

Island City Items.

January 23, 1888.

A lively crowd of boys and girls, When evening chores were done, Went riding in a mammoth sleigh To have a little fun.

One fellow was a dasher, A genuine young man; This made the boys so jealous They tried quite hard to lose him. The dude with rising passion, In Chesterfieldish fashion, Remembered he wouldn't stay behind; No! No one could induce him.

When they reached Island city, They thought it was a pity To serve the girls so shabbily When they deserved a treat. The gentlemanly dandy Was lusted after candy, Although the boys were satisfied The girls were plenty sweet.

The candy proved to be a blind To leave the dudish chap behind. Scarcely had he entered Holmes' store, And closed behind the massive door, With whip and halloo to La Grande Went boys and girls, a jolly band.

All went merry as a bell, Till in front the Sultz Hotel; There the cries that arose Were wonderfully out of tune. The partners laughed heartily, To see a delightful party With their seventeen pair of trotters Pointing at the moon.

The young chaps after while Began to stretch the pile, To see if they could get Their girls untangled. When they got them sorted out, They gave a joyful shout, To find that not a Single one was mangled.

One fellow seemed inclined To pretend he was blind, And said he couldn't help A feeling solemn. The boys examined well, And pointed water to tell His plug had reached Clear to his spinal column.

This is all the news you'll get Of this wonderful upset, And I think you'll find The main points strictly true. But while riding in your sleigh, If you ever go that way, Look around the snow drift For an overshoe.

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man that appeared on the scene went in, took a look around and came out with the tears running down his face, just as a comrade came up. "What are you crying about, Bill? B. remembering the old R. P. anecdote replies, "I was just thinking of my poor old grandfather that was lung for shape stealing in cold Ireland." Newcomer goes in and comes out, weeping also. B. "What's the matter with you, Joe?" J. "I was just crying because you warn't lung when your old grandfather was." It is not known who the cautious citizen was, but as J. H. seems to have his reputation established, and the boys have a burning desire to get hold of some one, it would be well for him to keep pretty close at home till the red pepper blows over, or he may live to fight two or three days.

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Strayed or Stolen--\$5.00 Reward.

The following described animal has been stolen, or has strayed from the range near Tolocast: One yearling colt, branded thus: on the right shoulder, white mark on left hind leg. We will pay the above reward to anyone returning the animal or giving information as to its whereabouts. J. W. EARLS, Tolocast, Oregon.

Strayed or Stolen--\$20.00 Reward.

One buckskin red horse, 7 years old, branded A C on left shoulder; also one bay horse, 4 years old, two hind feet white, branded --- three bars on right shoulder. J. M. RICHARDSON, Cornucopia, Union county, Oregon.

LOST. \$5.00 REWARD.

From the range on land hill, last April, one grey gelding under, about 15 hands high, and white tail, was given for her to turn, or informant on as to where she is. Address: J. W. EARLS, La Grande, Oregon.

TAKEN UP.

By Bishop Johns & Co. of Indian Valley precinct, Union county, Oregon, the following described horses, and duly posted as to where they are: One buckskin colored mare, branded W on right hip and left hind quarter, about 15 hands high, and supposed to be 8 years old. One roan horse, branded W on right hip and right shoulder, about 4 years old and about 14 1/2 hands high. One bay mare, branded S on left hip and V on right hip, about 14 hands high, 7 or 8 years old. One sorrel horse, branded K on right shoulder, 15 hands high, 9 or 10 years old. One brown filly, 3 years old, no brand that can be seen, right hind foot white, up to the joint and white tail. The above described horses were apprehended by me this 9th day of Jan. 1888, as follows: Buckskin, \$15; roan, \$15; bay, \$15; sorrel, \$30; brown, \$5.

J. H. COWAN, Justice of the Peace, Indian Valley Precinct.

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