

JOSH BILLINGS.

The Country Skool Mom.

She is invariably just about 23 years and 6 months old, and remains rite there for a term of years.

She wears her hair either knut short or hanging around in ringlets, and is as precise in all things as a pair of Fairbank's platform scales. She never laughs out loud, and seldom even smiles, but when she does, she does it according to the rules laid down by Murray for speaking and pronouncing the English language correctly.

She is the very essence of double extracted propriety, and would rather be four years behind, the fashions in her dress and bunnet than to spell a word wrong, or parse a sentence incorrectly.

She keeps a scrap book and an album, and would prefer rather to have the autograph of sum milk-and-water poet than the name of sum good man to a sixty day note.

The country skool mom seldom dies an old maid, she gets married generally to sum man who has but little education, and he thinks (as he ought to) that there ain't another such a larnt woman as his wife on the face of the earth.

With all her precise foolishness, her pompous knowledge, her silky sentimentalism, and her almost allwiss mistaking manner for matter, I respect the country skool mom. She taught me my letters, she was patient while I was stupid, she soothed me when I was frackshus, and she often (good soul) giv me a titbit from her luncion at noon time.

May kind heaven strew sum kind of happiness in her pathway, for she is paid poorly, worked hardly, and the step-mother to everybody's children, she never receives from the world ennything better than the most formal respect.

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Although an investment in Real Estate may not at once prove lucrative and yield an immediate income to the purchaser, we have found, from many years experience, that all judicious investments made, either in farming lands or suburban property adjoining a growing and prosperous city like this, invariably result in a fine speculation, or at all events in one that is doubly sure for a good paying investment.

In the products of the soil all wealth has its origin. The industrious farmer must always have a market for his wares. What he has to sell are the absolute necessities of life, and he that does not produce them must obtain them of him who does.

Whatever may be a man's business, however much money he may control, he must look to the tiller of the soil for that which will sustain life. There may be local derangements, but on the whole there is of necessity a market for every important product, and the producer must always be sure of his living, so long, at least, as he is the owner of the land he cultivates. In every department of life sunshine and shadow alternate, but if the foundation fails, the ruin of the superstructure is inevitable.

The possession of Real Estate is a substantial capital. If ones title is good, no thief can steal it; it needs no insurance policy to make it safe; nothing short of an earthquake can swallow it. A good farm or suburban garden, with rich soil, judiciously managed, whether its commercial gold value go up or down, is still the source of good and comfortable living. Whatever else a man may possess, he cannot afford to do without Real Estate sufficient to make himself and family, if he has one, a good home.

Stearns' ideas are decidedly correct. In his Gazetteer he says: "The Wallamet valley is that part of the country which has given the 'wet' currency circulating through the states concerning Oregon. The gentle showers of winter there are far more preferable to the freezing winds and chilling snows of the western states, while the temperate summer, warm enough for vegetation—cool enough for comfort, make it the paradise of the world. It is an old country, sparsely settled, to be sure, but the land is all owned by families who have held it for twenty-five years, or their successors. Every necessity and comfort of civilization is enjoyed by the people with the advantage of certain crops and large yields, longer seasons for cultivation and an equal price for produce.

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Church Directory.

Union services on behalf of the American Bible Society will be held this (Sunday) evening at the Congregational Church. Rev. P. H. Metzler, agent for Oregon and Washington territory, will give an interesting account of the work of the society during the past year. Short addresses pertinent to the subject will be made by Rev. J. G. Burchett, pastor of the Baptist Church, Rev. F. Elliott, Mr. T. P. Powers, president of the Clatsop Bible Society, and other speakers, if time will permit.

First CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Sunday school after morning services. Seats free, and cordial invitation is extended to all.

Rev. P. H. Metzler will officiate this morning. And Union services will be held in the evening.

First PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Organized May 5th, 1877. Supply expected from the Board of Domestic Missions. Sunday school every Sunday at one o'clock P. M., at upper Astoria school house.

GRACE (EPISCOPAL) CHURCH.—Rev. T. A. Hyland, Rector. Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Sunday school at 9 o'clock A. M.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS.—Services (upper Astoria) alternate Sundays, at 3 o'clock P. M., by the Rev. T. A. Hyland. Sunday school every Sunday at 9 o'clock A. M.

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH.—Rev. Father Macken Pastor. Services at 11 o'clock A. M. Sunday school at 9 o'clock P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. J. G. Burchett, Pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. In the new church on Astor street. Sunday School immediately after morning services. All are invited.

Services in the morning as usual. In the evening will attend the Union meeting at the Congregational Church.

METHODIST SERVICES.—Rev. F. Elliott, Methodist minister, will preach in the Congregational church.

FRIENDS OF PROGRESS.—A Free Conference meeting will be held by the society every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock P. M. All are invited.

PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM.—Children's Lyceum held at Liberty hall at 2 o'clock P. M., under the auspices of the Society of Friends of Progress. J. F. Miller, conductor.

Services in the Norwegian language at the Court house at 3 o'clock P. M.

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Astoria, October 2, 1877. 3m*

NOTICE.

We the undersigned Commissioners appointed by Ordinance No. 223 and 225 to assess the benefits and damages caused by the widening of Concomly and Chenamus streets, do hereby give public notice, that we shall proceed to view said proposed widening and to assess said damages and benefits on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1877; and that we shall meet at the office of free City Attorney at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, when and where all parties interested will appear and attend.

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Regular Communications first and third Saturdays in each month, at 7 o'clock, P. M., at the Hall in Astoria. Members of the Order, in good standing, are invited to attend. By order of the W. M.

Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F.

Meet every Friday evening, at 7 o'clock, in the Odd Fellow's Hall, cor. of Cass and Chenamus streets, Astoria. Members of the Order are invited to attend. By order, N. G.

Astoria Lodge No. 40, I. O. G. T.

Regular Meeting every Tuesday Evening at 7 o'clock, at Good Templar's Hall, Chenamus Street, Astoria, over C. L. Parker's Store. Members of the Order, in good standing, are invited to attend. Degree meeting 1st Monday each month. By order W. C. T.

Common Council.

Regular meetings first and third Monday evenings of each month, at 7 o'clock. Persons desiring to have matters acted upon by the Council, at any regular meeting, must present the same to the Auditor and Clerk on or before the Friday evening prior to the Monday on which the Council holds its regular meetings. By order of the Council, F. J. TAYLOR, Auditor.

Astoria Engine Co. No. 1.

Regular monthly meeting will be held at the hall of the Company, on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7 o'clock P. M. Members are expected to attend promptly, if not the usual fines will be imposed against them, unless legal excuse is offered. By order of the Company, A. VAN DUSEN, President.
R. N. CARNAHAN, Secretary.

Cemetery Notice.

The undersigned Sexton of the Astoria Cemetery, in view of the fact that the cemetery grounds are now permanently located, wishes all persons owning lots in the grounds to report the number and block to him; also, all persons who have buried friends in the grounds at any time, are requested to address him through the Post-office, or call upon him at his office, and furnish him with a list, embracing the name of deceased, age, when buried, the lot or block upon which the burial was made, and such other information as will enable him to bring order out of chaos. F. FERRELL, City Sexton.
Astoria, Oregon, Sept. 20, 1877.

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