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Governor West who has been very severely criticised for his stand on the question of the propriety of capital punishment, has signified his wishes that the matter be left to the voters of the state through the initiative. It seems to us that the governor is carrying the thing a little too far. It is not the intent of the constitution or the organic laws of the state that courts should go the trouble and expense of convicting a man to hang—if the Governor of the state is willing—and let whatever pressure that may be brought to bear against it. If we understand the intent of the law to be that in the event of the discovery of a great error having been made before the execution has been carried out and the person condemned should be proven innocent, that a means of the suspension of the operation of the law was necessary, but not that any governor should take the bull by the horns and simply say that there shall be no more hangings while he is in office.

A very lively road meeting took place in road district No. 14 at the home of I. H. Veatch on Saturday. A five-mill tax was voted for the improvement of the roads in the district. These people are to be commended on their enterprise. I. H. Veatch was elected road supervisor which insures that the funds collected in the district will be properly and advantageously expended.

The majority of the residents in that district are beginning to realize the advantages better roads will be when the winter rains come. For then there will be no more losing of crops, or earning them a second time getting them to market. They will reap the reward of this expenditure many fold over in years to come, beside it will be a great pleasure to them to see the pleasure vehicles go by winter and summer, causing them to realize that they live in a progressive community.

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The W. R. C. will meet in special session at Phillips' hall on Friday afternoon. All members are urged to be present as business of importance is to be transacted.

**Celebrate 57th Wedding Anniversary**

Among the venerable pioneer couple of Cottage Grove we find Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Veach who celebrated their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary the day before Christmas. Their wedding took place in a log cabin on the Hardy place near town, and they have made this vicinity their continuous home ever since.

They crossed the plains in the same company; she being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Knox who have long since gone before. The Knox company started across the plains in the spring of 1853, starting from the state of Missouri made the trip with teams, consuming about six months on the journey. Mr. Veatch, then a young man, engaged with Mr. Knox to drive the bunch of loose cattle, about one hundred in number.

Jaue Knox, then a young lady, mounting her riding horse made almost the entire trip on horseback, or to be exact, all but three days' ride on account of sickness, she choose a wagon. It was during these months that the young couple were in each others company that an affection sprung up between them that ripened into that genuine love which has known no faltering during these fifty-seven years.

During their long residence here Uncle Barn and Aunt Jaue have reared a family as follows: S. P. Veatch of San Francisco; O. O. Veatch, Rosetta Veatch, Mrs. Harriet McGee; Mrs. R. H. Mosby, Mrs. E. S. Holdeman and R. E. Veatch, all of Cottage Grove all of whom except the first live in the vicinity of Cottage Grove, and are well and favorably known.

Their trip across the plains did not differ very greatly from that of many others who braved the dangers, hardships and vicissitudes of these who sought the golden west in those days.

The older members of the party have long since passed over. The company consisted of S. V. Knox and family, William Oglesby and family, Ira Kelly and Thos. Knox, son-in-law of Mr. Oglesby, Perrin Bryant and Mr. and Mrs. William Ryleys. It is said that Mr. Ryleys is now residing Albany. Dr. Oglesby, of this city, is a son of the William Oglesby and wife mentioned.

The country hereabouts is very different now from what it was when these pioneers arrived. There were but few settlers who had taken up section lots of land, and the whole valley was infested with wolves, coyotes, cougars, rattle snakes, etc, however, under the untiring hand of progress it presents a very different appearance, and if Uncle Barn and Aunt Jaue live as long as their present state of preservation would indicate, they will see it when much greater changes will have taken place.

Fresh Oysters cooked in any style at Charley's

**CHURCH NOTES**

All records for Sunday evening attendance at the Methodist church were broken during the month of December. For the five Sabbaths there was the splendid average of three hundred and twenty-two. Next Lord's day at 7:30 Robert Sutcliffe gives his first address on "The Great Pictures of the World." He will take for the evening's lecture "Millet's Angelus" all who attend will receive a copy of the masterpiece so that the various points made by the speaker may be readily followed. At 8:30 there will take place the second "Sing Around the Piano." At 11 a. m. the annual roll call. Let all members be present to answer to their names. Sacrament of Lord's Supper at close. Bible school at 9:45. The classes begin the study of the new International Graded lessons. These are the very latest and best quarterlies. Epworth League at 6:30. Over seventy were present a week ago and enjoyed the exercises. A hearty welcome to all.

A men's class will be organized in the Methodist church next Sunday morning, Jan. 7, at 10 o'clock. Studies in Social Reform and what to do published in the monthly "The Gospel of the Kingdom" will be taken up each week. Dr. Josiah Strong, assisted by a corps of specialists is the editor. All men interested in the big problems that we are in the midst of are invited to become members whether connected with a church or not. A goodly number have signified their intention to take up the work.

A great movement, known as "A Light-bearing Church," is being launched in the Church of Christ in this city. Its aim is to correct the inner life of the church to the end that her power may be felt as never before in the community and the whole world. Minister Hoven presented the plan from a chart last Monday at the annual business meeting of the church. He will take it up in detail on Lord's day morning. It is the wish and purpose of this church to be and do just what the New Testament church was and did. The subject for next Lord's day morning will be "A Light-bearing Church" No. 1. Evening subject "The Wilderness Cry." The evening subject is one of a series of sermons on the book of Mathew. It will pay anyone to be present at all of these services. Good music and a happy fellowship. Mr. Fagan will be here to have charge of the music for next Lord's day.

Sunday, Jan. 7th. At the Presbyterian church the sermon subjects will be for the Morning at 11, "The Place of Faith" in the evening at 7:30 the subject will be "Who is my Neighbor?" Special music by the choir at both services. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

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**A Pleasant Social Affair.**

On Sunday at the Woodruff home three events were celebrated. Grandpa Comer's 70th birthday which was just past, Grandma Comer's 66th birthday, and New Year's Day. After a sumptuous dinner the afternoon was spent in social conversation, but the thing most enjoyed (except the dinner) was the perusal of a large chest of curios which were secured by Frank Woodruff during his services in the Spanish-American war, most of them being brought from the Philippines. Mr. Woodruff and his father gave a good history of each article which added greatly to the interest.

Before their departure Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff presented Grandpa and Grandma Comer with a very nice picture.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Comer, Miss Minnie Comer, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Tucker and two children, Harold and Kenneth, Dr. and Francis Schlee, Mrs. Nellie Doake and three girls, Mabel, Zena and Hazel Wheeler, L. B. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodruff.

**Silk Creek Items.**

Clyde Babcock is in our neighborhood once more.

Lloyd Owens and Miss Athna Gildersleve were united in marriage on December 26, 1911, by Elder R. W. Airey at the Academy at 7.30 p. m. There were about 150 people present.

Miss Alta Faucett broke her arm one day last week.

Mr. L. C. Parmele is still in very week condition.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor of Divide were the guests of their sister, Mrs. Jennie Walker, from Friday till Sunday.

Miss Floy Lee of Divide was the guest of Mrs. Eloise Wheeler and family Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Burcham gave a little social party Thursday evening in honor of Miss Cena Burcham and Mr. Otto, they being home for vacation. There were about 35 people present and all enjoyed a very pleasant time.

Mr. J. A. Wilson has been home making a holiday visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Owens are living in the house near Owen's saw mill.

There was an Xmas tree at the district school house the evening of Dec. 25, and a very pleasing program rendered. Mr. "Santa Claus" was there and reported a very hard trip.

Miss Pearl Crow of Loraue visited her brother, Mr. Oral Crow and wife last week.

Mrs. J. F. Gildersleve gave an Xmas dinner at which there were about 30 guests present. They all enjoyed a splendid dinner and pleasant time.

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