

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.—A correspondent of the Delta Times-Mountaineer, writing from Wapinitia, Wasco county, says: An accident occurred on the evening of the 12th between this place and Tygh valley, which came near ending the life of a young man named Ed Edwards. He was traveling alone, riding a horse and leading two near sunset, seeing a good place to camp, he dismounted, and while stooping over a pistol (Colt's 44-caliber) fell from the scabbard which was around him, striking a rock with the hammer, which was resting on a cartridge and shot him between the right nipple (but a little above) and the right arm, coming out at the back, passing through the right shoulder. After it happened he mounted his horse with difficulty, and rode to this place, about ten miles. This morning he proceeded on his journey, but not having any use of his right arm.

THE CANDIDATES.—The republican candidates, Col. T. K. Cornelius, Hon. Geo. W. McBride, Hon. H. L. Marston, Frank C. Baker, and Judge Chas. A. Johns, candidate for district attorney, went south on yesterday morning's train. They were all in good spirits, and expressed themselves highly pleased with their reception here. They were given a reception at Albany yesterday afternoon, and had some speaking there in the evening. They will not make a regular canvass of the state, but will go through the state, and see the people informally. They made a good impression here, and will undoubtedly do the same everywhere they go. They will all come to Salem after January 1st to "booth" for four years.

WASCO ACADEMY ELECTION.—The annual election of the Wasco Independent Academy, at The Dalles, was held last Monday, resulting in the election of the following directors for the ensuing year: D. M. French, Robt. Mays, E. B. McFarland, W. Lair Hill, Sam'l L. Brooks, W. Lord, Geo. A. Sibley. The board re-elected Prof. T. M. Gatch, principal; Miss Ellen Chamberlin, assistant; Miss Mary Myers, instructor of the primary department; Miss Helen A. Dilley, was re-elected principal of the musical department. Prof. Gatch is father of Claid Gatch, of this city, and was formerly in Willamette university, and Miss Chamberlin is a sister of M. L. Chamberlin, candidate for senator.

NOT A PIRATE FIGHT.—The grand jury found indictments against Edwards, Lewis, McAdams, Webb, Guthrie, and others for violation of the statute against piracy existing in the recent contest, near Ashland. The jury this week, and a verdict of not guilty was returned. Lewis and McAdams turned state's evidence, and testified to money having been put up, but the jury did not consider the affair a real, business fight, and promptly returned a verdict of acquittal. The cases against the others were then dismissed.—Ashland Tidings.

STOLEN HORSE RECOVERED.—Some days since mention was made in this paper of the mysterious disappearance of a horse from the pasture of James Elkins, near Albany. It seems the horse was stolen. A few days ago the horse was discovered at King's Prairie, nearly forty miles from Albany, says the Herald. It disappeared about the time the Eugene bank burglars made their raid through this part of the country, and it is supposed some of the gang rode the horse away.

A PECULIAR ACCIDENT.—On Friday evening Bert Wheeler, son of Alfred Wheeler, of Albany, met with an accident on the farm of the latter near Peterson's Butte, resulting in the dislocation of his shoulder. He became angry at a cow, and struck at her with something. The blow fell short, missing the cow but dislocating the boy's shoulder.

"CAPT." LISTER, AGAIN.—J. B. Lister, formerly of Dayton and Pomeroy, was indicted by the grand jury at Sprague, for embezzling money. He can't resist the temptation to monkey with the "capt." money.—(Dayton Chronicle. "Capt." Lister was formerly in this city, where he also became well known.)

RECORDER'S COURT.—In the recorder's court yesterday one man was sent up for five days under the vagrant ordinance, and Richard Roe paid \$7.80 for his liberty after a night's hilarity, from the effects of too much imbibing of "tarantula juice."

THE CAPITOL.—Work goes steadily ahead on the capitol, and the southeast yard begins to look "engaged." The workmen are mixing mortar and putting in the deadening in the floor of the legislative hall. They are also replacing the rotted trusses.

SUMMER AGAIN.—Jupiter Pluvius has at last settled down and is now giving us some real A. J. prime, first chop weather, or of the old summer style. Yesterday and Sunday the air was very pleasant, and people are happy over it.

THE CAMP-FIRE.—There should be a big crowd at the camp-fire next Saturday night, at Marion square, to help raise money to defray the expenses of the G. A. R. on memorial day.

STATE DIPLOMA.—The state board of education yesterday granted A. M. Mize, of this county, a state diploma, on like of diplomas from other states. He has taught three years in this state.

GOSE HOME.—Miss Vie Rowland, of Alsea, Benton county, who has been attending the Academy of the Sacred Heart, in this city, during the winter, returned home yesterday.

PAPERS FILED.—Cyrille Bessette, a native Canadian, of French descent, filed papers with the county clerk yesterday, declaring his intention of becoming an American citizen.

ALMOST CONValesCENT.—Miss Amelia Savage's many friends will be highly pleased to learn that she is almost convalescent, and hopes to be out again in the near future.

PERSONAL.—Squire H. A. Johnson and wife went to Jefferson and friends yesterday on a visit to relatives and friends.

SERIOUS RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

Joseph Meyer and Wife are Thrown from their Buggy, and Seriously Injured.

Tuesday morning, Joseph Meyer, of the firm of J. M. Rosenberg & Co., accompanied by his wife, started out for a drive, in his single buggy. The horse is usually considered gentle, but when they were near Dexter Field's residence, on Asylum avenue, a bee or yellow-jacket stung the horse in the ear, and caused him to run away. The horse ran one side of the buggy into a ditch, throwing both of the occupants out.

Mrs. Meyer, who was least injured at the time, and was able to walk, started to secure aid, but some persons, plowing near by, saw the accident, and came running to help them, and a messenger was at once dispatched to the city for aid.

Dr. Rison and Jessup were taken out in Minto's cab, and a partial examination of the injuries received was made. Mrs. Meyer was then taken into the cab, but Mr. Meyer had to be brought in an express wagon on a mattress, and was taken to their residence, 363 Front street.

A careful examination was then made, and it was found that Mrs. Meyer had sustained a fracture of both of the bones of the left wrist, and had besides severe bruises about the head and eyes. Mr. Meyer was seriously injured in the left hip, but it was thought no bones were broken. He was utterly helpless, however, and was suffering intense pain. The physicians did all that was possible to make the injured persons comfortable, and it is to be hoped they may soon recover from the effects of their accident.

Mr. Meyer suffered a fracture of his leg three years ago, and says he is about tired of furnishing this class of items for the papers.

The horse ran for quite a distance before he was stopped, but neither he nor the buggy was damaged.

HALF A MILLION SHAD

Placed in the Willamette River at Albany on Saturday Night.

The Albany Herald says:—The fish car sent out from Maryland by the United States fish commission with shad for Oregon, arrived in this city last night on the Albany express, containing 500,000 young shad. About two-thirds of the fish were placed in the Willamette near the Albany ferry last night and the remainder of the car-load will be placed in the river to-day.

The car is under the charge of Mr. J. Frank Ellis, of the Smithsonian institution, Washington, D. C., from whom, by Herald reporter, we obtained some interesting information concerning the fish car. The car left Maryland last Sunday with about a million and a half of young shad from the Susquehanna river. The car is provided with a hatchery, and a large number of eggs were brought out, which Mr. Ellis states have been hatched with success. The car stopped at Wallula Junction where about 500,000 of the fish were left, and from there came direct to Albany without stoppage.

The fish were taken from the hatchery near the mouth of the Susquehanna river a week ago last Thursday, three days before starting, and on their arrival here last night, appeared lively and in good condition. They are very small, one can hold about five gallons containing many thousand of the young shad. With such a number placed in the waters of the upper Willamette, if they thrive even moderately well, the river ought, in a short time, to be well supplied with these fine fish.

RETURNED HOME.—Mrs. Beriah Brown, who has been spending several days with Mrs. George A. Edes, left on yesterday's noon train for her home in Seattle, W. T. A large number of our citizens will remember Mr. Brown as a noted democratic politician and journalist, who resided here with his family for several years, and left the city some sixteen years ago, and is permanently located in Seattle. The many friends of Mrs. Brown extended to her a warm welcome.

ADVENTURE WITH A BEAR.—Fred Sitton had an adventure with a bear last Thursday, near the residence of his father. He came across the bear, brunt him four or five times, when Mr. Sitton turned upon Fred, run him up a sapling and kept him there for several hours, when his cries were heard, assistance came, the bear was killed, and our young friend set at liberty.—McMinnville Campaign.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHTS.—Capt. S. W. Blaisdell, manager for the Oregon Electric Light company, is in the city. He says the lights will be in working order as soon as the remainder of the machinery arrives, which will be soon. A mistake was made by the manufacturers in shipping some parts, and this delay will consume considerable time.

STATE FINANCES.—A very full and complete article will appear in to-morrow's STATESMAN, on the editorial page, on the state's finances. It has been prepared with great labor and pains, and will be a valuable paper for reference, as well as a good republican campaign document.

CAVOTES.—Hel. Herten, of the Waldo Hills, brought in to County Clerk Chappman, on Saturday, two coyote scalps. The animals that wore these scalps were killed by Mr. Herten and Lou. Griffith on Friday. They bring \$5 and \$10 was the profit of their day's work.

CAMPAIN DAILY.—It is understood that the colony democracy will in a few days commence publishing a campaign daily paper. Its name will probably be the "Clippet," and it will be issued from the job office of Godfrey & Moore's. This is a great country for campaign papers.

TO DELIVER THE ADDRESS.—Rev. E. J. Thompson, of this city, has been engaged to deliver the college address, at the commencement exercises, of Albany college, on June 14th.

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

OAK RIDGE SCHOOL.—The following is a report of District No. 139, of Marion county, taught by C. H. Jones, for the month ending May 14th, '86: Whole number of days attendance, 407; number of days absent, 8; number cases of tardiness, 4; number of pupils enrolled, 21. Persons who visited the school were: Miss Lolo Scott, Lewis English, Wm. Eoff, Miss Martha Martin, Miss Amy Martin, Miss Mary Watkins, Geo. Anderson, and T. M. Jones. Pupils in the first and second readers who have neither been absent nor tardy during the month, are: Nicholas Eoff, Mary Eoff, and Bertha Eoff. The following are names of pupils who passed written examinations in all their studies, with the average standing of each: Mary Ramsden, 100; Stephen Eoff, 99; Bertha Jones, 99; Alice Eoff, 99; Nora Williams, 99; Fred Geer, 98; Willie Jones, 98; Maud Geer, 96; Theodosia Geer, 96; Walter Jones, 95; Willie Eoff, 95; Thomas Williams, 93; Etta Jones, 81; Lafayette Williams, 83.

E. J. DAWNE.—What has become of E. J. Dawne, of Alaska fame? The last seen of this wretched man, by any hereabouts, was in the gathering gloom of a November evening, when, having settled his score at a chop-house, he grasped his grip-sack and headed his way toward the rocks that line the harbor near Sayward's mills. There are many who believe that the fugitive died from exposure, or that he committed suicide. He was a man who, once seen, would not soon be forgotten, and, if he were still in the land of the living, would certainly have been recognized by some of his many acquaintances.—(Victoria Colonist.)

FUNERAL OF ELIJAH WILLIAMS.—The body of the late Elijah Williams was in the L. O. F. cemetery yesterday, and was followed to its last resting place by a large concourse of friends. Before starting to the cemetery, a short prayer was made by Rev. J. L. Parrish. On arriving at the grave, Mr. Parrish offered up a fervent prayer, after which Judge Thayer delivered an appropriate and impressive address on the life and character of the deceased. Rev. Mr. Parrish was then pronounced by Rev. Mr. Parrish, and the burial services were concluded.

PERSONAL.—Chas. H. Allerton, who has been engaged as night clerk, at the Chenebeka hotel for several months, left yesterday to accept a position as civil engineer on the Farmington branch of the Northern Pacific railroad. He will visit friends at Corvallis for a few days, however, before going to the scene of his new labor. He has made many friends by his gentlemanly conduct and bearing during his stay here, and they are sorry to see him leave.

DON'T WANT TO BE SACRIFICED.—Another man has been found who is unwilling to lay down his political life in the prohibition party arena. The Albany Herald runs the following, double-headed: Our townsman, D. R. N. Blackburn, who was placed in nomination by the prohibition state convention, for supreme judge, without his knowledge or consent, has withdrawn his name, and desires it distinctly understood that he is not a candidate.

NO COUNCIL FOR SCHOOL-BOARD.—The council tried to meet last night, but it could not gather up a quorum. It accordingly adjourned to meet next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. There were only two members of the school-board present, so there was no meeting of that honorable body. Evidently both bodies were on a strike with the hod-carriers at the capitol.

JOINT DISCUSSION.—There will be a meeting at Prospect Hill school house, on Saturday evening, next, May 22d, at which republican, democratic, and prohibition speakers will be present, and address the farmers' protective and anti-rod and gun club society. The meeting will be called to order, at 7 o'clock, sharp.

ROCKWOOD.—This fine stallion, the property of A. C. Brey, of Portland, and sire of the noted trotters, Lady Maud, Nantilla, Black Hawk and other celebrated horses, was brought up from Portland yesterday, and will be here during the season, either at Fisher's stable or at the fair grounds.

ATTENTION!—The members of Sedgwick Post will meet at their hall promptly at seven o'clock p. m. Saturday next, and, headed by the H. A. C. band, will march to Marion square. All old soldiers, sailors, and marines are cordially invited to join us. By order of the committee.

PERSONAL.—Capt. Shemler, who is staying with James Stanley, about five miles southeast of town, was in the city yesterday. He is an ex-sea captain, and is full of interesting stories of "a life on the ocean wave."

THE PRESBYTERY.—The presbytery of Oregon will meet at Albina to-day. The representatives from this city are Rev. R. W. Hill, D. D., Rev. E. J. Thompson, D. D., Rev. E. R. Prichard, W. N. Ladue, Ed., and H. V. Matthews.

HEAVY FAILURE.—Wm. Kerron, successsor to Kerron & Macbeth, of Portland, has made an assignment. The liabilities are \$74,005.97, and the assets \$63,000. William Macbeth is the largest creditor, and has claims amounting to \$22,500.

NOTARIAL.—The governor has appointed C. W. Start, of Mouron, T. J. Buford, of Yaquina, J. H. Turner, of Pendleton, J. W. Hamaker, of Linkville, and W. W. Webber, of Rye Valley, as notaries public.

OUT AGAIN.—Col. L. S. Scott, who was severely injured by a fall, on State street, a couple of weeks ago, was welcomed on the street yesterday by his many friends. The colonel is on crutches, but is much improved.

TO PENDLETON.—Mrs. Jas. G. Rennie, daughter of Henry Price, left on Monday for Pendleton, Umatilla county, to visit her sister, Mrs. Sam'l Crowley, for some time.

G. A. R. CAMP FIRE.—All the arrangements have been made for a splendid time at the camp fire in Marion square next Saturday night.

A fine programme consisting of short speeches, army reminiscences, songs, and music by the H. A. C. band, has been prepared. Should the weather continue pleasant, the largest crowd ever seen in Salem will be present. Some features of the entertainment will be entirely new to Salem, and as the fund raised will be devoted to the noble and patriotic purpose of conducting the services in memory of the brave men who gave their lives that our great and glorious country might live, every one should attend and contribute their mite. There will be an old-fashioned army supper, consisting of the toothsome pork and festive bean and B. C. hardtack, as well as coffee, cake, ice cream, etc.

KILLING AT CANYONVILLE.—Last week, W. J. Sullivan, a quack doctor of Canyonville, gave a woman, whose name was not learned, a dose of medicine. A short time afterward she began growing worse, and, to quiet her fears and to show her that it was all right, he took a large dose of the medicine himself. Soon afterward he went into convulsions and lived but a short time, and she lasted but a little while longer. Reports are meagre about the case, as yet. Sullivan was toll collector for the old Canyon Road company, at Canyonville, and for a long time practiced horse-doctoring. He next imagined himself a full-blown physician, and several people were foolish enough to be duped by him and allow him to practice his "profession" on them.

OTIUM CAPTURE.—Yesterday two men in a sail boat ran their craft in alongside the boat house of A. M. Duffield, one of them came up town to get a wagon to convey some boxes and trunks in the same to a hotel, as they said. Mr. Duffield, being suspicious that opium was in the boat, 450 pounds of opium concealed in the boat. Mr. Duffield arrested the man in charge of the boat, and then sent for other officers, and when the man who had gone up town returned he was also arrested. The names of the smugglers are Wm. Main and L. Kelly. They are now in jail and will have a preliminary hearing to-morrow before U. S. Commissioner J. H. Will. The opium is at present in possession of the sheriff.—Tacoma News.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR.—On Monday evening, Miss Anna May Byrne was greeted by her many young friends to a genuine surprise party, the occasion being the anniversary of her 12th birthday. The little guests numbered about forty, and were entertained in the most charming manner by the young hostess. The evening was enjoyably occupied with different amusements, and, about 9 o'clock, the dining-room was thrown open, where a most sumptuous repast was spread, consisting of ice cream, cakes, lemonade, and all the delicacies of the season. A most excellent time was had by all the young people in attendance, and each, in parting, wished Miss May many more returns of the day.

LARGE SALE.—Two stockmen from Canada, whose names we did not learn, have been in the valley the past week, buying up a large number of cattle to ship to the British possessions. J. Q. Shirley, who lives near Union, sold them 1,000 head in a bunch. One large band has already been driven to Wallula, and the other band, consisting of about 1,400 head, will follow in a few days.—(Union Sentinel.)

WILL HAVE ORDER.—Last year, at the G. A. R. Camp-fire, the committee was annoyed by some small hoodlums tearing down the Chinese lanterns, and in other ways disturbing the audience. This the Grand Army boys propose to avoid on next Saturday evening, and have detailed a regular camp-guard, with muskets and bayonets, and perfect order must be observed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.—The teachers and scholars of the Congregational Sunday school will give an entertainment on Friday evening, commencing at 7 o'clock. All friends of the school are invited. No collection will be taken. Programme embraces songs, recitations, and manager of live animals.

ON A STRIKE.—Salem is at present experiencing a strike, but it is not likely the militia will be ordered. This is a new thing for this city. The strikers are hod carriers engaged in the preliminary work at the capitol, and they struck for a raise from two dollars to three dollars a day. Only a dollar is the amount.

STEPPING UPWARD.—Prof. Z. M. Parvin has laid a copy of a new song bearing this title on the editorial desk of this paper. The words, which are very pretty, are by Miss Susie Harrington, and the music is by Prof. Parvin. The song is written for the academy class of 1886, of Willamette university, and is dedicated to Mrs. W. H. Odell.

THE 72ND ANNIVERSARY.—On Monday the Swedes and Norwegians of Astoria, celebrated the 72nd anniversary of the independence of their native land. There was a fine procession, speeches by several prominent gentlemen, and a ball in the evening.

AT HUCK'S MILL.—The Christian church at Huck's mill, Harmony school house, contemplates building a house of worship soon. The demand for lumber justifies the running of the mill extra time.

PERSONAL.—George Hendricks, a Portland printer, is in the city. He has been stopping at his ranch about Mehama for some time, and is on his way home to Portland.

AT THE PEN.—A visit to the penitentiary yesterday found every body in that institution, who is able to work, busy. Things are fairly humming out there now.

St. Jacobs Oil deadens pain and makes the lame walk. Major Arnold, of the Occidental Hotel, San Francisco, Cal., was completely cured of rheumatism by its use.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

ON MEMORIAL DAY.—The exercises on memorial day will be very fine, evidently, if reports are true. A company, 2nd regt. infantry, 2nd brigade, O. S. M., M. W. Hunt, captain, will be in front. White-caker in full uniform and take part in the exercises, and in the parade. The G. A. R. will turn out in force and it is expected that several other societies in the city will turn out. The H. A. C. band will lead the procession. The camp-fire to be given by Sedgwick post next Saturday evening is for the purpose of raising funds to defray the expenses of these exercises. A good programme has been prepared for the camp-fire, and if the ladies of the woman's relief corps can't furnish good entertainment for the inner man, then it can't be furnished at all. Every body should attend Saturday evening, who can find the time.

NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD.—A Dundee correspondent of the McMinnville Campaign, says that "there are two gangs of surveyors at work at Ray's landing, making preliminaries for a Willamette bridge." A Portland paper also gives the following information that is of interest as residents along that line: "It appears as if Judge Deady's decision on the petition of Receiver Chas. N. Scott of the narrow gauge railways is to result in securing a plentiful supply of warehouses along those roads. The Oregon milling company will at once proceed to erect three warehouses, one at Aumsville, one at Waldo hills, and one east at side junction. The last installment of the machinery for these warehouses arrived here yesterday from the east, and the work of construction will be commenced at once and pushed forward vigorously in order that the buildings may be ready in time for the coming harvest."

COUNTY TEMPERANCE.—The Marion county temperance alliance met and organized at the W. C. T. U. hall in this city yesterday. Officers, president, Thos. Van Scoy; recording secretary, J. W. Webb; corresponding secretary, Miss Emily Webb; treasurer, W. A. Willis. The state temperance alliance is to hold its next meeting in this city on the 18th of June. As delegates were elected to attend this, the president and secretary, J. B. Crier, Ramsay, Samuel Layman, G. W. Dimmick, Rev. J. E. Roberts, Miss Phoebe Jery, S. Condit, E. E. McKinney, Payton Glover, Mrs. W. W. Brooks, Adam Stevens, J. H. Baughman, Miss May Coaling, Mrs. R. T. Rutherford. In the evening the closing address was delivered by C. B. Carlisle, of Portland, secretary of the state board of prohibition.

VISITING THE SCHOOLS.—The efficient county superintendent of schools is still on his rounds among the schools. He has just returned from a visit to the Blackberry school, taught by Clarence Simeral; the Cranston school, taught by Miss Amy Cavanaugh; the Davenport school, under the tutorage of Mr. Moore; the McAlpin school, by James Darby, the Union Hill school, taught by G. O. Ashby; and the Rock Point school, taught by Mrs. Denny; all of which he reports in good, flourishing condition.

SOUTHERN R. R. CO.—A reporter of the Tacoma News has been shown the preliminary surveys of the first twenty-five miles of the Tacoma Southern Railroad company. This road will extend through a splendid timber and coal country, and will be of great benefit to Tacoma. Location of the road is still in progress. As soon as it is completed and the estimates are in, the work of construction will commence and be pushed to speedy completion. This road is to run from Tacoma clear to the southern part of Pierce county.

POSTMASTER AT EUGENE.—Mr. Frank W. Osburn has been appointed postmaster at Eugene City, Mr. A. S. Patterson's commission having expired. Mr. Patterson has been postmaster at Eugene City for the past eighteen years, and has filled the office with credit to himself and the government. Frank W. Osburn is a young man well liked and it is thought he will make a good officer.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CONCERT.—The Sunday school concert to be given by the Congregational church will be given on Friday evening, May 28th, instead of Thursday, the 27th, as heretofore stated. The programme, which is being actively rehearsed, will be varied and pleasant, and a good entertainment will be given.

PERSONAL.—Dr. H. Carpenter returned from Portland yesterday and went up to Turner last night. He will leave here Friday morning with his family for an extended trip on Puget Sound, spending next Sunday at Victoria, B. C. The doctor is taking a well earned rest after his long faithful service as superintendent of the insane asylum.

G COMPANY'S MINSTRELS.—The boys of G Company, 1st regt, O. S. M., the "pride of Portland" are to give a grand minstrel entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings for the benefit of their uniform fund. It is understood that some of the Salem boys are going down to see the entertainment.

FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.—The Washington Territorial firemen's tournament will take place at Tacoma on July 3rd. There will be three races one of 660 feet, 1/2 mile of hose, break coupling and throw water for \$200 and \$50; one of 800 feet for \$100 and \$25, and one of 660 feet for hook and ladder for \$100 and \$25.

THE STRIKE "DECLARED OFF."—The wages of the striking hod carriers at the capitol were raised to two dollars and a half per day yesterday, and they went back to work. Thus, is the first strike Salem has experienced, nipped in the bud, and several good items spoiled.

FRUIT NOT INJURED.—Geo. W. Hunt, of Whiteaker, is in the city yesterday, and it was learned from him that the fruit prospect in the Waldo Hills is excellent. He said there would be an abundance of fruit.

GLORY TICKET.—Yesterday County Clerk Chapman issued a license to wed to J. M. Rogers and Texie B. Humphreys of the Waldo Hills.

THE COFFEE CLUB DEBANDS.—The members of the Salem fire department will probably read of the disbandment of the Woman's Coffee club with a good deal of surprise, and far more regret.

The first intimation this paper had of this fact, and perhaps of any of the firemen, was yesterday afternoon, when Frank Cooper, the auctioneer, said that the furniture, belonging to the club, was in his store to be sold at auction next Saturday. The startling and disappointing fact was communicated to several members of the department, and a reporter hunted up Mrs. F. J. Babcock, late president of the club, to find out the "whereforeness of the why." Mrs. Babcock said that the work had fallen on a few ladies almost entirely, through a lack of interest on the part of a large number of the members of the club, and that they thought it better to disband than to try to keep up such an institution with an inadequate membership to attend to the duties. This club was organized about three years ago, and on many occasions the weary firemen have enjoyed the benefits of a good cup of coffee. The firemen since its inception, and it is with a deep feeling of regret that they will hear that it will not greet them after any more fires. Some of the members, however, express themselves as perfectly willing to continue working with the club, and to stop the sale, providing it can be recruited. The matter might well be brought to the immediate attention of the department, by the chief engineer, and the labors of the department turned to its reorganization. The hall, formerly occupied, has been rented to other parties, and it would be necessary to secure a new hall, which could be easily done. If there should be no such an organization, the fire department will suffer extremely at some time in the future.

THE "PILGRIM."—He is here. He has been expected for! These many months, but at last he has arrived. He came last evening on a tie pass, and looks as blooming as ever. The subject of this sketch is Hazlett the "pilgrim" printer. Spokane Falls was his last stopping place, and he is now on his regular summer pilgrimage. He is liable to land in Texas before winter, and he is liable to wind up in Salem. One thing certain, he will spend a good part of his time in the city cooler throughout the country. Up to the time of going to press he had not been "run in" by the city police, although he "struck" all the typos on the STATESMAN for a quarter, with more or less success. "Old Hazy," as the "prints" call him, is a terror to the manipulators of the anti-mony, and a worse terror to the free-lunch counter and the 5c. beer hall.

TIMBER FALLS THROUGH THE CAPITOL.—Yesterday evening just before 6 o'clock, quite a commotion was raised in the capitol building by the crash of falling and breaking timbers. The workmen had a large piece of timber, a foot square and forty feet in length, suspended just under the roof in the proposed legislative hall in the south wing. It, in some manner, became detached from its support, and fell endwise, going through the floor of the legislative hall, and on through the ground floor into the basement. The men were working near where the timber fell, but, fortunately, it missed them and so no one was injured. It made a large, square hole through the floor, and it will require a little time to repair the damage done.

RESEMBLES MEERSCHAUM.—Mr. H. Kenton of Albany, who owns a claim on the beach near Yaquina from which he obtained a deposit which he manufactures into silver polish, informs the Herald that the substance is pronounced by competent geologists to be genuine meerschaum. He has made a pipe from the material which strongly resembles a new meerschaum pipe. There is an abundance of the material, and should it turn out to be a deposit of genuine meerschaum it would be a new thing for the Oregon coast and a valuable discovery for the owner. Mr. Kenton will continue his investigations until it can be definitely determined whether it is genuine.

ROCK CREEK ITEMS.

Grain looks splendid. Bees swarming lively. Norm Turnidge is gaining lively. Frosts have not injured the fruits here. Mr. Hester has opened up an extensive hop yard. The Sunday school is in successful operation. Miss Gates is succeeding finely with her school.

Considerable has been subscribed to the public hall fund.

"Nary" salmon as yet; knock a step out of that fish ladder.

Our "Nash" has flitted toward Mt. Jefferson a couple of miles.

The Cook brothers have returned from Salem after a winter's sojourn.

The Drewry saw mill has been rented to Messrs Berry and Mansfield, of "Fox." Rev. Cox, of Mehama, preaches at King's Prairie every second Sunday of each month.

Rev. Alderson, of Salem, left an appointment for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the 28th, 29th, and 30th of May.

Geo. Stafford and Jennie Henness were married by Squire Rainwater, on the 9th. Their many friends wish them much prosperity.

County Superintendent Ried has formed a new school district in this part of the county, to be known as No. 99; and the citizens have taken steps to build a school house immediately.

Political prohibition is not progressing in this community as yet. We are prohibitionists in principle, but prefer to take some more rational method in squeaking the cursed drink traffic, than by the one proposed by those who "still hunt for office." Let the next legislature give us a local option law, voting by counties, and the way Oregon will go "dry," will be astonishing. No doubt the temperance sentiment, among the masses, has the majority. Give the majority then some reasonable plan through which they can voice that sentiment at the polls. With a local option law in existence, voters of all parties can unite and present a strong front.