

LIBERO INDEPENDENT.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Maple sugar and buckwheat flour at Greer's.

J. I. Knight has money to loan, and buy notes.

Dolls and doll heads at the Hillsboro Bazaar.

Baby ribbon, three yards for 5c, at Schulmerich & Son's.

A nice assortment of ladies' kid gloves, at Schulmerich & Son's.

Call on Humphreys for loans on good property, also farms to rent and to sell.

No. 1 fresh cow for sale, four years old, calf by side. V. A. Billon, Glencoe.

Children's elderdown coats in assorted style and colors, at Schulmerich & Son's.

J. I. Knight is always prepared for all kinds of notarial work, especially conveying.

Bees for sale—Four hives of good Italian bees. Inquire of Mrs. A. E. James, Cornelius, Oregon. 23-27

For sale—A good upright piano, with excellent tone. Inquire of Mrs. A. E. James, Cornelius, Or. 23-27

Wanted—To rent, a farm of 80 to 100 acres on the shore, or must be cheap for cash. W. S. Hyde, Hillsdale, Or.

John Wolf, of Beaverton, took a trip to San Francisco when the cut passenger rates were first quoted, and returned a few days ago, bringing his bride with him. So much for so much.

Mr. Jephtha Garrigus, a farmer on West 21st, raises fat turkeys that weigh 21 pounds each. He has for years grown Chandler-wind, beets, and has become skillful. This year he harvested forty tons to the acre. It is a great yield but his land is in fine till and fertile. Sugar beets will grow on those acres.

R. P. Wilmut, who formerly lived at Beaverton, but who is now with his son, R. B. Wilmut, near Oswego, was stricken with paralysis of the left side of his body on Thanksgiving day. He is not able to walk and can sit only as he is bolstered with cushions. He speaks with the greatest difficulty. Father Wilmut passed his 80th birthday last fall.

The State Insurance Company having failed and gone into the hands of a receiver, those holding their policies are now without insurance. J. I. Knight has made arrangements with one of the best companies whereby he is able to take up the policies of the State and substitute good solid policies for them and allow what they are worth to wards it for return premium. Parties having these policies will do well to bring them in and deal with J. I. at once. 26-28.

Mr. J. J. Wick's one-year-old child was painfully burned on Wednesday morning by falling against a hot stove. The child was sitting on a crib which it was rocking to and fro, the impulses being stronger at each rocking, till the crib tipped over and threw the child on the stove. Its cheek from opposite its mouth to its temple is completely denuded of skin. One of the hands is also burned. It is hoped that by careful dressing that there will be only a small scar. The burn, now, is excruciatingly painful. Dr. F. A. Bailey dressed the wound.

A somewhat celebrated land case appealed from Washington county to the supreme court, that of Williamette Real Estate Co. v. H. H. Hendrix, has just been decided in favor of Neighbor Hendrix. The land in dispute is a tract adjoining Cornelius on the northwest, and a part of it had been surveyed into lots and blocks, but had not been occupied. The field was common for a long time, till Mr. Hendrix fenced it. In delivering the opinion, Chief Justice Moore for the court said: "There is nothing to show that the plaintiff ever did anything on the land to notify the defendant that it had invaded the premises in dispute. Adverse possession of it cannot be pleaded upon the occupancy of some lot therein by a grantee of the plaintiff. When the premises consist of several known lots or tracts, and are conveyed by the same instrument, each is distinct, and an entry and occupancy of one under color of title is not constructively an occupancy of the whole." Honor. T. H. Tongue and S. B. Huston are attorneys for H. H. Hendrix, and Mitchell, Tanner & Mitchell for the real estate company.

There was a little tragedy in the Schmetzer case in court yesterday. Two indictments had been found against him, one for stealing two sacks of grain and one for two other small articles from a barn, worth more than \$5, the other for theft of live valuable articles at Sheriff's residence. He pleaded not guilty to both indictments. He had employed Mr. C. E. Kindt to defend him. His attorney, divining what was in store for his client if he went to trial, advised him to plead guilty to the indictment, when the state would probably discontinue the other. The evidence was positive and a conviction was certain in both cases. Schmetzer agreed to do this, wherefore he withdrew his former plea and substituted a plea of guilty.

The charge of attorney informed the court of the trifling value of the property taken, and asked for the mercy. The defendant's attorney spoke to the same effect, and further, that the witnesses were at some distance, and the two cases would cost the county more than two hundred dollars, he asked trial. In view of the facts, he asked leniency to his client. In passing sentence the court called attention to the fact that he had been convicted of petty larceny only a little more than two years ago, that shortly afterward he was tried for murder and acquitted, though the court thought him guilty. Afterward he was convicted of larceny in Multnomah county, wherefore, in view of the facts his sentence was four years in the penitentiary. Schmetzer told the sheriff that he had thought the sentence would be so severe he would have made them fight for their money. Attorney Kindt is satisfied that he saved his client six years in the pen when he took his advice.

The team of Mr. S. Barnes, while at the Climax mill yesterday morning, became frightened and ran away. The tongue of the wagon dropped to the ground when it plowed along till it struck under the fence surrounding Judge Crandall's grounds. There it ran into the ground and broke off. The double trees broke at the same time, freeing the horses. They jumped on the fence and broke it down. The frightened animals continued on till they encircled a prune tree. This was uprooted so not entangled the team that it was stopped. The damage is a broken wagon tongue and broken singletrees. This, Mr. Barnes bears. He also offered to pay damages to Judge Crandall, but he said he could at small expense repair the fence, and would not accept damages.

Revival service at the M. E. church this evening. The subject of the sermon, which all should hear, is "Hypocrisy and Pseudism or, Heaving." The pastor will be in his pulpit Sunday morning. The subject for the morning sermon is "Christ's Love to His People the Best Incentive to a Similar Affection." And the topic for the evening discourse is "Memory Increasing the Misery of the Damned." Evening services at 7 o'clock. The Epworth League devotional meeting at 6:45 instead of 4:30. The meeting promises to be one of interest, and very entertaining because of the special music. There will be a meeting in the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, for men only, and singing by male quartette. Admittance by ticket.

Mr. L. Holtz may lose a thumb in a manner quite novel in the line of accidents. Mr. Holtz was assisting in butchering some hogs, and the men had a fat porker ready to be stabbed, when Mr. Holtz seized the nose of the animal and, in some way, slipped his thumb into the hog's mouth near the small teeth. One snap of the jaws and Mr. H. noticed the thumb of his left hand hanging by the skin of one side of the thumb, cut almost as clean as a knife would do it. The strange part of it, he said, there was no pain attending the injury and thought his thumb was only slightly pinched. Dr. Tamsie attended him, but is not certain whether the thumb can be saved.

A dispute over politics in C. Blaser's saloon, a few nights ago, resulted in an angry scuffle wound for one of the disputants. Passing along Constable Annans heard a loud "I'll shoot you full of holes!" He rushed in as a peace officer and saw Oden fumbling in his hip pocket. The constable stepped up to him but received a heavy clip on the temple which fell him flat. While Annans was down, Blaser struck with a crib board and stopped Oden's career for the night. He was taken to the Pharmacy, where John Bailey cared for him till his father, Surgeon Bailey, came and dressed the wound. Several stitches were required.

Deputy Recorder of Conveyances Jack has kept an accurate record of the amount of mortgages cancelled during the month of November. He finds that the cancellations amount to \$22,948. The new mortgages filed for the same time were given to secure \$18,478, from which it appears the people of the county got out of debt in the sum of \$4,470.

A diphtheria scourge has broken out at Cornelius. In one family there are four cases reported, and in three others two cases each. The public school has been closed, and a general quarantine is to be observed. No deaths have yet occurred and the cases already reported are doing well. A prompt recovery is expected.

Sheriff Ford became suspicious of some of his prisoners yesterday, and made a search for "tools." He found a set of saws in Schmetzer's cell and the place where he had already been at work. Schmetzer was indicted by the present grand jury on a charge of burglary committed in a barn.

Mr. Frank Sell, living on West 21st, died of pneumonia, north of Greenville, entertained his friends on Thanksgiving evening. The amusement was a dancing party, and the refreshments were oysters and accompaniments.

J. C. Hare is running on a contract for a lot of ash lumber, which goes to a Portland furniture factory. Ash has been for the past few years a little off color, its place having been taken by oak, but it is again coming into favor.

At the Baptist church, Rev. Schofield will occupy the pulpit, both morning and evening. Subject of the evening sermon, "The Death of Moses, and Why He was Not Permitted to Enter the Promised Land."

Lecture "For Men Only" at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Admittance by ticket, which are to be had at the post office, R. H. Greer's and L. L. Williams' store.

Prices reduced in ladies' wraps and gents' mackintoshes. A fine line of men's mackintoshes at cost, and close out at Bryan-Laidlaw Co's Cash Store. New patterns just in.

We have some more Even Change tobacco at 15c a pound, also a fine and complete line of groceries at bed-rock prices. Bryan-Laidlaw Co's Cash Store. New patterns just in.

The Kid-Fitting is the only best corset in the world—at Bryan-Laidlaw Co's Cash Store. See our new Hamilton-Brown shoes.

One thousand dollars to loan on good real estate security. Enquire of Adolph Miller, 409 Everett St.

Vases, baskets, bamboo novelties, fancy stationery, perfumes and toilet articles, at the Hillsboro Bazaar.

Rubber and leather boots in all styles and prices, for men, boys and children, at Schulmerich & Son's.

Lamps, fancy china and glassware, to be found in odd shapes and novelties, at the Hillsboro Bazaar.

Everyone will find it to their interest to select Christmas goods early at the Hillsboro Bazaar.

Just a few cloaks and capes left at Schulmerich & Son's. You can get a bargain in remnants.

Found—On the street in Hillsboro, a plain silver napkin ring. It is at this office.

Doll carriages, boys' carts and wagons, at the Hillsboro Bazaar.

Money to loan. Room 13, Morgan building.

Snow fell on the hills back of Forest Grove last Monday.

The hand concert at the opera house, Tuesday evening, was a success in every respect.

Cardens Bros. are sawing a bill of bridge timbers and lumber for a new viaduct across West Dairy creek, at the Jabez Wilkes place.

The officers elected by Montezuma Lodge, No. 50, I. O. O. F., last week, were: S. B. Huston, U. G.; W. L. Finney, V. G.; D. M. C. Gault, secretary; J. M. Grear, treasurer.

First session of district convention of the Christian churches for district No. 1 will be held in Christian church, Hillsboro, on December 12th and 13th, inclusive. Special arrangements have been made for music. Entertainment for all visitors and delegates.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

CIRCUIT COURT.

E. G. Cooney v. Leander Gray. Motion of plaintiff for a default against Bertha and Frank Gray denied. Defendant to the complaint sustained. Plaintiff allowed two days to amend.

Geo. Good, administrator of estate of H. L. Dorr, deceased, v. W. E. Beag, sheriff, and G. E. Withington. Made a defendant and ordered to file his answer forthwith. Plaintiff allowed to file a supplemental complaint. Defendant Beauchamp allowed thirty days to answer the amended complaint.

E. L. and Andrew Olson v. Bettie and John H. Anderson. Judgment for plaintiffs for \$1,458.50, and mortgage premises ordered sold.

Kohler & Chase v. Bash. Set for Tuesday, December 10th, at 1:30 p. m.

Ford v. Washington county. Findings for the plaintiff. The court will file his decision in writing.

Myers v. Gillet. Judgment for plaintiff by default.

Paul v. Paul. Decree of divorce allowed on the default of defendant.

Abel v. Shepard. Verdict for plaintiff. Defendant allowed until Thursday, December 12th, to file motion for a new trial.

E. O. Hyde and H. Hamilton v. F. J. and G. W. Patterson. Judgment for plaintiff by default, and mortgage premises ordered sold.

Block v. Malles. Verdict for plaintiff.

Vergel v. Kruger. Judgment for plaintiff for \$600.

Robertson v. Robertson. Plaintiff allowed 10 days to procure witnesses.

The grand jury returned two indictments against H. Corbin and two against Stewart. His confidential Stewart plead not guilty to one indictment, and trial set for Friday, December 6th.

Block v. Malles. Trial set for Monday, December 9th.

Tongue v. McLaughlin. Referred to C. E. Ransom to take testimony.

State v. Bailey. Waived time to plead and entered his plea of not guilty. Thursday, December 12th, set for trial.

State v. Jas Lee. Indicted for larceny. Arraigned and allowed till Friday morning to plead.

Westermann v. Westermann. Decree for divorce granted. The custody of the three minor children given to the mother. On condition that he provided for their maintenance and allows the mother to visit them.

State v. Schmetzer. Indicted for larceny of grain in a barn. Former plea of not guilty withdrawn, and plea of guilty sustained. Sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. Another indictment against the same defendant, for larceny committed at Sherwood, was dismissed on motion of the district attorney.

PROBATE COURT.

Estate Godlove Litke, deceased. Sale of real estate by administrator confirmed.

Estate Clara T. Vaughn, deceased. Account of administrator allowed, and the estate closed of record.

Estate Edward Constable, deceased. The administrator filed her petition for an order permitting her to commence suit to annual sale of realty. The prayer of the petition is granted.

Estate Jacob Hesse, deceased. The final account of the administrator having been considered, and all claims having been paid, and all bequests, as directed by the last will of the deceased, except a bequest of \$200 made to Henry Hesse, who refuses to accept and receipt for said sum, but making no objections to said final account, it was ordered that the said \$200 having heretofore been paid to the clerk of this court, the estate be closed of record and that the said \$200 remain in the custody of the clerk, for the use of said Henry Hesse, till called for and properly receipted for.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

License to wed was granted December 4th, to John W. Luther, aged 36 years, and Ellen Bradley, aged 22 years.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Following is the report of joint district No. 62, for the second month of term which began September 30th: No. of days taught, 25; No. of days attendance, 833; No. days absent, 72; No. times tardy, 14; No. boys enrolled, 17; No. girls, 7; total No. enrolled, 24; average No. belonging, 22; average daily attendance, 19. Roll of honor: Sophia Bauman, Rhoda Dix, Ina Evenden, Jennie and Norman Walters, EVA A. MILLER, Teacher.

FIRE CLEARING.

The following is a report of the fire clearing school, district No. 99, for month beginning November 4th, and closing November 29th: Total No. enrolled, 15; No. days attendance, 211; average attendance for the month, 11; times tardy, 12. No. of perfect marks in the first spelling class: Grace Hopkins, 8; Estella Hopkins, 8; Flora McAdams, 4; Emma McAdams, 10; Johnny Schmetzer, 6. Second class: Otto Kruger, 4; Frankie Schmetzer, 2. Roll of honor, Ada Schmetzer, 2. RAPHAEL SECKLES, Teacher.

Dead Letter List.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for in the postoffice at Hillsboro, November 29, 1895: J. N. Anderson; Susan Pringle.

All letters not called for by December 14th will be sent to the dead letter office. One cent will be charged on each letter called for.

MARY A. BROWN, P. M.

CITY COUNCIL.

The council met on Tuesday evening in regular session. Present: Mayor Huston, Councilmen Tamsie, Stanley, Brown, Downs and Berst.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Warrants were voted to pay W. Redmond, salary, \$28.00 North Pacific Clay Works, 12.92 T. S. Weathered, judge of elec. 1.50 H. Schulmerich, " " 1.50 L. L. Whitcomb, " " 1.50 John Wall, clerk, " 1.50 Frank Williams, clerk, " 1.50

The recorder read the result of the canvass of the vote polled for city officers, on the 24th instant, to-wit:

For mayor—S. B. Huston.....66 R. B. Goodin.....138

Goodin's majority.....72 For councilmen—W. H. Wehrung.....187 W. D. Wood.....72 J. D. Merryman.....72 John Cardens.....72 J. I. Stanley.....72 R. H. Greer.....148 J. P. Tamsie.....155

For treasurer—G. W. Patterson.....66 W. E. Brock.....156

For councilmen—T. S. Weathered.....41 Benton Bowman.....175 Scattering.....3

Whereupon, the mayor announced that those who had received a majority of the votes were duly elected, to-wit: Mayor, R. B. Goodin; councilmen for two years, W. H. Wehrung, J. I. Stanley and R. H. Greer, and for one year, J. P. Tamsie; recorder, Benton Bowman; treasurer, W. E. Brock.

The business of the evening being completed, and the council about to adjourn, on Monday day, Mayor Huston spoke substantially as follows:

"TO THE GENTLEMEN OF CITY COUNCIL OF HILLSBORO:

"The time has now arrived for us to retire and turn over the trust committed to us by the people of Hillsboro to our successors. In doing so, I know that we are making way for able and more worthy men, and I cannot refrain from expressing a hope that our successors will be able to accomplish much more for the benefit of the people of Hillsboro than we have been able to do.

"When I accepted the position of mayor a year ago, I was foolish enough to hope that a great deal of good would be accomplished during our term of office. The city was in debt about \$15,000, consisting of \$10,000 in bonds and \$5,000 in warrants; all of this indebtedness bears 8 per cent. I believed that it would be good policy for the city to sell \$15,000 of 6 per cent refunding bonds, due in twenty years, and take up the \$10,000 of bonds, and \$5,000 of warrants. By doing so we would save \$800 a year interest. We would bring the value of our city warrants up to par, or nearly so. This would enable us to buy our material from ten to twenty per cent cheaper than we were and are doing.

"It seemed to me that the best way to manage public business was to do it in the same way that I would manage my own private business. I believed that if I were in debt, my debts being over due, with no money to pay them, with my creditors pressing, being required to pay from ten to twenty per cent more for all labor and material, that if under these circumstances, someone should offer to loan me the money on ten or twenty years time, at a reduced rate of interest, with which to pay my creditors and thus re-establish my credit, that I should not hesitate in accepting the offer.

"These views I urged upon the council with such force as I was able to command. A majority of the council, for good and sufficient reasons, decided otherwise, and have been sustained by the people of the city of Hillsboro in so doing, by a very large majority. Notwithstanding this fact, I am still of the opinion that the council made a mistake, and a grievous one, when they refused to refund the indebtedness of the city of Hillsboro.

"There was another matter which I hoped to accomplish. Under the present charter of the city, all the street improvements are paid for out of the general fund raised by taxation. Four-fifths of this money is expended in front of and for the purpose of improving the business streets of the city. The property which this improves and appreciates in value is owned by the people who are the best able to pay for its improvement. As it now stands, the men who own the vacant houses in the various additions to the city, are taxed to improve the property on Main and Second streets.

"It has never seemed to me that this was right. I do not yet believe it is right. I hoped that we might have our charter amended so as to compel the property which was benefited by these improvements to pay for them. And while I do not wish to be understood as pointing to prepare amendments for the charter. They reported an amendment of this kind. I prepared it and incorporated it into the proposed amendments of the charter. When this amendment came up to be acted upon by the council, the majority struck it out, and the action of the majority in this matter has been approved by the people.

"As I said before, I cannot refrain from expressing a sense of disappointment at the failure of the council to agree with me in these matters. And while I do not wish to be understood as disparaging the motives or the conduct of the council in this or in any other matter, I yet believe, notwithstanding what has taken place, that my views in these matters will ultimately be paid for by the people of the city of Hillsboro.

"This council has reduced expenses wherever it could be done and has, I think, been an economical council. The only criticism which I have heard in that respect was with regard to the character of the lumber used in the platform of Main street. It is claimed by some that the lumber was all of a very inferior class; others affirm that it was good average lumber. The future wear will determine this matter. There was undoubtedly some waste in cutting it, and it would seem that some of this at least might have been avoided.

"And now, in surrendering our trust and in turning over the management of the city affairs to our successors, let us hope that they will profit by our mistakes, and that they will give to the city of Hillsboro a wise and economical administration. Knowing them as we do, we have no doubt they will do so."

A motion to adjourn was made,

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but the attention of the council was called to the fact that the new council were not all present to be sworn in and could not be till Thursday evening, whereupon, the motion to adjourn was amended to adjourn till Thursday evening.

FARMINGTON.

The farmers have bought out S. E. Craig's creamery and have hired a first-class dairymen from the East. Mr. Craig has built up a good reputation for creamery butter, and the E. C. brand takes the lead in the Portland market. The patrons are sparing no pains nor expense in order to continue its excellence.

The aged father and mother of Mrs. Ogden, the wife of our Farmington merchant, together with several other members of the family, have come from the north of the state of Maine to make their home in Oregon. We welcome them and can stand a good many more such people coming in our midst.

Mr. J. Millar has rented Mr. G. Robinson's 400-acre farm and cows, and Mr. R. H. has moved into Farmington.

The dairy business is having a good effect on agriculture here. The land is beginning to increase in fertility greatly, and some of us are interested in the valuable articles you have printed on sugar beet culture, believing this neighborhood will soon be rich enough to raise beets for sugar.

The price of butter ruled so low this summer that 40 cents per hundred was all the milk brought the farmer. It left no margin, but we live in hope.

Mr. Peter Pence has been quite unwell, but is better now.

Messrs. H. and H. Kamme have a valuable cow that gives 50 pounds of milk per day. She was down with milk fever last week, but our Farmington veterinary surgeon brought her through all right.

Mr. Lawrence has sold eighty acres of his farm to a gentleman in Kansas, who is to come out and take possession in the spring.

Mr. Herman Boggs is fixing up a chopper at the Farmington creamery.

Mr. Edward's farm takes the lead in this neighborhood in thorough underdrainage, board fences and the buildings. She is a progressive Bostonian.

BETHANY.

Thanksgiving was appropriately observed by our people. Although the traditional turkey is a rare bird in these parts, his place is well supplied by suitable substitutes.

The new bridge near the school house is finished. A great deal of voluntary work by the citizens has been cheerfully rendered, and the result is gratifying to all.

The rain sets all to work at "double quick" time. Ploughing was delayed by the long continued drought.

Some time ago, parties from Southern California were here looking over the country, with a view of making Oregon their future home. They appeared to be well pleased here.

A year or two ago several families left this neighborhood for British Columbia, where the government held out strong inducements to immigration. Now they write that they are perfectly disgusted with that country. If they had the means, they would at once return to Oregon, and by far prefer their former ten-acre lots to large tracts of land they now call their own.

No sooner was Mr. J. Kassebaum's new house completed, than he took a house-keeper to set things in proper shape and order.

Mr. Kyle is building a large barn. Hard times do not seem to interfere much with many minor improvements.

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