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## OUR LEGISLATURE.

Oregon Legislature convenes next Monday. Curry county is, as is usual, represented in the Assembly by a person who was repudiated by the voters of the county with very marked emphasis. Coos county, being largely Republican, can over-throw us without regard to consequences. Scott, and Stewart, and finally Sutton, all repudiated at home, have been forced upon us by the vote of Coos county. This is an unfortunate condition of things down here, as the reliance that Coos will "pull him through" anyway, enables the ringsters in this county to set up the worst political reprobate of the gang with impunity; and this sort of men they have among them in good supply, all clamoring for recognition and promotion, in recompense for dirty work done and performed. And it does not signify that these place-hunters have no sort of qualification or fitness for the position, it is tendered them in default of their ability to be elected to any other position. Let us hope that it will not always be thus.

## ANOTHER COAL DISCOVERY.

Our Ellensburg correspondent says Mr. Joseph Yunker of Crescent City, who is the present owner of the extensive stock range formerly owned by J. A. Northrop, on what is known as Shasta Costa creek, spent a few days in town this week. Mr. Yunker is quite enthusiastic over the discovery of what bids fair to be an extensive vein of coal on this creek. He has sent specimens to San Francisco which have been pronounced of good quality. The vein where discovered is about nine feet in thickness, and is situated on the creek about one half mile back from Rogue river about forty miles above the mouth. Should this new coal field prove as extensive as present prospects indicate, the day is not far distant when we will have a new enterprise in full blast on Rogue river.

**A RUMOR FATHERED.**—Averill says he will father the rumor that Col. Barham who has been absent in San Francisco for a month or more, will not return alone. He states that the gallant Colonel was married on the 11th and that the bride is a Miss Hill from Massachusetts. The happy couple are expected here shortly, their household goods having reached Bandon some days since. Their future residence is now in course of erection on the mill property.

**TOWN PROPERTY SOLD.**—Mr. Dick Richards last week sold the half block owned by him in Port Orford to Mr. Lockhart who intends erecting a pretty home thereon for his family for whom Mr. L. will go to Colorado when travel entails fewer discomforts. He will bring with him on his return some fine Norman stock horses.

**FLORAS CREEK REPRESENTED.**—Messrs. Charles and Thomas Langlois, and Misses Mary Langlois and Minnie Button, of this place, spent the holidays on the river, and the *Herald* mentions their presence at Coquille City. The party returned home Saturday.

**OFF TO SALEM.**—Hon. Walter Sutton, Joint Representative from Curry and Coos counties, passed through Denmark Tuesday, accompanied by Hon. F. A. Stewart, en route for Salem, to attend the Legislature which opens on the 12th inst.

**WAGON FOR SALE.**—A strong, well-made and light two-horse wagon is offered for sale at a bargain. Parties contemplating the purchase of a good servicable wagon will save money by calling at this office and learning particulars concerning this one.

**RETURNED.**—Miss Jennie Malehorn, daughter of our esteemed townsman S. T. Malehorn, returned home from Myrtle Point Friday, where she has been engaged as teacher in the public schools at that place.

## BRIDGE APPROACHES COMPLETED.

Messrs. Jas. P. and Andrew Olsen relieved Messrs. Stitt, the original contractors, of the work of opening the road north from the county thoroughfare to the bridge, and completed the job in good shape last Tuesday evening. Wednesday and Thursday volunteer work was done in running a grade around the bluff at the south approach to the bridge, and in building up with logs and earth the approach to the north end of the structure. Taking into consideration the bad state of the roads and weather, the much-needed bridge has been completed and made available for the traveling public in much less time than was thought possible. It is an enduring monument to the enterprise of the people of this section, and it is to be hoped that our example may be emulated in the bridging of the streams south of us.

**THE NEW YEARS SHOOTING MATCH.**—The shooting match advertised to come off New Years was not so much of a success as was anticipated, principally because of the unsettled weather and the short notice given. And strange enough guns, usually so plentiful on such occasions, were scarce, and ammunition scarcer; The shootists will assemble again soon when every thing will be in readiness and we may expect some good shooting.

**THE BREAKWATER.**—The *Coquille Herald* says editorially of Harbor of Refuge: "It is claimed by those who pretend to know, that the report that \$150,000 will be expended on Port Orford is a certainty, and that the commencement of the railroad mentioned is also a certainty, but not likely to commence so soon as the improvement of the harbor. Port Orford is destined to become the principal deep water harbor on the Northwest Coast."

**DENMARK TAKES THE MEDAL.**—At the masquerade ball given at Coquille City on Christmas Eve, Miss Alice Walker, formerly of this place, was awarded the prize for the richest costume, while Mr. Glenn Cox, also late of this place, carried off one of the awards for the best sustained character.

**NEW COQUILLE STEAMER.**—The *Herald* says Capt. Parker will soon commence the construction of a light draft, fast running steamboat to carry passengers between Bandon and Coquille City, in connection with the stage line to Coos Bay, and thence to Roseburg.

## BREVITIES.

John Unican brought up the mail Monday, and reported Elk and Sixes out of their banks.

W. H. Averill County Commissioner, started for Ellensburg Monday to attend County Court.

Mr. E. Clark, of Clark & Dwyer, was in Denmark Saturday and Sunday and called on the Recorder.

Mr. J. L. Cox, late of this place, is driving stage on the Coos Bay wagon road from Laird's to Roseburg.

Hon. Binger Herman expects to leave Roseburg for Washington next month, to be present at Cleveland's inauguration.

The Coos Bay wagon road has been so greatly damaged this Winter that many thousand dollars will be required to repair it.

It is stated that Crawford & Wilbur have leased the Hubbard creek mill and will run a tramway from the same to Port Orford.

Mrs. E. M. Blackerby returned from Sixes river Saturday where she has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zumwalt.

A protracted meeting, conducted by Rev. C. B. Marsters, is in progress near Bagnell's ferry. On New Years night there were six accessions.

## PORT ORFORD NOTES.

Weather still unsettled. Mr. Herman Lando is the happy father of a bouncing boy baby which was presented to him on the 30th ult. Mother and child doing well. Boys seem to be in demand in Oregon.

Mr. Wilbur has been busily engaged in arranging the immense of goods just received, which when unpacked and placed in position will fill the store to its utmost capacity.

Mr. Barry had several tons of freight discharged from the Parkersburg for his immediate use as well as to supply his needs at the farm which will be stocked and preparations soon made to conduct an extensive business.

At last the schooner has come and gone. Messrs. Wilbur and Barry, with French Ned and Wm. Nordburg as boatmen launched a small boat and pulled out to welcome the "long looked for." "Cast your bread upon the waters and it shall return after many days." The vessel commenced immediately to discharge its cargo, and every available man was pressed into service to lighten the goods ashore, which work continued day and night until completed. The schooner sailed for the Coquille on the 29th, and the captain undoubtedly feels that a great weight is lifted in making so successful a discharge after having been tossed about so many days. [The Parkersburg arrived at the Coquille on the 30th.—Ed.]

The Christmas tree, or, properly speaking, the New Years tree took place in Wilbur's hall where Santa Claus held supreme rule and dispensed to the juveniles of Port Orford and vicinity the expected assortment of presents, and all appear delighted with his beneficence. The selections of Mrs. Captain Tichenor committed by the juveniles and recited to the audience were splendid, the recitations by Masters Blacklock and Culver were very nice, the seven little girls' recitation about the birth of Jesus was superb, also some select readings by Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Wilbur were well rendered—especially the latter lady deserves very high praise for the beautiful and pathetic rendition of that superb piece entitled, "Santa Claus," which portrays an annoyed father on Christmas eve, after some loss in stock speculations, surrounded by his children, who question him about Santa. Finally he angrily tells them that he is all the Santa Claus there is or ever was, and sends them to bed an hour earlier than usual. The children cannot reconcile in their minds their father's statement that Santa Claus does not, in fact, exist, and, following the teachings of their dead mother, offer up a prayer. The father, after musing in an abstracted manner for a time, thinks of his children whom he so summarily dismissed, and realizing his harshness, steals up stairs to do mute penance at their bedside and overhears their prayer for the desired presents, concluding with, "God bless papa." Sequel—The presents came and ever after the children were satisfied with Santa Claus. Mrs. Wilbur portrays the feeling of the place superbly. Capt. Tichenor was called to the front to address the audience and stated briefly and eloquently that the rising generation amongst us were the ones in whose minds to instill the good precepts of Christian teachings, and should be urged to become a factor in our Sunday school. Immediately after the close of exercises a ball was given with the hall crowded.

Capt. J. F. Dunham has completed his little steamer for Beaver slough and is now prepared to carry passengers through on time and in good shape. The boat is 38 feet long and will carry two or three dozen passengers and several tons of freight on about one foot of water.—Mail.

## THE LATEST NEWS.

Eight feet of snow at the Dalles.

Butchers in Portland have advanced the price of beef 25 per cent.

W. H. Vanderbilt is infirm in health and disappointed in his sons.

Official reports show that 226 persons were killed by the earthquake in Spain on the 29th.

Blaine has ordered the dismissal of his libel case against the *Inianapolis Sentinel*—of course.

There were last June 24,082 vessels under the American flag, with an aggregate tonnage of 4,271,288.

The total Vanderbilt losses in Wall street by W. H. and his two sons, W. K. and Cornelius, are estimated at \$50,000,000.

Mrs. Meroy Simmons of Lebanon aged 90, has just received a pension, her husband having served in the war of 1812.

Walla Walla stock men estimate the loss of cattle at 50 and sheep at 90 per cent. if the weather continues any length of time.

President-elect Cleveland was to resign the Governorship of New York to-day, the 6th. Lieutenant Governor Hill succeeds him.

The Philadelphia and Reading collieries near Shenandoah, were shut down on the 29th, throwing 2,000 persons out of employment.

Northern Pacific trains have been snow bound near Herron Siding in Washington Territory, and 2,000 pounds of beef and 1,000 loaves of bread were sent from Portland last week to provision them.

An inventory has been taken of General Grant's possessions to satisfy the claim of \$150,000 held against him by W. H. Vanderbilt. The latter agrees to take \$100,000 for the claim.

The cost of cable dispatches has been reduced from 50 to 40 cents per word on account of the completion of the Mackey-Bennett cable. It is thought that the decrease in price will increase the business 20 per cent.

On the 24th ult., Judge Sullivan rendered his decision in the Hill-Sharon divorce case, which has dragged its slow length along in the San Francisco courts for something over fourteen months, granting to the fair plaintiff an absolute divorce and ordering a division of the property of defendant which is worth at least ten million dollars. It is stated, however, that Senator Sharon's estate is his separate property, and, with its income and profits, is exempt from this decision. General Barnes, his attorney, says Sharon is greatly annoyed by the present decision, but of course will appeal, and feels confident of reversing it. He stated that the case pending in the United States Circuit, to test the validity of the marriage contract, will be prosecuted energetically. Whether the old reprobate wins or loses, it is likely that he will write no more letters to his mistresses.

## COOS COUNTY.

Capt. H. W. Dunham has purchased the steamer Coos and intends running her between Empire City and this place. If the Dunham's keep up their stroke they will assume control of the Coos Bay navigation.

The bodies of Fred Weaver and his son, drowned last week at North slough, have not been found, though great efforts have been made to recover them.

Hon. J. H. Roberts passed through Marshfield last week on his way to open the Legislature at Salem. The *News* says he will introduce a bill to disfranchise any person who marries a school man without a license, or marries the same woman twice without a divorce. This is a measure in the interest of Civil Service Reform and will materially effect the tariff on wool.

## ELLENSBURG ITEMS.

A. M. Gillespie made Crescent City a flying visit last week, returning on the 27th.

During holidays times have been lively and everybody seemed to be enjoying himself.

No, Mr. Editor, Badger was not holed up last week as you intimated, but was just slightly off his hip.

Mr. Robert Zumwalt, R. D. Hume's efficient superintendent of the ranch across the river, has resigned his position, and for the present Mr. Isaac Coy will take his place.

The tug Pelican came in one day this week with a small lot of goods for R. D. Hume, and brought in as passengers A. H. and F. S. Moore. The tug left for Smith River in about an hour.

The schooner Lizzie Prien arrived at this port on the 28th ult., coming in on an ebb tide. She brought a large stock of general merchandise for the Ellensburg Business Association, and will take out quite an amount of wool, hides and grain from the warehouse of the same firm, besides about thirty tons of salmon from the cannery of R. D. Hume.

Judge Woodruff and wife are in town awaiting an opportunity to go to San Francisco where the Judge will receive treatment for his failing health. Judge Cooley and family are also here awaiting an out-going vessel. The Judge intends going to Florida, where he expects to locate. We very much regret to him and his family, but, in wishing them success, we hope the Southerners will change the Judge's politics.

Mr. Charles Gray, who brought up the mail one trip last week came near losing his life in an attempt to cross Hunter's creek, some two miles below town. The creek was high and rapid and Mr. Gray was thrown from the horse into the water, taking the mail pouch—which he was carrying on his shoulder in the endeavor to keep it dry—with him. Mr. Gray could not again reach his horse, and had to swim for shore with all his clothing on, including an oil suit. After struggling with the angry waters until he was almost exhausted he was forced to let the pouch go, and with a struggling effort he succeeded in reaching shore. The mail pouch was afterwards recovered. This accident should arouse an interest among our people in having these mountain torrents bridged, as it is worth a man's life at times to attempt to cross some of them.

## DIED.

GUERIN—At Eckley, December 25, 1884, John L., son of Geo. H. and Cella Guerin, after a short illness, aged 9 months and 6 days.

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