THE POLK COUNTY ITEMIZER.

DALLAS, SATURDAY, FEB. 17, 1883.

ITEMS IN BRIEF.

Mrs. J. B. Riggs is again quite sick.

One of Mrs. Lyle's fine horses is very sick.

Jap. R. Miller has been confined to his room with a slight spell of sickness.

Mr. A. B. Gibson, of Salem, was in town on Tuesday.

J. W. Gardner, of Salem, is in town selling pianos and organs

I. I. Dempsey, of Dixie, gave us a pleasant call on Wednesday.

The Dallas Hotel is having quite a run of patronage this week.

Prof. D. W. Jarvis, of Perrydale, made us a pleasant call.

A. Shultz purchased a fine organ of Gardner Bros.

N. L. Butler, has bought some nice furniture to furnish his parlor.

The Womans' Suffrage Association is in session at Portland.

Butler DeLashmutt has for sale 160 head of sound sheep, for $2.75 per head.

Samuel Guthard, of Luckiamute, we understand, has lost a horse valued at $600.

The wife and daughter of Tom Gilbert, the Indian prisoner, are visiting him at the county jail.

W. P. Wright has purchased another fourth interest in the LaCreole stone quarry.

A very pleasant and enjoyable party was had at W. W. Conkey's residence, given by his daughter Carrie, on Thursday evening.

All kinds of Job printing will be done at this office in the very best style, and on short notice. Bring your job work and prove it.

W. H. Austin, brakeman on the narrow guage, who dislocated his shoulder by a fall while skating, expects to be able to resume his duties next week.

Alice Holman, another daughter of Sheriff Holman who has been quite sick during the past week, is now slowly recovering.

The Second Brigade Band, O. S. M., encouraged by the usual success, will give a Calico Ball at their Hall on February 22nd. Those attending will no doubt have a fine time.

On account of failing health Mrs. America Grant has quit house-keeping and for the present will stop with her son William. C. A. Johns has rented her house and will move in soon.

Some of our boys have bicycles, which afford them exercise and amusement. But they should exercise great care in their use, lest they should be the cause of a runaway.

M. L. Pipes, Esq., will move his law office to a room up stairs in the Court House. Where he will at all times be found read to attend to any and all business entrusted to his care.

Geo. A. Sheppard & Co. having concluded to move their Salem stock of goods to The Dalles, and "Mitch," preferring Dallas to "The Dalles," returned home this week, with his wife, to remain at present.

As two gentlemen were coming to town on last Tuesday, they discovered four coyotes in the road ahead of them a little way above town. A flock of sheep were near by, and it is presumed that the wolves were watching them in the absence of the herder.

The courageous Miss Good, one of our energetic compositors, having suffered for several days with tooth-ache, went on last Tuesday, to the office of Mr. Mason, dentist, and became victimized to the amount of five incisors, all at one sitting. She took gas, but "hollered" all the same.

Gaines Fisher, says the Oregonian who recently sold his livery stable in Salem to Ford & Ellis of this place, has purchased the vacant lot north of the Chemeketa Hotel with the intention of again going into his old business. We understand there is either a misunderstanding or violation of honor.

The heavy mining suit instituted two years ago, in Jackson county, by H. Kelly against Wm. and Walter Ruble, of this county to recover a vendor's lien over the Coyote creek mines, was on last Friday decided in the Supreme Court in favor of the defendants, the decree of the court below being reversed.

We acknowledge a pleasant call on last Tuesday from Mr. H. J. Bevens, of Yaquina Bay, and Mr. E. W. Allingham, of Soap Creek in this county. We learn from them that the former has sold his farm consisting of 460 acres, to the latter for the sum of $8,500. Mr. Bevens informs us that work is still progressing on the Yaquina Bay railroad.

Mr. J. W. Gardner, of Gardner Bros., was in town this week and sold two organs, one to W. W. Miller and one to H. L. Deacon. He gave an instrumental and vocal performance at the residence of N. L. Butler Wednesday evening, but the venerable "Tack" failed to yield to its soothing charms. The performance was highly appreciated by the audience.

Daly & Butler, the attorney's of Tom Gilbert the doomed Indian have taken an appeal to the Supreme Court and have procured a stay of proceedings. This gives him a new lease on his life, at least until it is decided by that Court, when if the judgment of the Circuit Court is affirmed another time will be set for execution. If the judgement be reversed it will be remanded for further proceedings.

A short time since, on the authority of Dr. Holmes, of Salem the ITEMIZER announced that young Swards, sentenced to the Penitentiary for life from Multnomah County, was lying very low with consumption. The Standard saw fit to assail this item as an attempt to procure a pardon for young Swards. Swards has since died of consumption. We hope the Standard will hereafter confine itself to facts. That it will not see fit to cast any uncalled for reflections or impugn the motives of those who are honest in opinion and the discharge of their duty.

A CARD.

EDITOR ITEMIZER: Sir—Please allow me to say to your readers that I, as Bridgeport correspondent, never wrote anything insulting or scandalous about any one.

JOHN J. BROWN.

Contest.

There was a literary contest at Monmouth on Friday evening between the Corvallis and Monmouth Literary Societies. It consisted in a debate on the tariff question and of two recitations by each society.

NOTICE.

Those who are indebted to me, either on note or account, are respectfully requested to come forward and settle within 30 days. I do not wish to offend anyone, or to cause anyone to incur expense, but I cannot wait any longer; therefore, be on time and do not wait for the collectors, for they are expensive. ADOLF WOLF.

INDEPENDENCE, Jan. 17, 1883.

Pioneer Association.

The Oregon Association last week in session at Salem chose the 15th day of June 1883 as the time for their Eleventh Annual Reunion to be held at the State Fair Grounds. Al. Zieber, of Portland, was elected Grand Marshal. Hon. W. Lair Hill was invited to deliver the annual address and the Rev. E. R. Geary, the occasional address.

PERRYDALE ITEMS.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

Ezra Poppleton, of Independence, was in town on Wednesday.

C. T. Waller went to Salem the fore part of the week.

Miss Rhoda Colver, who has been visiting at this place, has gone to Albany.

School closed on Friday last and there will be a vacation for one month.

We understand that turkey dinners are taken as tuition in exchange for rate bills.

Prof. Jarvis and Will Townsend received more valentines than any other two persons in town. The Prof. received eighteen and Will two.

Keyt & Frizzell having received one dollar per bushel for their wheat, have begun shipping the same. It goes to the Oregon City Mills.

Mrs. Harty, living about three miles north of Perrydale, died on Tuesday last of heart disease. She was about sixty years of age and in good health, having cooked breakfast, after which she announced she was going to die and immediately expired.

Still we are enabled to chronicle through special reporter, the meeting of the L. L. S. of this place with a crowded house. The speech of Prof. Jarvis, the standard-bearer of the society, brought out a brilliant audience. We are informed that the society have challenged the "boys" of Bethel, to an "oral combat" and we are also told that the correspondence between the Profs. of the two societies came very near resulting disastrously in a financial sense, to them, each being anxious to back his composition against the other with coin; yes, even into the hundreds.

Oregon State Normal School.

Monmouth, Oregon, Feb. 12, 1883.

EDITOR ITEMIZER:—As you invite correspondence on educational matters, your readers will no doubt be interested in knowing something of the prosperity and prospects of the State Normal School which Polk county was so fortunate as to secure at the hands of the last Legislature through the untiring efforts of our delegation in both Senate and House. On the approval of the bill by the Governor the Normal School was fully organized here to comply with the requirements of the law.

The third term opened last week under most flattering prospects. The attendance is largely increased and the enthusiasm in the work continues to grow. The enrollment during the year, so far, is more than one hundred, and new students are arriving each week.

The work of the Normal school is specially that of preparing teachers for their work, but as the Normal is the exponent of the best methods of teaching, it furnishes superior facilities for an education to those who do not intend to teach.

The faculty numbers six members and there are several assistants. There are about forty daily recitations, occupying all three stories of the brick building.

Everything goes to show that the necessity for a State Normal school was deeply felt and is now highly appreciated. The graduates in the Normal course receive diplomas from the State Board of Education that authorize them to teach in any public school in the State. We invite every friend of education in Polk county to come and see the work that is going on. Yours truly,

CITIZEN.

LINCOLN ITEMS.

Wheat about all shipped. A lot sold recently for $1.10 per bushel.

The freeze is a thing of the past. It injured the crops to some extent, but hopes are entertained that they will ultimately recover.

Next Sunday, the 18th instant, Rev. W. D. Nichols will preach at Perrydale at eleven o'clock, and at Lincoln at six o'clock. Public cordially invited.

Our young ladies are getting up a social for the evening of the 14th instant, to be held in the chapel. It promises to be a very enjoyable affair. Any thing that the elderly or young ladies of Lincoln take in hand succeeds.

This would be a good point for a steam ferry. It is the best point for ferrying during high water between Albany and Portland; therefore a good steam ferry would do an excellent business and pay a large per cent. on the investment.

BALLSTON ITEMS.

J. V. Lynch is laid up by a very painful abscess on his ankle.

Mrs. A. N. Martin is also quite sick having some sort of a billious attack.

Mr. G. W. Graves, who has been sick with typhoid fever, is recovering.

We have had pleasant calls from Hon. J. D. Lee and D. M. Guthrie, of Dallas. We find uncle Dave as genial as ever.

Mr. Hathaway Yocum and A. N. Martin will each build new dwelling houses in town as soon as the weather will admit of getting the material.

C. Schimmel, of Willamina, contractor and builder, was in town Wednesday, and has taken the contract to build the dwelling for A. N. Martin.

We are glad to chronicle the fact that D. P. Stouffer is gradually regaining his health, and will soon be able to take upon himself the duties of Justice of the Peace of this place, to which office he holds an appointment.

Several of our prominent citizens, slightly addicted to a card game called poker, have pledged themselves to each other to the amount of sixty dollars, not to play poker during the year. We hope they will succeed in their endeavor, as a reformation, even in small vices, is a blessing.

A young lady, visiting in this vicinity from abroad, asked our young man who measures calico, for taffy flowers. Not knowing what they were, he only told her he did not keep them. Since then he has been consulting Webster's Dictionary and all the oldest inhabitants, but finds the pursuit of knowledge in this direction difficult, as he still don't know.

A number of the substantial residents in this vicinity are considering the feasibility of locating a flouring mill here in the near future. We hope they can make it a success as this is an industry that is a direct benefit to every person in this locality, and none should be backward in encouraging it.

The weather has moderated, and a great diversity of opinion exists among the farmers as to the amount of damage done to growing crops by the late freeze up, some claiming that their wheat is entirely ruined while others say their damage is merely nominal. We hope none will have to replant, as granaries and warehouses were never lower in the Willamette valley at this season of the year than at present.

A Bright Old Age.

Uncle Billy Howe, of Dallas, recently received a letter from his uncle, Wm. A. Krog, of Crawfordsville, Indiana. Mr. Krog is ninety-three years old, but his handwriting is clear, firm and beautiful. He makes special mention of the fact that he can walk without a cane, and can make three miles an hour. He has seven living children. Citing a remark of his friends that he is good for ten years longer, he says that he has no assurance of his life from one day to another, but calmly awaits the summons that is to call him home. What changes have taken place since the old man was a boy! It is something very beautiful, this peaceful, contented old age, looking back to a youth that is faded, and forward to a youth that is to last forever.

For dentistry, go to Mason.

MONMOUTH ITEMS.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

Mr. F. S. Powell, had the misfortune to cut his foot with an ax. It is a bad wound, but is doing nicely, so he is able to walk around on it.

Quite a laughable incident took place here, during our cold snap. Our druggist, Mr. ——, had a bottle each of cinnamon and peppermint water, which was about to freeze and he concluded to take them to his residence to prevent the bottles from breaking. While on the way home, was met by one of Mark Twain's "innocents abroad," who, by the way, wants to know all that is going on, and seeing Mr. —— carrying a bottle under each arm accosted him with, "Hello! what's up now?" Mr. —— seeing a good chance for a joke, says: "Oh, my alcohol is froze up and I am taking it to the house to thaw it out," which caused "Innocence" to make an extra trip to Independence to tell it, thinking it was all in dead earnest. He is now watching the other druggist to see if he can find out whether his alcohol froze, and also trying to catch our merchant putting sand in his sugar.

A serio comic accident happened on the ice a few days ago, while quite a number of ladies and gentlemen were skating, and all thinking they were on a pond of shallow water, one young man, who was running pretty fast on his skates, fell through a hole in the ice and his feet taking a forward slant, the water being only about a foot deep, he slid right under the ice in the water up to his chin; others soon came to his relief and he was soon extricated, but the word was passed from one to another, that the young man had fallen into water up to his chin, and it caused such a flutter among the ladies, (not because they thought so much of the young man,) but because they did not think the water was so deep. When told of the affair, one young lady said: "Oh, my! I didn't know the water was that deep here." Then you ought to have seen them scamper off that ice, but it was soon learned how he crawled in under the ice, and all went on as merry as ever.

ZENA ITEMS.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

How did you like your valentines?

Will it ever quit freezing?

Seed wheat is a scarce article in this vicinity; potatoes also are in good demand.

Rev. Lynch will preach here to-morrow at 11 a. m., and 6:30 p. m. All are invited.

Some few cases of staggers among horses in our neighborhood.

D. Henry and D. Gibson were the lucky men this time, and one coyote was the victim last Wednesday morning.

The valentine social at Lincoln, on the evening of the 11th, was a pleasant one; but as many interested were strangers to us, we cannot give them the credit they deserve, but would say, in short, it was a grand affair and the ladies deserve great credit.

J. T. Hunt, Zena's former vulcan, returned home one day last week from a three months visit among friends and relatives in Washington Territory. He will take charge of his shop in a few days; it has been in progress by J. J. Flynn during his absence.

DIED—Phillip Fuller, step son of Wm. Pike, died at his home February 8, 1883, aged about ten years.

Celebration of Washington's Birthday.

The Literary Society connected with the Academy have determined to celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Washington's Birthday, by appropriate ceremonies at the Academy chapel, on Thursday evening next.

The observance of this event in our nation's history is very appropriate, because it expresses, at it were, the love of grateful children toward a parent who has left them the richest legacy: and, because, if we would preserve our freedom, so dearly bought by Washington and his band of patriots, we must fan the fires of patriotism that they lo not quenched by the self-seeking politician of to-day.

Let every youth in our schools learn to revere the name of Washington and honor the flag which protects our homes and is the emblem of our greatness.

All are invited to this celebration which we hope will be regarded as a precedent, to be followed by a loving zeal by the students who may hereafter gather in the halls of our Institute. The exercise will consist of appropriate music by the members of the societies, a recitation, "Our Nation's Flag" by Miss Lena Whitson, the reading of Washington's Farewell Address, by Miss Ora Palmer, and an oration, American Liberty, by Mr. R. F. Robinson.

A Polk County Invention.

Mr. William A. Stoddard, a resident of this county, has received a patent for a can-opener that is so simple and does its work so well that it must supercede every other one in the market. Without a cut, it is impossible to describe its details. A circular receiving plate receives the can. Above the can are two semi-circular knives which receive a downward motion from a cam lever and at the same time and by the same lever; the can is raised to meet the knives. A single motion of the lever cuts the top of the can completely out, the knives being thrown up to place by a spring. A moment only is necessary to open a can. The arrangement is such that there is no danger of cutting the hands of the operator. The whole machine occupies small space, and may be set on a table or counter. A child can easily operate it. When one considers the wounded fingers that people have suffered in the daily necessity of opening cans, this invention may be considered a boon to humanity. Not only every grocery man, restaurant-keeper, and hotel-keeper will, on seeing this opener work, insist on having one, but the good housewives, throughout the land, will be sure to want them. It is certainly a marvel of ingenuity and simplicity combined. Any information desired of this invention may be obtained by addressing Mr. Wm. A. Stoddard, at Dallas.

Antiquity of Wheat.

Prof. J. Wrightson, of England, states that it is doubtful whether wheat has ever been found growing wild. Adolphe de Condelle believed wheat had been found in a natural state in Asia; but others think it had escaped from cultivation. Botanists do not agree on the parentage of any of our cereals. It is still not determined whether wheat may have existed in a wild form in regions where the human race is supposed to have originated or are modified forms of species now growing wild. The record of wheat growth is amongst the oldest in history. In the Bible connected with the plagues of Egypt, not less than 3,000 years ago, wheat, rye, and barley are mentioned. Prof. Wrightson says he has himself dredged up wheat grains from the bottom of Lake Pfeffeced in Switzerland, preserved by charring, from these ancient lake dwellings of the bronze period. They resemble closely our ordinary wheat.—Ex.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by Jasper R. Miller.

Rod Cooper, of Independence, paid Dallas a flying visit on Wednesday.

BUENA VISTA ITEMS.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

Revs. Hollenbaugh and Hershner are holding a protracted meeting at this place, considerable interest is manifested, and congregations are quite largely attended.

Mr. W. E. Wilcox, our boss hunter, in two days brought in sixty ducks and shot them all on the wing. We do not know the greatest number killed at one shot, but be assured it is enough.

Mr. R. F. Wells, of this place, has received the right to sell the Monarch Bee hive. The hive is the most complete thing of the kind that we have ever seen. It is so well arranged, that a child can take the honey without being molested by the bees. Mr. Wells will canvas this county immediately.

A relic of past ages was unearthed by A. M. Smith while prospecting for clay, a few day ago. It is a stone mortar, will hold about as much as a wooden bucket or about 2½ gallons. It was beneath the stump of a tree three feet in diameter, as it had been placed there before the tree had an existence. Mr. Smith will place it in his office window, in Portland.

We have leamed that a party in returning to this place, from Albany, thought to save time and distance, by coming by way of the mouth of the Luckiamute, which he proposed to cross on a saw log. He got along swimingly until he got near the center of the stream, where the log caught on a snag, so firmly that he could not release it, and was compelled to wait there, on a slippery log all night and until nine the next morning. When found, he was so chilled, as hardly able to talk.

The pottery commenced operation on Wednesday, with a full force of hands. Mr. A. M. Smith, the proprietor, has made arrangments to have fifty-thousand gallons of stone ware and one hundred thousand feet of sewer-pipe made. A few figures, as to the capacity of the works, may not be uninteresting. There are over 25,000 square feet under cover, besides engine room and clay bins. There is over 20,000 feet of floor room, and kiln room for burning 5,000 feet of sewer-pipe weekly, or in stone ware 14,000 gallons weekly. Mr. S. has the only clay yet found in the State that can be worked successfully. As a matter of interest to this county, we mention that Mr. S. disburses about $20,000 annually here. With present facilities, this pottery can make double the amount of goods this State uses. The freight shipped to Portland and other places in the State annually from this place amount to near 2000 tons.

Sleepless nights made miserable by that terrible cough. Shiloh's Cure is the remedy for you. For sale by Jap. R. Miller, Dallas.

Those contemplating buying furniture can do no better than to call on Allen & Osborne, at Independence. They carry the best stock in the county.

A Story Literally True.

Recently Mr. Frank McCain, a railroad employee at Ray's Landing, sought his lonely couch, anticipating the repose that rewards a clear conscience and a tired body. Not waiting to light his lamp, he hung his hat upon a nail, disrobed himself and put out his hand to smooth the coverlid of his bed. A rough body and a startled grunt caused him to jump to the door and flee away in dire dismay. An uninvited guest was partaking of unoffered hospitality, and the watchman was called to the cabin to investigate the matter. Upon returning, it was found that a sow had torn the bed in strips, and constructed a bed more suitable to the nature of swine than that upon which Frank had been wont to close his "tired eyelids upon tired eyes." Not only the sow, but twelve little grunters were making themselves thoroughly at home. It is a little rough on Frank that a hog had to make his bed over, before she would lie in it.

Catarrh cured, health and sweet breath secured by Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents. Nasal injector free. For sale by Jap. R. Miller, Dallas.

Allen & Osborne, Independence, have an extensive stock of furniture which they sell at reasonable prices. Their stock consists of chamber sets, parlor sets, chairs of the best quality, a fine lot of picture frames, and whatever is usually carried in a first-class furniture store.

BEST BAKING POWDER.

Made by the Government Chemist.

Dr. Edward G Love, the present Analytical Chemist for the Government, has recently made some interesting experiments as to the comparative value of baking powders. Dr. Love's tests were made to determine what brands are the most economical to use, and as their capacity lies in their leavening power, tests were directed solely to ascertain the available gas of each powder. Dr. Love's report gives the following:

Name of the Baking Powders.	Strength Cubic inches Gas per each ounce of Powder.
"Royal" (cream tartar powder)	127.4
"Patsy" (alum powder)	125.8
"Rumford's" (phosphate) fresh	122.5
"Rumford's (phosphate) old	82.1
"Hanford's Nons such, fresh	121.0
"Hanford's Nons such," old	84.35
"Redlands"	117.0
"Charm" (alum powder)	116.9
"Amazon" (alum powder)	111.9
"Cleveland's" (short weight ½ oz.)	110.8
"Sea Foam"	107.9
"Chief"	106.8
"Dr. Price's"	102.6
"Snow Flake" (Groff's St. Paul)	101.88
"Gold Cushmed	98.2
"Oswego" yeast	97.5
"R. E. Andrews & Co's." (contains alum)	78.17
"Hecker's"	95.5
"Elliotts"	94.2
"Bulk"	89.5

"In his report the Government Chemist says:

"I regard all alum powders as very unwholesome. Phosphate and Tartaric Acid powders liberate their gas too freely in process of baking or under varying climatic changes suffer deterioration."

Dr. H. A. Mott, the former Government Chemist, after a careful and elaborate examination of the various Baking Powders of commerce, reported to the Government in favor of the Royal brand.

Pure and fresh drugs of every kind constantly on hand at Jap. R. Miller's. He keeps every article belonging to the trade.

Shiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure is sold by us on a guarantee. It cures Consumption. For sale by Jap. R. Miller, Dallas.

Convincing.

In offering to everyone throughout the land a trial bottle of Syrup of Figs free of charge the California Fig Syrup Company is fully aware that it were folly to do so if the new remedy did not possess greater merit than any other article ever offered as a cure for billiousness and constipation. But knowing that every dose will convince the one who takes it of its efficacy, and make another friend for the remedy which is destined to become universal, they wish everyone to try it. Mr. Jap. R. Miller is agent for Dallas.

Shiloh's Vitalizer is what you need for Constipation, Loss of Appetite, Dizziness and all symptoms of Dyspepsia. Price 10 and 75 cents per bottle. For sale by Jap. R. Miller, Dallas

Remember Dr. I. T. Mason, Dentist Office, up stairs, over Butler's grocery store.

Best cigars in the city at Jap. R. Miller's

Will you suffer with Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint? Shiloh's Vitalizer is guaranteed to cure you. For sale by Jap. R. Miller, Dallas.

INDEPENDENCE ITEMS.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

Butter and eggs are scarce at 35 cents.

Wheat $1.

Cold weather destroyed most of the potatoes in this section.

Miss Julia Chamberlin, of Salem, is visiting in town this week.

The Polk County Temperance Alliance will meet here February 28th and March 1st and 2d.

Lieut. Schwatka will lecture at the Presbyterian church next Wednesday evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

William Herren, of the City of Salem Mills, was in town this week, offering $1. per bushel for wheat. Those who sold last week for 95 are a little mad about it.

The late severe cold snap cracked the boiler of Dolty's saw mill, so that it is practically useless.

Rev. Mr. James, of Dallas, occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church last Sunday.

Lieut. Schwatka will lecture next Wednesday evening at the Presbyterian church, for the benefit of the bell fund of that church. We have heard Mr. Schwatka's lecture and can truthfully say that it is one of the most interesting, and instructive lectures to which we have ever listened. His lecture is an account of his Arctic journey in search of the ill-fated Franklin party, and is graphic and thrilling in the extreme. We hope the Lieut. will be greeted with a running house. The admittance will be 50 cents.

We take the following from the Salem Town Talk of the 9th inst.; and as it is a matter in which our citizens are all interested, we copy it in full:

The people of Independence are now making a move to tap the Willamette at Buena Vista [illegible] made and pronounced [illegible] cost of the [illegible] is $25,000 [illegible] it for the [illegible] that sum [illegible] foot head [illegible] We are in [illegible] dependence [illegible] evening to decide whether they will accept the offer made by the engineer. The report of the survey was burned at the late fire of Corbitt & Mackay at Portland, but the engineer has his field notes. The people of Salem should take heed, as the people of Independence are in sound earnest and will make every effort for the advancement and prosperity of their town, and should they succeed in making the improvements contemplated by them—that of putting up a new flouring mill, and, perhaps, a woolen mill, it will cut off a large supply of wheat and wool that now comes to Salem. A prominent business man of Independence takes this view of the matter, he says: "There is shipped from this place to Salem 250,000 bushels of wheat yearly and we can secure over twice that amount, why should we not have the facilities for grinding that wheat right here at home; and think that bringing the water in here is the first, and an important step to be taken towards that end."

At the meeting referred to above the secretary was instructed to prepare and open stock books for subscription, and to obtain from the engineer a duplicate of the survey destroyed in the fire at Corbitt & Mackay's.

POLK COUNTY TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE.

Committees and Programme.

Committee on arrangements and invitation—Wm. Osborne, W. P. Conaway, Mrs. I. Vandayn, Miss Ella Butler and Mrs. Rev. Parker.

Committee on Music—W. L. White, Mrs. Geo. Belt and Ira Smith, of Independence, Miss Jennie Rowell, Miss Brown and R. Shelley, of Dallas; also, Prof. J. Monroe Powell, Miss Rosa Bentley and B. L. Murphy.

All singers present are respectfully invited to take part in the singing. Mr. A. Brown, of Lafayette, is especially invited to be present and lead in the singing.

PROGRAMME.

Opening—Singing and prayer; appointing committees on credentials—enrolling delegates, etc. Music at intervals.

2:30 o'clock—Short address by Mr. E. C. Hall, of Buena Vista; subject, "Which would be the best Policy for Oregon, to adopt High License, or to move for Prohibition; followed by five minutes speeches by members.

3:30 o'clock—Music frequent; recitation, by Miss Paradine Douty, of Monmouth; 4 o'clock—Miscellaneous business and adjournment.

7 o'clock p. m.—Singing and prayer; 7:30—A short address by Prof. W. E. Yates, of Monmouth, subject; "Should the temperance people of Oregon encourage the publication of a temperance newspaper, that will advocate prohibition, instead of discouraging it?" followed by five minute speeches; music; any miscellaneous business and adjournment.

MARCH 1ST.

9 o'clock a. m.—Music and opening exercises; 10 o'clock, election of officers and appointing committees; 11, o'clock, report of temperance work in various parts of the county; 11.30, music; time and place of holding next Alliance; adjourn.

1 o'clock p. m.—Music, and opening exercises; essay by Miss Nellie Collins, of Dallas; 1:30—short address by Mr. Stephens, of Oak Grove, subject, "should the temperance voters of Oregon organize for political work, independent of the old political parties?" followed by five minute speeches; 2:30—opening question drawer and remarks; music; resolutions and adjournament.

7:30—Address on temperance work, by Dr. J. W. Watts, of Oregon City; music; miscellaneous business and adjourn.

All Temperance organizations, Sunday schools and Churches of the county are requested to send delegates.

MRS. L. L. WHITAKER, Chairman.
A. W. LUCAS, Secretary.

LEWISVILLE ITEMS.

As this place is falling behind in the line of items, I will send a few this week.

The boys have had a fine time skating since the cold weather.

There is a good opening for a boot & shoe shop here, and also for a harness shop.

Our school teacher, Mr. T. Vincent, has taught a successful school. He is a good honest man, and a credit to the community.

J. A. Linderman is going to Independence for flour, as J. H. Byerley's mill fails to grind without water.

A. Prescott is still working at his logs on the Big Luckiamute.

Mrs. C. Hollinshead has been absent during the past week, visiting at William Burna'. KESS.

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WHO COULD THEY HAVE BEEN?

A young lad of perhaps 13 years of age has been the means of solving a problem that has been engaging the attention of the scientists and philosophers of this and other States for a period of two years. Ever since July, 1881, there has been more or less talk concerning what is thought to be two crazy men. It would seem from all accounts that two crazy men have been seen in the mountains between the two streams known as Abiqua and Butte Creek, and that these two persons have caused considerable trouble to parties living on the outer edge of civilization. Who these fellows are and where they came from, are the questions which our citizens have been trying to answer. We will not take up any space in recounting the numerous deeds these chaps have done as they are already too familiar, but will say that it is now thought these men are two escaped lunatics.

In July 1881, Johnathan Shuyoufell and Susan Shuyoufell, his sister, aged 10 and 13 respectively, were walking along an old trail leading by the top of a high bluff at the foot of which runs Abiqua Creek. They had stepped off the trail to gather some blackberries and were busily engaged filling their pails when they heard the sound of voices. Stepping back into the path the children saw too men just ahead of them, each with a a great stone on his shoulder and puffing like steam-boats. The sight of the two men in that lonely place and the fact that they had big rocks on their shoulders somewhat frightened Jonathan and Susan and they started to run. The men called to them to stop, which they did, and as they had now dropped the rocks they did not seem so dangerous and the children were no longer afraid. Jonathan went back to the men, but Susan, being timid, remained at a distance. One man was about twenty-five or six and the other about eighteen, pronounced that the older one was a sweet man with black hair and [illegible] the other person a mere [illegible] chin, light hair, blue eyes, and [illegible] habit of removing his [illegible] pushing down the hair on the [illegible] head. The older man man [illegible] Jonathan how much money his [illegible] Jonathan said he didn't know. The man seemed disappointed. The younger man then said, "have you any sisters?" "Yes" said Jonathan, pointing to Susan, who still stood at a distance, "she is my sister." "Is that the only one?" he asked. "Yes sir" answered the boy. The young man seemed sorry and made a few motions with his hands but he had one more question to ask. Stepping toward Jonathan he said, "can you keep a secret?" The boy said that he could, and the man in a low confidential tone said, "We're out on a Scientific Geological Expedition. Don't you tell any body, and quickly shouldering the rock which he seemed to regard as a specimen of great value started off toward the creek, his companion following, both groaning under the immense weight of their loads." Just after they had passed out of sight the children heard a distinct thud as of a heavy body falling to the ground, followed by a second thud louder than the first. On going to where the sounds seemed to be Johnathan and Susan found both men flat on their backs laughing hysterically. It was some time before the lunatics, or whatever they were, noticed that they were seen. As soon as they had finished their laugh, the men again shouldered their "specimens" and disappeared in the direction of Abiqua Creek.

The above facts were learned from Jonathan Shuyoufell, Sen., father of the children, who saw the two old characters. Mr. Shuyoufell's reputation for truth and veracity is unquestionably good and there can be no doubt about the matter. A later report says that these two crazy men were two of Polk Co's young men who went out camping and scaring two children thought they would have some amusement. If the report be true Polk Co's boys are not behind yet. The only question then can be asked is the one found at the head of this article, viz: "Who Could They Have Been?"

CURIOSITIES OF AN OWL'S NEST.

It is commonly known that owls have two or three sets of young in the course of a season; but as far as I can find out after sitting upon the first egg or pair of eggs, and hatching the birds, no further incubation is made. Directly after the owlets are out of the shell the hen bird lays one or two more beautiful white eggs, but does not sit, devoting herself to feeding the insatiable little monsters she has started into life, and the warmth of their bodies hatched the next owlet. This one hatched, another egg is laid with the same result; that is vivified by the young one's warmth, escapes from the shell and once more an egg or two occupy the nest, so that in the same corner, is a shallow, downy spot may be seen an owlet three parts grown, and another half grown, another a few hours old, and a couple of eggs, four stages in all; and if inspected by day the three youngsters will be seen huddled together in very good fellowship, one and all fast asleep, and the eggs in the coldest place on the outside. The sight is not pleasing, as may be supposed from the description of the young owls; but if the eye is offended, what is to be said of the nose? Take something in a bad state of putrefaction and arithmetically square it; the result will be an approach to the foul odor of an owl's nest in hot weather. The reason is not far to seek when it is borne in mind that the owl is a bird of prey; but all the same I have visited the nest earlier in the season and found the place quite scentless, and that, too, at a time when, ranged in a semi-circle about the young were no less than twenty-two young rats and full-grow mice, so fresh that they must have been caugh, during the preceding night, the larder being supplemented by at couple of young rabbits. If, then, a pair of owls provide so many specimens of mischevious vermin in a night, they certainly earn the title of friends of man. When hunting for food the owl glides along on silent wing beside some barn or stack and woo betide the cowering mouse or rattling that is busy on the grain! As the owl passes over, down goes one leg, and four short claws have snatched the little quadruped from the ground, the four points seeming to slope towards a common center, so that escape is impossible. Every seizure is performed with claws, the beak being reserved for dividing the animal when too large.—London Graphic.

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STATE NEWS.

One night last week the store of Mr. Henry Smith on Wolf Creek was burglarized and something like $400.00 taken. It seems that the thieves removed a window pane from the rear window through which they made their entrance and, although there was a clerk sleeping in an adjoining room, the thief took out the drawer, and going to the front door unlocked it and went out. Some one must have been thoroughly acquainted with the premises, and habits of the attaches to have dared and accomplished so much. This class of light fingered gentry appears to be greatly on the increase during the past few months.—Roseburg Plaindealer.

Saturday night about 10:30 a fire broke out in the rear portion of a house at 66 Morrison between Third and Fourth streets. An alarm was turned in from box 12, to which the Fire department quickly responded. The fire was put under check before it had done much damage. The house belongs to Messrs. Corbett & Failing, and was damaged to the extent of about $100. The damage by fire and water to the rooms and furniture will not exceed $100. The house is occupied by Mr. Wathan Shapirer, who states that while all the family was in the front parlor the fire broke out in the pantry. The probable cause was from the heat of a stove pipe. The loss by fire was fully covered by insurance. The furniture was covered by abount $100.—Daily News.

The Columbia river, says the Times-Mountaineer, is the natural outlet of a vast region of country, and, in fact, the only available one, except over the line of a monopoly. There are large areas of fertile soil along its banks capable of producing abundantly, and the only thing needed to induce immigration is a means of outlet to seaboard, untrammeled by corporations. The policy of our government has always been to lend aid to internal improvements, so that the people should receive some benefit from the revenue annually paid into the treasury. This plan has been followed out in the immense sums spent on the Mississippi, although the country along the banks of that stream have had a network of railroads for many years. There has been no complaint against these appropriations, for it was through the development of that portion of our great country demanded them. But Oregon is more isolated than the states along the Mississippi, and has already been proved to be as desirable a section as that. Her facilities for agriculture are equal to any, her natural resources are varied, and she possesses every adjunct to population. Then while the Mississippi is receiving millions, isit unreasonable to expect a few hundred thousand for the Columbia?

Alfred Andersen is beginning to show a little sign of weakening, but is making a strong effort to keep up his courage. It is the opinion with some Scandinavians who have talked with him that he will yet make a clean breast of the murder of his brother. The idea is a mistake that his countrymen as well as Americans convicted him before trial, for while they were all ready to believe him guilty, they, nevertheless, crowded into the court house to hear him explain how he came into possession of so much money on the day that his brother disappeared. Refusing to do this, when he had an opportunity, clinched public opinion. Had the law closed his mouth and prevented him from making a statement there might be just grounds for doubt as to his guilt. He lies on his couch most of the time, and has refused to eat anything since Saturday, which indicates the fact that fear is taking possession of him. He watches the workmen fitting up the cage which is to hold him until he is taken out to his death, apparently unconcerned. Bertha Nelson is still held as a witness. She has been crying a great deal since the verdict was rendered, and feels very unhappy over the tragedy. Being a total stranger in this part of the country, the Women's Christian Society will have to look after her, lest more misery be added to her already hard lot.—Standard.

Last Monday evening two half-breed Indians started from Oakland to Tyee mountain, about two miles from the Umpqua ferry, to attend some festive occasion to take place at Mr. Pachett's. They being provided with the spirits that causes men's brain to excite the passion to enjoy even the most dangerous sports, though it eventually begets grief and bodily affliction, went on their road rejoicing until they arrived at Shambrook's or Umpqua ferry, where they left their horses and crossed the river in a skiff, with which they ran into the brush, and in endeavoring to land got into the river and were well soaked with the bright waters of the Umpqua, which caused such a surprising change to come over them that one of them shortly after lost his physical energy and was deprived of his motive power to such a degree that he could proceed no further on his journey, although it was only a short distance thither. The other, whose feet and limbs were shaking with cold nigh unto freezing, caused by the dampness of the water, endeavored to persuade his companion to proceed to the end of their journey, but he had suddenly been seized by a death like stupor, and could proceed no further. His comrade remained with him long enough to almost freeze his feet. Then he started for Pachett's where he obtained help to fetch the other; but, lo! when they raised him from his fallen position, it was found that he was dying and only spoke a few words ere he expired. His comrade had his fe