch in Antelope. Those who have so loudly about their fortitude and physical endurance, should take rides to and from Telecast and Union about now. If they could stand nature's "blowing" they would have something to blow about.

Joseph Jottings. These will be dancing in this valley during the holidays. E. W. Noyd begins school at Lostine, the first of next week. A hockey society is organizing at Alder, and a skating rink at Joseph. Many matters seem busily close this winter. Not much business in this line. Matt Johnston is putting in a stock of goods at Wallawa, a new town in Lower valley. A three inch snow fell last week followed by a cold snap—two degrees below zero at one time. Health is generally good in this valley except a few cases of whooping cough in the Alder settlement. Strange they can't let the exact date about one of our ministers, and not a "Walter," but "Flower," then up to suit themselves. A subscription paper last week circulated in the valley, and subscribers were to pay annual subscriptions to be expended on the Wallawa canyon road, and a meeting of the subscribers will be held at Alder, the 21st, inst., to elect a committee of three to supervise the work and spend the money. A good move. No more trifling with a County court.

Big Creek Crumbs. Dec. 14th, 1885. Snow—Nights cold—No excellent hope. Some slight riding going on. No wrappings for several days past. P. H. Miles is still working on his mill. The Literary and Debating Society is organized on time, with a fine attendance. Big Bull at Wright's hall on Christmas night, and a grand time expected. Come up Mr. Scott's time and enjoy yourself. H. H. Briggs has received his appointment as post master, but there is no mail route. VENUS.

Mr. J. H. D. Richardson, died at his residence in Eugene city on the 14th inst. Mr. Harbo on was representative from Oregon at the 23rd congress.

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