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Thanksgiving Day.

The customary Thanksgiving Services will be held at the usual hour at the various Churches in this city on Thursday; schools will close Wednesday evening until Monday morning. No paper will be issued from this office on the 27th. The edition for the 29th will appear as usual.

"EMOTIONAL INSANITY."

The plea of insanity as a defence in case of crime, is one that needs to be guardedly received. Yet it is subject to so many tests, that if these are fairly applied, there is little danger of mistake. One great test is the manifestation of mental disease at a time previous to the occurring of any reason for committing the offence. Thus, if this precede the temptation to homicide, it cannot be said that it was simulated. Men do not feign to be crazy merely because they may some day be inclined to commit murder. Moreover, the study of insanity has reached a high pitch of scientific accuracy, and the experts, generally being physicians of the highest character and standing, have every motive for accurate judgment. But "emotional insanity," if we understand it, is simply this: A man perfectly sane before the crime, and perfectly sane after it, is at the moment of committing it under the influence of a sudden access of passion amounting to dementia, and therefore is not a free agent. The sight of the one who has injured him, or provoking words, or some similar cause, has produced this paroxysmal attack.

Now, to put it in plain English, this is no more or less than a plea that the provocation justifies the crime. The man is angry, and has lost command of himself. He has no business to lose his self-command, unless the circumstances are such as to work the effect irresistibly. Therefore, when the plea is set up that the right of one who has deeply injured another creates in the injured party emotional insanity, it amounts to just this: a decision that for certain offences the aggrieved may slay the aggressor whenever they may meet. We certainly hold it far more manly and equitable to enact this into a law, than to get at it by such a transparent subterfuge. It is very hard that a cold-blooded, phlegmatic man, who cannot fly into a passion, should be debarred from taking the revenge which is thus made free to his more excitable neighbor.

The explanation in the Oregonian concerning the light-house to be put up at Point Adams is to the effect that originally it was intended to only construct a light-house; but when it was determined to build a fog-signal also, the first plans were found impracticable, and new plans were sent to Washington for approval,—early this fall, etc. By referring to the appropriation bill approved March 3, 1873, the following item appears: For building a small light and fog-signal at the mouth of the Columbia river, Oregon, thirty thousand dollars." It would seem that the subsequent determination "to construct a fog-signal" was made as early as last spring. How is it, then, that the plans were barely ready to be forwarded to Washington for approval "early this fall?" It has not been taken all this time for some parties in Portland to attempt to secure all the barren sands in the vicinity of where it is expected this light-house will be erected? Truly, large bodies move slowly. We do not wish to seem to censure any one, we do not know who is censurable,—but this light is very greatly needed, and the mariner, and those living on the sea side who are particularly alive to its importance, feel that a year's time to complete specifications, after the money has been appropriated, is a very great while.

—See fourth page for poetry, etc.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The Astoria Public School closed its first term for the current year on Friday last. One hundred and thirty-three pupils have been enrolled—36 in the room of the principal, 46 in the second room, and 51 in the primary. The average attendance in the higher department has been 31, in the intermediate 36, in the primary 35. These are very high averages. With few exceptions the absences have been caused by sickness.

The following are the names of those who deserve credit for steady attendance, good deportment, and careful attention to study. In the higher department:

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| GIRLS. | BOYS. |
| Mary Parker, | Daniel Welch, |
| Belle Parker, | Warren Ferrell, |
| Amy Adams, | Hustler Van Dusen, |
| Ella Beard, | Frank Parker, |
| Ellen Rogers, | Willie Parker, |
| Daisy Case, | Nathaniel Ferrell, |
| Dora Badollet, | Thomas Hare, |
| Nora Wilson, | Volmeton Hoelling. |

Absence from school has prevented the names of many good pupils appearing in the report. In the intermediate room the following pupils have the best standing:

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| GIRLS. | BOYS. |
| Lulu Warren, | Joseph Hare, |
| Jennie Badollet, | Reuben Cole, |
| Maud Hobson, | Willie Warren, |
| Ellen Logan, | Harry Hobson, |
| Jessie McEwan, | Joseph Russell, |
| Maggie McEwan, | Frank Hall, |
| May VanDusen, | Ellsworth Shaw. |
| Mary Langworthy. | |

The following pupils of the primary department are commended by their teachers:

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| GIRLS. —Pauline Parker, Emma Fox, May Hobson, Estella Mudge, Ladora Ellen Chance, Georgianna Fox, Dolly Fox, Edith Carr. | |
| BOYS. —Jenner Parker, Paul Parker, George Logan. | |
| | Teachers. |
| | W. L. WORTHINGTON, |
| | M. K. GEARHART, |
| | AURELIA RAYMOND. |

In a recent article we promised our readers some remarks about the public school buildings, want of time will prevent us saying all we have to say, and will no doubt prevent us from saying very well what we do say. But any one who is in a position to understand the wants of Astoria, her aims, her claims, her hopes—must feel that her present school buildings reflect no credit on her enterprise, do not indicate a high degree of taste of culture among her people. We think we know the reasons for much of this. There is a strong feeling that in time Astoria will have commodious, elegant, and well-appointed school-houses, but now we are not prepared, we cannot spare the means to put the town in the foremost rank among the towns of Oregon in the all important interest of public education. We believe that much has been done to make the school comfortable where it is, all this affords matter for congratulation, but can the city consent to be contented with the present position of the school-house, and its present condition? The only play ground of the children a slippery inclined sidewalk, a little back yard not as large as a good sized dinner table.

So without, within, want of room, everywhere want of room, insufficient ventilation, air coming from the little back yard not redolent with the perfumes of Araby the blest but with perfumes of quite a different and contrary character.

If the children want to exercise, there are the streets knee deep in mud to lure them to those inspiring, invigorating exercises which give to the body strength, to the mind health.

The city cannot afford to discourage the thoughtful and observing from settling among them by the exhibition of such public buildings. What can we expect from such surroundings, but that when the boy grows to man's estate, he will place his family in a hovel, and let his children snuff up the odors of carrion and garbage from yard and alley? If you teach children in sheds, when they become fathers and mothers, they will live sties. When you put flowers in the school-houses, roses will bloom in the poor man's yard; when you hang pictures in the recitation rooms, prints and chromos will adorn the poor man's walls; when you rear the stately school-house, the mechanic will build himself a decent home. There is no connection whatever—none in the world—between fine churches, and comfortable abodes for the poor. Make the tour of Upper Canada, if you have any doubt as to that. Look at Ireland and France. But point us, if you can, to any community beneath the sun of heaven, that puts its children to school in beautiful rooms with fine surroundings, where the sober and industrious workman does not shelter his family comfortably. We say that we are not able to bear the expense, but look at the cities of Boston and Chicago; in the hour of their utmost need beginning at once to replace their schools, seizing the opportunity to improve, enlarge and perfect them.

Look at the schools of Portland—they are a credit to it. What man of culture after looking at our miserable old store-house and then looking at any one of Portland's school buildings would ever imagine that those who could be con-

tent with the one, should hope to compete with the men who built the other? Why even Hillsboro, Oregon City, Albany or almost any of the towns up the river can turn the oldest city in Oregon to shame in this matter.

Gentlemen, let this not continue, take measures to secure a block at once. If you are sure that the town will be better able to bear the expense in the future, you must likewise be sure that it will never be able to buy the land it needs cheaper. While we think it is good policy to pay as we go, yet if the majority think differently we can by purchasing at once secure what we need at figures which will make us have less to pay in the future. We can no doubt get it on time and pay it in installments which will prevent the purchase from being very burdensome. A two mills tax for two years, or a one mill tax for four years, would pay for the property. With the sale of the present property, as much more ought to enable us to put up a proper building and make other necessary improvements.

The plan of the building should be such that while economy was consulted it should, when finished, be found in every way adapted to its purpose. Ventilation should be secured, without reference to the windows; abundance of light, properly tempered; some method of warming which procures an even temperature throughout the building; good, fresh water, in abundance; separate play-grounds, with separate entrances for the two sexes, and numerous other things, which, because they are very convenient are not necessarily very expensive. * * * * * The external appearance of the building should be attractive and pleasing. It is wonderful how a very little care in design can be made to add to the value of what were otherwise unattractive and uninviting.

And above all things when something is done in this matter let it be something complete and finished. Something that will meet the growing wants of the city for a long time, and be useful as long as it stands.

We may return to this matter again for though you drive out nature with a club yet will she return again.

NEW SCHOOL BOOKS.—I have just received all the different kinds of New School Books required to be used in this State, that can now be found in San Francisco. Also, Slate pencils, Blotting pads, a good assortment of Stationery, Drawing paper, CARD BOARD, Perforated board, Ink, (Carmine, Purple and Black). Likewise a new stock of Crockery, Clocks and a large assortment of Lamp Chimneys, all of which will be sold cheap for cash. I. W. CASE.

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