

LOCAL MATTERS.

Weather this week like early spring.

Bro. Wm. Rust, of Pilot Rock, is in town.

Miss Jessie Baskett was in town over last Sunday.

Mrs. Ross will buy dried fruit that is in good condition, also fresh eggs.

Mr. Hillory, of Bethel, was in town over Sunday, a guest of Mr. Lorin Waller.

Mr. Isaac Hughes, of Dallas, spent Christmas with friends in Monmouth.

Mr. Hamilton Mackey, of Goldendale, was in Monmouth on business last week.

Mrs. Poppleton's brothers, Cass and Scott Riggs, spent their holidays in Monmouth.

Bro. Moss preached an excellent discourse for the New Year on last Sunday morning.

The city council have gone to work, or at least we hear strong rumors in that direction.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyson and child, of Hillsboro, are visiting at Bro. Richardson's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fenton came up on last Friday and returned to Bethel on Sunday.

Mr. Andrew Chamberlin, of Oakland, is visiting friends and relatives in Polk county.

Miss Maggie Morris, of Albany, is visiting her sister, Miss Mattie Morris, who attends school.

Miss Mildred Bidwell gave a dinner party to some fifteen of her friends on New Year's day.

Honore and Irene Powell came down from Linn county to be present at the Vespertine entertainment.

The young ladies thank their Independence friends for their attendance at the exhibition last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Shelley and baby Ralph, of Independence, came up on Friday and remained over Sunday.

You couldn't guess, could you, what the last days of leap year have done for some of the Wide Awake Vespertines!

Miss Alice Tatom gave a luncheon party to some of her gentleman friends on New Year's day, which they found very enjoyable.

Miss Angie Caldwell has returned to school. Her sick spell was quite serious, but she thinks she is well enough to be at her books again.

Mr. Hamer and bride (nee Miss Matilda Owen) have been several days in Monmouth. The young couple have our best wishes for a happy future.

Our old friend Amos Wilkins, of Willamette Forks, was married on New Year's day, and is now with his bride at Mr. A. Bentley's, near Monmouth.

Last Saturday evening we were made the recipients of a genuine surprise party, which partook of a denotation in that all brought their hands full of something good to eat, of which none ate more heartily than those young gentlemen who had been dining all the afternoon. It was, we trust, as pleasant an evening to all as to those they surprised, and we give them everyone a happy new year greeting.

We hardly know how to say anything complimentary enough of the entertainment on New Year's eve. It was worth more than the twenty-five cents just to see the girls in their pretty dresses, and when those in costume came upon the stage laughter was so hearty and continuous that it became absolutely painful. Miss Ada Waller's opening address was brief, to the point and given without the least trace of embarrassment; indeed there was seemingly no embarrassment on the part of anyone. The tableaux were good; the recitations well recited. The Vespertine Lament, read by the editor, Miss J. Wolverson, contained a beautiful story and some pleasant local bits besides the editorials which were well received. The charade and pantomime were so comical that after them we could not help seeing the funny side of sober things. The essays by Miss Mildred Bidwell and Miss Stella Rowland were well written, and the closing address by Miss Clara Gard did that young lady credit. There was the best of order during the entire exercises, and we understand \$33 were taken in at the door. The Vespertines have the thanks of the entire Messenger force for a most delightful ending of the old year.

The Youth's Companion, of Boston, employs the same writers as the best English and American magazines, and no other publication for the family furnishes so much entertainment and instruction of a superior order for so low a price.

Any ladies wishing to know of the merits of the Excelsior Kidney Pad, its action etc., are referred to Mrs. Wm. E. McKecknie, Photograph Parlors, Toledo, Ohio.—See Adv.

Jay D. Dunning, Clerk, Wabash Shops, Toledo, Ohio, says:—I am now wearing an "Only Lung Pad," and it has afforded almost instant relief from asthma.—See Adv.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

(From the Daily Standard.)
PACIFIC COAST.

—The Linn county farmers are now turning over the soil as fast as is possible. The land is in good condition for plowing, and better weather for outside work could not be asked for.

—A deposit of iron ore has been found within four miles of Olympia, and an unlimited supply is supposed to exist there.

—J. J. Imbrie, of Washington county, will take his English coach horse, Robert Bruce, to Yakima next Spring, where he has a stock ranch.

—The Eugene Journal speaks of Clarence winter as a young artist of that place whose pictures are attracting considerable attention.

—Eggs during holiday week went as high as 75 cents a dozen at Coos Bay.

—The cultivation of flax is advocated in Lake county by the State Line Herald.

EASTERN.

—The Chicago Land League has contributed \$1,000 to the Irish defense.

—Forty-six of Sitting Bull's Indians surrendered at the Pine Ridge Agency last Saturday.

—Rev. Dr. E. H. Chapin, the world-renowned Universalist preacher of New York, is dead.

—The Ponca Indian chiefs desire to remain on the lands they now occupy, in Indian Territory, and to make permanent homes there, and have schools provided for them, and seem perfectly satisfied with promises made them at Washington.

—A Jamesburg, N. J. dispatch says: Some time ago Chinese workers in shirt factories there struck. The factory people replaced them by American laborers, 300 finding employment in them. Chinese quarters outside the town have been abandoned, all occupants leaving the place.

—The Brooklyn coroner has been notified to hold an inquest on the body of Mary Ferguson, 61 years old, of 523 Clinton St., Brooklyn, who died Wednesday night of blood poisoning. On Sunday night while washing she ran a pin in the forefinger of her right hand. She applied lotions to it but her arm afterwards swelled to an enormous size. She then called in a physician but too late. She died, her body turning perfectly black.

SANTA CRUZ, Dec. 27.—Last night the schooner Helen Merriam, 74 tons burthen, laden with telegraph poles for Oregon, taken on at Monterey, went ashore half a mile this side of Soquel. The first mate, Martin Frees, a native of Germany, and a sailor attempted to go ashore in a boat, which capsized. Frees was drowned but the sailor was rescued this morning, having clung all night to the boat.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Dec. 27.—The Trustees of the Illinois Wesleyan University, who have been in session in this city since Tuesday morning, closed their labors today, appearing to realize the great responsibility that rests upon them to free the institution from the heavy debt now resting upon its shoulders. The result of their deliberations is as follows: The board will endeavor to raise one-half of the \$10,000 deficit among themselves and the friends of the institution, who have been present attending the meeting of the board. About one-half this sum was pledged at the meeting. It was also decided to request President Adams to take the field, and by personal work raise not only the \$5,000 needed to liquidate the \$35,000 note, but to continue the canvass until the floating debt of \$15,000 is liquidated.

FOREIGN.

—A company of engineers has been ordered to leave Aldershot immediately for Ireland.

—Jews in Berlin avoid appearing in the streets on account of public persecution.

—The English Postal Department has ordered 20,000 telephones for postal service.

—Three men were killed Christmas day trying to cross a railroad track near Boston.

—A South American war is to go on. Chili is approaching with 18,000 men, and Peru is well prepared and has a large force to use in defending Callao and Lima. They say they can carry on the war in the mountains for years to come. Families and valuables are sent from Lima and preparations made for a stern defense.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Cross, George Eliot, the distinguished novelist, died last night; death quiet and almost painless. Mrs. Cross was seized with a sudden chill, which affected her head and particularly her larynx, on Sunday last. She had shortly before the attack, received several friends, who had left her apparently in good health, and spirits. The attack, however, did not give serious cause of alarm until last evening. Dr. Andrew Clark then discovered her pericardium seriously affected, and pronounced the case almost hopeless. She passed away quietly. On the 6th of May last, deceased was married as Marian Evans to John Cross of Weybridge Surrey, a merchant in that city.

city.

—Official advices have been received by mail from Peking, bearing dates about a week previous to the conclusion of the two treaties signed in that city on the 17th ult., but foreshadowing the principal points to an extent which in connection with the official telegram received by our government last month, fully appreciate the statement heretofore telegraphed concerning them in these special dispatches; and also quite clearly outlined some additional interesting particulars. The stipulation relative to immigration will be substantially as follows: "The Emperor of China consents that whenever in the opinion of the United States the coming hither of Chinese laborers or their residence in this country affects or threatens to affect injuriously the interests of the United States, then the United States Government may regulate, limit or suspend such coming or residence in such manner as the United States may deem proper. It will be noticed that this form of provision, while giving Congress practically full control over Mongolian immigration, does not involve an absolute perpetual prohibition which the Emperor might consider offensive. The treaty is expected in Washington with the two treaties by the 8th or 10th of January.

Born.

In Monmouth, Polk county, Or., December 26, 1880, to the wife of Mr. Thomas Boothby a son.

Married.

By Elder H. M. Waller, December 29, 1880, Mr. D. C. Butler of Columbia county, W. T., to Miss Ella Vista Davidson, of Polk county, Oregon.

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