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TOO MUCH CHRISTMAS.

Our force of compositors went to Port Orford last week to "take in" the Christmas festivities at that place. From the fact they have not yet returned it would seem that they "took in" more than they could get home with on time and fell by the wayside, all of which accounts for the lack of the usual amount of local matter this week.

SHOOTING MATCH.—Denmark having made no Christmas display, has, with commendable enterprise, determined to hold forth New Years, the exercises to consist of shooting matches for a beef, mule and purse, and such other fun as may be determined upon by the shootists. Denmark may be behind some of her sister towns in other matters, but as a community of skilled marksmen and hunters, she is peerless. Clean up the Winchester, Remingtons, Marlins and Ballards, and get away with some of the spoils.

THE SPELL OF WEATHER.—This part has been visited lately by one of the most protracted if not the severest, rain and wind storms it has been the misfortune of the "oldest settler" to have to endure for a long while. About the 14th the music (of the spheres) began, and there has been no bow of promise since. It has been suggested that this storm is simply compensatory for the extraordinary hold-off which had enabled Mr. Averill to complete the bridge.

CHRISTMAS AT PORT ORFORD.—Port Orford celebrated Christmas with a grand ball at Wilber's hall, with a goodly number in attendance. Supper was had at Mr. Neely's in the Winsor House, which is spoken of as an exceptional array of edibles. As is stated in our correspondent's letter from that place, the Christmas tree exercises were postponed to New Years to await the arrival of the schooner on which were the goods to adorn the tree.

JOB STOCK.—We are expecting on the schooner now due at Bandon, an invoice of job stock, comprising a variety of cards, papers, card boards, colored inks, etc.; besides some additional fonts of job type. We shall be able to execute job printing in the best manner and on reasonable terms.

BRI VITIES.

Has "Badger" hold-up for the Winter?

Mr. Button has about completed a new dwelling.

Don't allow the fact that the school tax is due to escape you.

A storm of unusual severity has been raging during the week past.

The Parkersburg has on board new machinery for Grube's mill, recently burned, and a planer for Rosa's mill at Bandon.

Mr. John Langlois and wife are spending the holidays at Cape Blanco Light House, guests of Jas. Langlois, Head Keeper.

The schooner Parkersburg, which, when last heard from, was off Port Orford, will be tied up for the Winter on her arrival in the river.

Mr. Robert Burnham is expected home in a few days. We failed to run down the man who started the rumor that Mr. B. was not to return alone.

Our mails have been reaching this point from the north in Homoeopathic doses on account of swollen streams and the general bad state of the roads.

Miss Manciet, sister of Frank Manciet, formerly of Ellensburg, made her debut as an operatic singer at the Casino in Portland on the 1st instant with fair prospects.

Mr. J. E. Davis, of Douglas county, who has been with us for some time, left for his home in the valley Sunday morning—not, however, before ordering the Recorder sent to his address.

AN EXCELLENT BROWSE.

The dwarf Sallal which abounds up here on all kinds of ground, good, bad and indifferent, in highlands and low, is by no means the nuisance it has, by many been regarded. Cattle resort to it as a sort of dessert, we presume, while horses nibble at the tenderer branches, though they find the bush surrounded by abundant grass, and sheep seem particularly fond of it to vary their daily rations upon. It is said that sheep will subsist almost wholly upon it if allowed a wide range. And it is a persistent grower, the species we have reference to seldom getting taller than about ten inches. This browse produces annual crop of berries lying close to the ground, which are possibly relished by the stock as well as its evergreen foliage. In early times we are told that elk, when driven from the high levels by snow, betook themselves to the flats and subsisted altogether upon dwarf sallal, though it is proper to add that the elk is a natural browser, preferring various twigs and buds to grass. The effort to kill out this singular plant by running fire over the ground in early Spring seems only to improve it, as it sprouts up during the Summer, fresh and vigorous; and, being of an oily consistence, it burns readily when surrounded by sufficient dry grass and weeds to start a blaze through it.

There are only three small tracts of surveyed land still vacant in this township. The rate at which land has located and entered up in this vicinity during the past two years, has been something remarkable; and locations have not been confined to the surveyed part, either. There are numerous good locations yet unappropriated on unsurveyed land near here.

We see it stated that Hon. A. C. Jones of Roseburg, and Mr. S. F. Floed of the same place, will be strongly backed for the positions of Register and Receiver of the Land Office over there under the incoming Democratic Administration. Both are worthy, capable men, and deserve well of their party.

COOS BAY NEWS.

G. Webster, formerly of Marshfield but later of Santa Cruz, Cal., is now a resident of Los Gatos, Cal. The health of his family required that they should get away from the Coast air.

John Fred Weaver and his son John Christopher, a lad 12 years of age, were drowned in North slough on the 22d. That day they left their home at Goose point in a small boat, to go to North bend, the object of the father being to place his boy in school at that place. Tuesday the boat in which they left home was found in Haynes slough, partly filled with water. The oars and oarlocks were missing and the painter was hanging over the bow of the boat. Since the finding of the boat friends have been searching for the bodies of the missing man and boy, but up to last advices they had not been found.—Mail.

The schooner Gotama arrived on the Bay last week and reported a sailor lost on the up trip. At the time the accident occurred, the vessel was off the Cape Blanco light. The crew were engaged "jibbing ship" at the time, and the main sheet being slacked, the boom was swaying from side to side while the ship was in stays. It is supposed the unfortunate man carelessly stepped on the crotch rope, and the boom swinging suddenly to one side, hauled the line taut with sufficient force to throw him overboard. The sailor's name was Bernh Frey. He was a native of Germany, and about 20 years old. Owing to the darkness of the night, and the heavy sea running at the time, it was impossible to render any assistance.

PORT ORFORD NOTES.

Mr. James Lockhart is superintending the delivery of the piping intended for the water works for the new store.

The writer is indebted to Mr. Jimmy Lane for a nice tender quarter of venison. Mr. L. is a courteous and pleasant young man.

Mr. Asa Carey came into town this morning with horses packed with pork for this market, which he disposed of and returned home.

Mr. Wm. Winsor has been weather-bound at this place for the past week. It is stated that his family will return to this place to reside.

French Ned, while coming up the beach the other morning from his spacious bachelor quarters, was so fortunate as to secure a very fine otter which had been wounded. Ned values the result of his morning's exercise at \$50.

The Christmas tree exercises have been postponed until New Years on account of the schooner's inability to enter the harbor owing to the storm, and our little ones are somewhat disappointed. A schooner has been lying off-and-on for several days, and is supposed to be the one destined for this port.

It is with difficulty that the mail to Eckley and Sixes is delivered on account of high water and rough trails. Mr. Rice Murray has superseded Mr. T. Neil as carrier on this route. The weather has been such recently that no one need envy the lot of the mail riders and they deserve great credit for making their trips.

The storm since last writing has subsided into calm and pleasant weather, with a light northerly breeze. The late storm was the severest that has visited this section for many years. The old mill tramway from the hillside to Anchor rock was carried away, thereby demolishing one of the landmarks of better times. It has filled its ultimatum.

Mr. N. B. Neely while perambulating the beach below Capt. Tichenor's residence in quest of "Tender-foot" curiosities, had a very lively set-to with a pelican to determine which was the better man. The first round resulted in a trip and stumble over the debris for Mr. N. who was endeavoring to get beyond the reach of wings and bill, which were in close proximity to his ears. Time was called for second round, when, after digging the sand out of his ears, Mr. N. braced himself for his antagonist's attack. It would have been difficult to predict the result of this round, had not the arrival upon the scene of his dog, euphoniously styled "Bull Purp," thrown the balance of power to Neely, who succeeded in making the bird prisoner. It has a beautiful golden head, and from inspection would make a splendid subject for the taxidermist, and I understand we have a good one here.

Hon. Frank A. Stewart, Dr. Downing, Messrs. Lockhart, Neely and several others whose names I am not familiar with, took what I call a salmon hunt. The news was circulated that the salmon had begun to go up Trout creek, about a mile below here, consequently the above named gentlemen, armed with a miscellaneous equipment of weapons, proceeded as they thought, to the abode of fishes. After numberless runs around projecting points to escape the tide, with the inevitable wet feet, climbing over cords of logs lying at various angles and slipping over loose clay and rocks, they finally emerged upon the scene of action. Upon examining the stream closely and waiting some time for the salmon, which came not, the party concluded that as an April 1st expedition it was a success, but as matters stood they couldn't see where the joke came in.

Cleveland's plurality over Blaine so far ascertained, is stated at 66,000.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Three ships of the new navy have been launched during the present year.

Cleveland wishes the inauguration ceremonies to be simple and unostentatious.

The pension appropriation will aggregate \$60,000,000 for the next fiscal year.

The European powers are contemplating the task of opposing American construction of the Nicaragua canal.

Slade was whipped by Jack Brady in a glove contest in San Francisco last week, being unable to stand after the second round.

The Oregon Legislature will be composed of 90 members, of whom 60 are in the House—Republican majority on joint ballot, 14.

A block of fir seven feet in diameter six feet high and weighing twenty tons is en route for the New Orleans Exposition as a sample of Oregon timber.

The Washington monument is to be dedicated February 21st next with great ceremonies. Gen. Winthrop, who thirty-nine years ago laid the corner stone, will deliver the address.

The cold snap which preceded the rain storm was one of exceptional severity, and unusual duration. It had the effect of greatly damaging the feed, especially on the flats, to a very considerable extent.

BORN.

SABINE—On Nob Hill, near Denmark, Friday, December 12, 1884, to the wife of A. B. Sabine, a daughter.

DOWNING—At Port Orford, Friday, December 26, 1884, to the wife of Dr. S. N. A. Downing, a son.

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