

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY.

OREGON PIONEER ASSOCIATION.—Pursuant to a call from by President Wilkins, of Lane county, the board of directors of the Oregon Pioneer association met in Portland on Tuesday last at 11 o'clock. There were present M. Wilkins, president; W. S. Ladd, vice-president; Geo. H. Hines, secretary, and Joseph Watt and Medorem Crawford, of Yamhill county, and W. H. Odell, of Marion county, making a full board with exception of Clackamas county, who was unavoidably detained by pressure of business incident to the holidays. Portland was chosen as the place for the next annual reunion, which will take place June 15, 1888. Rev. Thomas Condon, of Eugene City, was appointed to deliver the annual address. Hon. Elisha Applegate, of Jackson county, the occasional address, and Rev. Wm. Roberts, of Dayton, Or., chaplain; Wm. Kapes, Frank Dekum and John McCracken were appointed an executive committee, with power to make all needed arrangements. The reunion last June was a grand success in all respects, and it will be the aim of the committee to render the one for 1888 a still more enjoyable occasion.

SCHOOL REPORT.—Following is the school report for District No. 42, for the term ending Dec. 17: Those who received an average of 80 per cent., both in deportment and class recitations, were Chas. Shanks, Edwin White, Jas. Shanks, Hershel Scott, Wm. White, Lulu Phillips, May White, Chas. Merrifield, Eva Decker, Albert Cooley, John Merrifield, Ada Moll, Nora Capps, Chas. Downing. Those whose general average in deportment exceeded 75 per cent. during their attendance were, Edwin Merrifield, Frank Decker, Allie White, Geo. Scott, Frank Hahn, Clemmie White, Katie Scott, Clifford White, Elsie Scott, Samuel Shanks, Frank Rossiter, Nellie Casteel, Elmer Phillips, Maud Cooley, Herbert White, Fred Casteel, and Claud White. Prizes, awarded by judges picked from the audience present at the closing literary exercises, were: Miss Nora Capps, first prize for best essay; Miss Eva Decker, second, and also first for excellence in Swinton's Word Analysis; Miss Ada Moll, second; Allie White, most expert accountant; John Merrifield, for best manuscript in writing and spelling fifty words. G. O. Ashby, teacher.

ACCIDENT TO THE BENTLEY.—Wednesday night, a dense fog prevailed on the river, and it was with the greatest difficulty that Capt. Smith, of the Bentley, felt his way down from above. When at Independence he concluded to tie up for the night, as navigation was becoming very precarious. Next morning he started on his downward journey at about 6 o'clock, and when just below the mouth of the Luckiamute the boat met with an accident that caused no little excitement on board. She was running along at moderate speed, when suddenly her prow was raised in the air and her progress stopped in very short order. The Bentley had run into a mass of drift, not discoverable through the darkness and fog, and it was found that she leaked badly. The pumps were started, and the damage repaired as well as possible. The Bentley arrived safely in Salem, and having a considerable load on board continued on her way to Portland, where she will likely be laid up for a short time for repairs.

ANOTHER BURGLARY.—The gang of burglars which has infested the valley for some time past has apparently worked its way out south. On Tuesday night Sheridan's hardware store at Roseburg was entered, and thirty revolvers and six dozen razors taken. No clue has been found to the robbers. It is somewhat remarkable that the last several burglaries which have been committed in the valley have been in hardware and cutlery.

THE YAQUINA WRECK.

The Lost Steamship Breaking Up—Her Freight and Insurance—Previous Wrecks.

The Newport News contains the following information concerning the present condition of the Yaquina and her freight: "She lies very nearly in the same place where she first went on to the sands, a portion of her starboard side and stern torn away, but altogether standing the action of the heavy seas remarkably well. The first southerly storm that occurs, however, will sweep her fore and aft and cause her to break up quite rapidly. It is now ascertained that the vessel was insured for \$25,000, or about one half her value, and a considerable portion of her cargo was also insured, which makes her loss lighter than at first expected. Her cargo has been entirely removed and nearly everything of value can be saved, but as a matter of course in a more or less damaged condition. The Yaquina was making her one hundredth trip, and in twenty minutes longer, had the accident not occurred, would have been safely moored at her dock. Although she was the pioneer vessel and the largest one on the route, yet she was by no means the best adapted to the trade, the Eastern Oregon and Willamette Valley each being her superior in this respect."

The News goes on to relate a series of minor accidents which have occurred to the Yaquina during the past few years. She was unweildy and often failed to mind her helm, once damaging herself to the extent of \$500. The News continues: "Of the eight disasters that have occurred [at Yaquina] within the past thirty years, but six have been total wrecks, and it is but fair to state that not one vessel of the lot struck on the bar, and not a life has ever been lost. The vessels for the most part were little craft, sailing schooners attempting to go out without sufficient wind, getting becalmed or meeting a head wind, and drifting back on to South Beach." They are as follows: The little schooner Sea Gull, of Portland, in 1857, lost; the Terry, Capt. Hillyard, in 1862, lost; Ann G. Doyle, Capt. Stapleford, in 1865, lost; John Hunter, Capt. Hillyard, in 1872, lost; Lizzie Winant, Capt. Winant, in 1876, went ashore, but gotten off; Caroline Medean, Capt. Madison, went ashore in 1876, but gotten off; Lizzie, Capt. Lutjens, in April, 1877, lost; Ona, Capt. Treat, in 1883, lost; Phoebe Fay, in 1877, and Lizzie Madison, in 1877, wrecked at sea, drifted ashore.

FROM CALIFORNIA.

Los Angeles Boom Dying Out—Santa Barbara—California vs. Oregon Enterprise.

SANTA BARBARA, Dec. 19. ED. STATESMAN.—In this land of perpetual sunshine, I am almost led to believe that I have made a mistake in the date of this letter. This morning with its wonderful June-like warmth and beauty lures me out of doors for a walk rather than remaining in doors to write: "For oh! the balmy air, 'tis bliss to breathe." How wonderful sweet and fair it is in this quaint town of Santa Barbara! My window overlooks a garden full of heliotropes and roses, hundreds of them. The air is full of perfume. Of all the places I have ever seen Santa Barbara is by far the loveliest. Especially does this truth force itself upon me after a visit to Los Angeles. One is led to expect by the exaggerated reports that Los Angeles is heavenly. Well, if it is the city of angels, I must say that the angels are all wingless and not overly particular about their abode. I should call it the city of vile odors. * * * * The great boom has seen its best day. All southern California has been boomed beyond its just deserts with the exception of Santa Barbara. It is all that is claimed for it and more, though "climate" sells high here, and property is not selling nearly so well as it was a year ago. From Los Angeles to Santa Barbara, a distance of eighty miles, the sagebrush plains, desert, mountains and valleys are all staked off into town lots, with the exception of the long tunnel, which is one mile and a half in length. Some moonlight night I expect a land syndicate will be formed and the "boomers" (or bummers) will buy the ownership from the man in the moon and stake it off in town lots before morning, as a winter resort. If we Oregonians only had a little California enterprise and boomed up our country as they do this we might all revel in riches in less than a year. It would pay us to import a few California boomers.

Here the great need is wood and water. Although much of the country is barren desert covered with sage brush and cacti, yet California enterprise marches right along. They bore artesian wells, and if they don't strike water they strike fire, or that which makes fire, coal oil. They bore down so deep and "pester" the Old Boy so tapping around over his regions he sends them fire to get rid of them (for a time, at least); fires them out, as it were. In several places they claim to have struck natural gas, and I suppose they have, but what on earth they need it of, with the great supply the average Californian seems to have on hand, when talking real estate, puzzles me. But when a California syndicate bores they strike something, if it is nothing more than a new boom, for, if it does explode and crush some, others take no heed. No damage seems to be done by getting a few suckers out of the way. Failures are never mentioned.

There seems to be a general impression that Oregon is to have the next boom, and when I see what enterprise can do for barren deserts, making them blossom as the rose, I realize that in a country so blest by nature with timber, water, and general productiveness as ours is, there must be a grand future before it. But it will come sooner if we had more enterprise, for instance, street railways in the capital city, and utilized our vast water-powers, and if we printed circulars telling of our fruits, cereals, climate, forests, water-power, and wonderful resources, sending them out over the different states in every train that goes, having such circulars thrown into all overland trains, a la California style. It would advertise our state and pay well in the end. I heard a Los Angeles man, who had just visited Oregon, and who had recently sold his Los Angeles property for \$400,000, say that he intended to invest all of it in Oregon land, as that would pay better than any other investment now. People here seem to think far more of the natural advantages and future prospects of Oregon than we seem to realize.

Well, I leave a description of this place until some future time. OLIVE S. ENGLAND.

APPOINTMENT OF ESTIMATES.—The abstract of the estimates upon which the state board made their levy Wednesday came from the hands of the printer last night, and will be immediately sent to the various county clerks of the state. The apportionment of estimates for the year 1888, with the deficiencies of 1886 and 1887, is as follows: Executive fund (salaries of state officers), \$10,500; judicial fund, \$38,000; incidental fund, \$12,500; insane and idiotic fund, \$75,500; insane fund (conveyance of insane and idiotic to asylum), \$5,000; convict fund (conveyance of convicts to penitentiary), \$7,000; fugitive fund, \$1,500; printing fund, \$12,500; indigent fund, \$1,500; penitentiary fund, \$33,340; general fund, \$54,570; special appropriations, \$30,183.95; specific appropriations not authorized by law prior to 1887, \$180,109.42; for those amounts appropriated by the legislature of 1887, in excess of the estimate therefor, \$21,100; for those amounts omitted from the estimate of 1886, \$400; total, \$482,709.37.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—A Crawfordville Linn county, correspondent to the STATESMAN, under date of Dec. 19th, gives the following account of an accident that happened there several days before: "John and George, sons of G. Walling, had been out hunting in the rain, and came in about the middle of the afternoon. George was wiping his self-cocking revolver with his handkerchief, when in some way the weapon was discharged, tearing his handkerchief nearly to pieces in his hand and shooting his brother Frank in the leg, just below the knee cap. Dr. Henry, of Brownsville, was called in, but could not find the ball. It pained him fearfully for three or four days, but appears to be doing nicely now, as he is beginning to hobble around the house on crutches. There were six or seven in the room at the time of the shooting, and Frank had just had his little sister, four years old, to get away from between him and George not more than half a minute before."

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.

FIRE AT SPOKANE FALLS.—Thursday evening fire broke out in the two-story frame building occupied by Havermale & Dawson, at Spokane Falls, and, before water could be obtained, adjoining buildings occupied by Mr. Strans and Mr. Domke, were in flames. The fire, it appears, broke out in a defective flue in the cellar of the building occupied by Havermale and Dawson, in which was stored several thousand dollars worth of tobacco and cigars, and the flames spread with such rapidity that very little was saved. It broke out almost simultaneously in Strans's gun store, through which the defective flue passed, and the major portion of the stock of goods in this store was also destroyed. A saloon occupied by Mr. Domke was completely gutted, and considerable damage was done to the cables of the telephone exchange in the brick block adjoining. The damage done by the fire amounts to upwards of \$20,000. The insurance on the stocks and property amounts only to about a quarter of this amount.

A WELL KNOWN PIONEER.—Luther Elkins, the well known Linn county pioneer, died at his home in Lebanon last week. Mr. Elkins was born in Maine in 1809, and resided successively in Pennsylvania, Indiana and Ohio, coming to Oregon in 1852. He took an active part in politics, being one of the leaders of the Democratic party. It was his vote that elected Col. E. D. Baker and Col. J. W. Nesmith to the U. S. senate in Salem in 1860. Mr. Elkins was one of the prime movers in the construction of the Santiam canal and Willamette Valley and Cascade Wagon Road. A man of some means at one time he died possessing no wealth. Probably no man in its limits has done more for Linn county, and he will long be remembered by the people of the state generally. Mr. Elkins leaves a large family, seven children being now alive. His wife died six or seven years ago.

ARTICLES FILED.—Articles have been filed in the office of the secretary of state incorporating the Rogue River Mining company; incorporators, Samuel A. Conlter, E. B. Watson, and W. T. Hume; capital stock, \$100,000, divided into 10,000 shares of \$10 each; principal office, Portland. Also King's Valley Lodge, No. 44, I. O. O. F.; incorporators, R. J. Grant, Larkin Price, and T. E. Rice, trustees; value of property, \$500; location, King's valley, Benton county. Also, the Liberty Cemetery Association; incorporators, A. P. Nye, G. W. Klum, Thos. Arnold, C. H. Bogart, J. D. Wood, Z. B. Moss, Wm. Ingram, John Powers, Jesse Barr, H. G. Nye, Wm. Shelton, Geo. Willis, Benson Harris, J. I. Matcock, W. S. Noble; location, Liberty school house, Linn county; object, to purchase and maintain 100 acres of land as a cemetery.

STARTED FOR BELGIUM.—Rev. V. A. Capelle, pastor of St. John's Catholic church, of this city, yesterday started for Courtrai, Belgium, having resigned his pastorate here. Father Capelle was very much attached to Oregon, and especially to his charge in Salem, but increasing asthmatic troubles rendered it necessary to seek another clime. He chose to return to his old home in Belgium. He has been pastor of the church here since 1879, and has during that time made one trip to the old country. His congregation regrets exceedingly his departure, but hopes that improved health will permit him to return to Oregon, if not to Salem, in a year or more, as he now expects.

THE EXCURSION.—Says the Evening Vidette: "The San Francisco papers come to us with glowing accounts of the beauty of the scenery in Oregon, the hospitality of the people, and the pleasure enjoyed by the recent excursionists. This junketing trip in mid-winter will do the people of both states a world of good. It will teach the Californians that in the possession of their great state they do not own the world, and satisfy a good many Oregonians who thought otherwise that Californians are neither ogres, nor horrors, nor chimera dire. It will break the ice of reserve which has been a barrier to good fellowship for many a year, and result in closer, kinder, and more profitable social and business relations."

THROWN FROM HIS HORSE.—On Thursday evening, while G. L. Kelly, of Polk county, was on his way on horseback from McCoy to his home east of Bethel, and when about a mile from home, his horse stumbled, throwing him over his head into the rocks in the road. The concussion deprived him of his senses and he remained in the road all night. He is not bruised a great deal, and it is believed that with proper care and treatment at his home, whether he has been removed, he will pull through all right, though it is feared that he may have been injured internally.

FOR AN INVESTMENT.—The two houses belonging to Dr. B. F. Swick, north of A. Strong's residence on Commercial street, south of the covered bridge, are now rented to responsible parties for \$8.50 per month each. They formerly rented for \$12.50 each. The ground on which they stand cost Dr. Swick \$500. He will sell the south house and lot for \$800, or the north house for \$850, or the whole property \$100 cheaper, for \$1,550. Here is a No. 1 investment for some one. The person who buys the property will not again offer it for the money. See Hendricks & Saubert, real estate agents.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—Pacific Lodge, No. 50, A. F. & A. M., elected the following officers for the ensuing year at their last meeting: Dr. W. D. Jeffries, W. M.; Geo. G. Bingham, S. W.; J. H. Ross, J. W.; T. N. McCauley, treasurer; Geo. B. Gray, secretary; I. N. Brotherton, tiler. The joint installation of the two lodges will be held at the lodge room on Tuesday evening.

MORE SAWMILLS NEEDED.—A number of new sawmills have been constructed on the line of the Oregon Pacific, for the purpose of producing lumber for next season's building. There has been a great scarcity of this commodity during the past year, and the busy season's building next year, will offer a good market for all the lumber made.

POSTOFFICE BUILDING.

The Bill Introduced by Senator Dolph for a Hundred Thousand Dollar Appropriation.

In the senate of the United States, on December 12th, Senator Dolph, of Oregon, introduced the following bill, (numbered S. B. 21) which was read twice and referred to the committee on public buildings and grounds. Senator Stanford of California, is chairman of this committee, and the names of the remainder of the committee are as follows: Morrill, Spooner, Quay, Vest, Daniel and Pasco. Following is the bill as introduced.

A bill to provide for the construction of a public building at Salem, Oregon. Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that the secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase a site for, and cause to be erected thereon, a suitable building for the accommodation of the postoffice at the city of Salem, in the state of Oregon; and plans, specifications, and full estimates for said building shall be previously made and approved according to law, and shall not exceed, for the site and building complete, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars: Provided, That the site shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of not less than forty feet, including streets and alleys; and no money appropriated for this purpose shall be available until a valid title to the site of said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Oregon shall have ceded to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said state and the service of civil process therein; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the transaction of the public business, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum here in limited after the site shall have been purchased and paid for, shall have been approved by the secretary of the treasury; and no purchase of site, nor plan for said building, shall be approved by the secretary of the treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars for site and building.

A SUITABLE PRESENT.—The pupils of North Salem school purchased a fine illustrated "Life of Gen. Grant" for their teacher, Prof. Selwood, and were informed that the principal of the schools had made an order that no gifts were to be presented on school grounds or during study hours. After the adjournment of school the children decoyed the teacher off the grounds and presented him with the book, much to his surprise and gratification.

ASYLUM ENTERTAINMENT.—The entertainment at the asylum, Thursday night, under the direction of Richard Ryley, was probably the most successful of any ever given at the asylum. A large audience was present, and the programme was appreciated from beginning to end. While all acquitted themselves with particular credit, Mr. Ryley's impersonation of Jeannie Winston in "Oh, ye Tears," was especially good.

THE SICK LIST.—Judge R. P. Boise is again quite ill at his residence in North Salem. Dr. H. Carpenter, who has been on the sick list for some time, is reported as not much improved, and of Father Schwatka the same thing can be said. He requires constant attention, day and night. Supt. Clow, of the penitentiary, has been suffering from a bilious attack. Dr. Magers has been quite sick for about a week, but is now better.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.—An old man by the name of McGee, who makes it a practice of traveling from place to place, has mysteriously disappeared from the vicinity of the Lone Star school house, in the Bethel hills, in Polk county. Diligent search has been made for him, but so far without success. It is feared that the old man, who is aged about 70, and very feeble, may have met his death from exposure, or in some other manner.

DROWNED WHILE HUNTING.—Last Friday, while hunting in a boat above Corvallis, Benj. Ohling, a boy 16 years of age, fell into the river and was drowned, in just what manner is not known, as no one was present. The boat was found at the ferry, and the boy's hat near the mouth of Mary's river.

MORE LIGHT.—The Capital National bank has caused to be constructed through the second story and roof of the building occupied by it a large skylight. The bank room has heretofore been rather dark, and the innovation will make it as light and airy as any in town.

SCARLET FEVER.—Through private sources (by letters) it is learned that scarlet fever is raging in Roseburg, and that a few deaths have already occurred there from that fatal disease. The public schools have closed on account of the sickness.

ANOTHER DONATION.—Maj. Frank E. Hodgkin, while in the midst of his own Christmas enjoyment, did not forget the sick and suffering, and yesterday afternoon left at this office \$2.50 for the Smith family.

TOBAGGAN CLUB.—All persons who subscribed to the toboggan slide are requested to meet at the armory of Co. B at 7 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 24th, for the purpose of perfecting an organization.

LICENSES ISSUED.—County Clerk Chapman yesterday issued licenses to carry to George W. Hollister and Maud Doty, and Frank Dubrill and Katharine Bondness.

AN EXCELLENT MEDICINE.—"My wife and myself were in bad health for fifteen years. I changed to lost over one of Simmons' Liver Regulator Almanacs and saw A. H. Stevens' and Bailey's names to be mentioned. I then obtained some of the Regulator, and can heartily recommend the Liver Regulator to my friends as an excellent medicine." Z. E. HARRISON, M. D. Corvallis, Va.

FROM SUNDAY'S DAILY.

A CASE OF ASSAULT.—About two months since a man with a head on him like a salivated pumpkin found his way to this city from the Oregon Pacific extension, and swore out from Justice O'Donald's court a complaint charging one Fred Schlusser, or Schlusser, with assault and battery upon him—whose name was J. F. Campbell. Schlusser was a riding boss on the Oregon Pacific, his duties consisting of riding along the line of the freight wagons and seeing that everything was going on all right. Campbell was also connected with the Oregon Pacific, and the two got into some kind of a difficulty at or near Mill City, twelve miles above Mehama. That Campbell got sadly the worst of it was evident from his gruesome appearance. The warrant was placed in the hands of Sheriff Minto, but Schlusser vacillated from one place to another, and he could never place his fingers on him. The officials in Portland and upvalley towns were notified, and Friday night the fellow was arrested in Portland by Deputy Fitz Simmons. Deputy Potter went down to Portland yesterday and returned with the prisoner last night. He was immediately arraigned for trial before Justice O'Donald, and, pleading guilty to the charge of assault, was fined \$5 and costs, amounting in all to \$41.60. The justice made the fine light because of the absence of the prosecuting witness and consequent testimony against the prisoner, and because of his ready acknowledgment of his guilt by pleading guilty. Schlusser, having no money, will lie in jail for twenty days.

SUITS FOR DIVORCE.—In the state circuit court, Mrs. Parsilla Paquet has brought suit against her husband, John Paquet, for a dissolution of the galling bonds of matrimony existing between them. The complaint alleges that plaintiff and defendant were married in Marion county on April 13, 1885; that he has treated her in the usual cruel and inhuman manner without any cause or provocation of plaintiff; that he has failed to provide for the support of their child, and still refuses to do so provide. Plaintiff therefore wants a decree of divorce dissolving their bonds of matrimony, and also custody of the child. N. S. Todd and E. A. Downing are plaintiff's attorneys. M. E. Janney has also begun a like suit against her husband, F. Janney. The complaint alleges that plaintiff and defendant were married in Salem on October 14, 1881; she has conducted herself toward him as a good and dutiful wife should; but he, disregarding his marriage vows, has treated her in a cruel and inhuman manner, and in January, 1885, deserted her for a great period of time, leaving no provision for her support; he returned and again deserted her on February, 1887, and continues so to desert, etc. Plaintiff alleges that she is owner of 80 acres of land in T. S. R. 2 W. in her own right, and has one child, 5 years old. She prays for a decree forever barring defendant from any authority over her real estate and for the care and custody of the child, and for decree of divorce, and for her costs and disbursements. E. A. Downing is for the plaintiff.

POSTOFFICE ROBBERY.—Cash Case, of Polk county, was arrested at Corvallis Wednesday by Deputy Marquam on a charge of robbing the postoffice at Tallman, Linn county, on November 30, 1887, of about \$80 worth of goods and all the stamps it contained. Case is lying in jail here, awaiting examination before U. S. Commissioner Walton, which will occur at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. Sam, a younger brother of Cash, is also wanted on the same charge, but he was not arrested by the deputy at the same time as the older brother for the reason that he was at Suver, Polk county, at his sister's, Mrs. Wheeler. The boys are the sons of Laban Case, well known in Polk county. Cash states that he and his brother were in Linn county at the time of the alleged robbery buying calves, but he claims they are innocent of the charge.

A HANDSOME GIFT.—Last evening, at the police court, Chief of Police Ross was made the recipient of a very handsome gold star, upon which is inscribed the words "Chief of Police, Salem," and on the obverse, "Presented to J. H. Ross by the force of 1887." The presentation speech was made happily by U. S. Commissioner Walton, and the marshal was duly surprised and gratified by this handsome expression of the good will of his comrades, who had caused the star to be made and presented.

SKIPPED OUT.—Last Wednesday it was ascertained that Kirby, the operator and agent at Mt. Angel, on the narrow gauge, had skipped for parts unknown, leaving a scrub ex-operator named Gerard to hold down the job. When Kirby had gotten fairly away, Gerard spiked the line by cutting the wires under the table, locked up the office and fled. Both parties took all the company funds on hand. The company would have been wise had it retained the Baron of Boesiger, a former agent, who is a square man.

TO TAKE THE YAQUINA'S PLACE.—The San Francisco Examiner publishes the statement that the Oregon Development company has purchased in the East a new first-class iron ship to take the place of the stranded Yaquina City, which will as soon as possible be put on their line between San Francisco and Yaquina bay. From this it is evident that the loss of the Yaquina City will in no wise cripple the business or traffic of the line.

RETURNED.—John Osborne, delegate from Oregon to the Farmers' National congress, held at Chicago, Nov. 10th, 11th, 12th, has just returned. He left a few reports of a former congress to be handed out to the farmers from different localities. He will soon have reports from the last congress to distribute. The next Farmers' National congress will be held in Topeka, Kansas, Nov. 1888.

AN ARTISTIC DISPLAY.—The handsomest and most tasteful display of meats and poultry in the city can be seen at the market of McCrow & Willard, on Court street. Dressed, broiled, pork, sheep, turkeys and chickens, are hung about in gay profusion. One sheep weighing 150 pounds dressed, probably the fattest ever killed in Salem, is on exhibition. Go and look at the display.

SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

News of a Personal, Social, and General Nature—Events of the Week.

The Knights of Labor had a very pleasant social at their hall in Turner's block, Friday night.

Miss Mary Loomis, formerly of Salem, but now of Portland, is expected to arrive in the city this week, to become the guest during the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Manning.

Christmas dances were given at Turner and at Howell Prairie Friday night. Hilarious enjoyment was the characteristic of each. The Salem orchestra furnished the music for the latter.

The invitations for the grand military ball and reception to be given on Monday evening, January 9th, at the armory in Salem, will be issued to-morrow. The armory will be especially fitted up for the occasion.

Mrs. Dr. W. L. Wade, formerly of Salem, who has been in Philadelphia under treatment by Dr. Wm. Goodell, a distinguished surgeon of that city, is reported much improved, and will leave there soon on her return home, to Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. L. N. Gilbert was yesterday made the recipient of a very handsome copy of Longfellow's poems, by her Congressional Sunday school class, who had been remembered nicely by her. The members of the class are, Misses Minnie Breyman, Clara Earhart, Grace Piper, Ruth Matthews, Lizzie Church, Lora Chapman, May Boise, Ethel Cusick, and Nellie Boise.

THE WHIST CLUB.—Mrs. W. W. Skinner entertained the Whist club very pleasantly at her residence, on Cottage street, in honor of Mrs. J. G. Wright, who has just returned from a visit to her son at Prineville, Thursday night. Drive whist was the order of the evening, and the fox tail, which is the "wreath" of victory in club affairs, was won by Mrs. J. M. Rosenberg, and the best gentleman player's prize by Mr. Geo. Collins. The boobies were awarded to Mrs. E. B. Fleming and Mrs. E. M. Waite, the latter of whom was presented a genuine Tom Sawyer, sure-enough Barlow knife. A delightful lunch was a prominent feature of the evening. The members of the club present were, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Waite, Mr. and Mrs. E. Breyman, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lemon, and special guests Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gilham, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. A. Klein.

LAND SOLD.—Yesterday upon a decree of foreclosure of mortgage obtained by the state board of land commissioners against J. G. Evans, Sheriff Minto sold at public sale 70 acres of land on the Santiam, upon which the decree had been obtained. The land was bid in by the board for the amount of the mortgages, costs, etc.—\$1,390.91.

INSTALLATION.—The newly elected officers of the two Masonic lodges of this city will be installed at the Masonic hall Tuesday night. All Masons are requested to bring their families and well-filled lunch baskets for the occasion. Young unmarried masons are entitled to one young lady each.

ARTICLES FILED.—Articles have been filed in the office of the secretary of state incorporating the Portland Real Estate company; incorporators, John W. Kern, Frank E. Beach, James G. Warner; capital stock, \$50,000, divided into 500 shares at \$100 each; place of business, Portland.

FOR THE ORPHANS.—Rotan & Whitney, the Court street furniture dealers, yesterday sent to the orphans' home a large, fat turkey for their Christmas dinner. The gift will no doubt be appreciated by these motherless and fatherless children. Children get bilious unless you keep their bowels open with New Style Vinegar Bitters.

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