

CHRISTMAS TREE.—Thursday evening last, a meeting was held in the academy to make arrangements for having a Christmas tree in Marshfield on Christmas eve.

THE AFFAIRS TO BE A PUBLIC ONE.—Any person being allowed to put on as many presents as they choose; the more the better. The Committee on Decoration will have the building tastefully decorated, etc., and there will doubtless be a Santa Claus rigged out in the usual style for the amusement of the children.

MATRIMONIAL.—Last Thursday evening, at the residence of J. M. Siglin, Esq., of this place, Miss Estelle Sherman was married to Mr. Chas. Robinson. The affair was a private one, only a few intimate friends being present.

THE NOBLE RED MAN.—From time immemorial, in fact, so far remote that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, the "noble red man" has enjoyed an astonishing amount of eulogical literature setting forth in strong light his many good qualities, remarkable traits, etc.

MATRIMONIAL.—Last Sunday our friend Mr. Dennis McColgan was married to Miss Maggie McKenna, both of Marshfield.

LITERARY.—The Literary Society met at usual hour in the Academy building last Wednesday evening. The programme was a large one and well selected, excellently executed, and highly entertaining.

CARRYING THE WAR INTO AFRICA.—Our neighbor the News, apparently entertains very hostile feelings towards the MAIL, as it loses no opportunity of hitting us a smack, even upon the slightest pretense.

OUR PRIZE STORY.

"All's Well That Ends Well."

The New Year draweth nigh, and we wish to present to our readers something nice in the way of a New Year story. We have not space in the MAIL for an extended yarn, but if some skillful pen will but fill in this bare sketch with rich rhetoric and vivid flashes of imagination, the writer would not only be conferring a great favor on mankind in general, but would be entitled to one year's subscription to the MAIL—on the payment of \$2 50.

The first chapter could be nicely introduced with a pretty picture of a cozy little cottage occupied by a newly married couple. The angel of peace dwelleth therein, and they rejoice in having been able to subscribe for the COAST MAIL, which they receive regularly once a week. In reading this interesting sheet, the husband falls asleep and dreams; he dreams that since he was married, misfortune has everywhere followed his footsteps, and where ever he has invested his means, the enterprise proves a failure; the bank in which he had deposited his snug sum of money which he had saved up for the rainy day, fails, and he is left destitute.

CHAPTER II. THE PLOT THICKENS. Shortly he breaks jail and makes good his escape to parts unknown, where, under an assumed name, he endeavors to make an honest living, but can hardly earn enough to keep body and soul together.

CHAPTER III. CHEERFULLY MATRIMONIAL. Thus he is again happy; fortune smiles upon him her broadest grin, the wife of his bosom—after a year's separation—returns to him, and in a few weeks presents him with a handsome pair of twins. Here he awakes and finds—'tis nothing but a dream. We leave it to the filler-in to decide whether he shall awake and fall out of the window into the mud flat or meet with some other direful catastrophe; but at any rate he must be restored to the bosom of his family in as good or better condition as he was spirited away by the dream.

PASSENGER LIST.—The Arcata arrived on Friday from San Francisco, bringing the following named passengers: J. J. Earl, wife and son; Frank Covey; Lane Ware; Elizabeth Camron; F. Hazilline and wife; N. C. Larsen; Peter Nelson; A. E. Wagstaff; Albert Marsh; Mrs. Dyer; Mrs. Garsnar; Orrin Pelham; Peter Poo; W. N. Adams; Geo. Adams and La Sing.

OUR THANKS.—We were obliged to reduce the size of the MAIL, four columns this week, on account of not being able to procure paper of sufficient size. But we are very thankful to Messrs. Siglin & Bennett, of the News, for many favors and the paper, which they were kind enough to sell us.

CHRISTMAS.—Marshfield, as usual, will celebrate Christmas in good style. There is to be a grand ball in the evening, at Norman's hall, which is already being appropriately fitted up for the occasion, and other entertaining features will be introduced.

DUCKS.—This is the season of the year when the adventurous Nimrod seizeth his shooting iron and sallieth forth in quest of the feathered bipeds of the sand hills; he returneth at night—sufficeeth it to say that the biped is still monarch of all he surveyeth.

NEW YEAR.—We understand that Empire is to have a "way up" dance to usher in the new year. If such be the case, it will undoubtedly be an entertaining affair, as our sister town has always enjoyed a reputation for getting up such things in style.

MARRIED.—Charles Richardson, engineer of the Satellite, was married to Miss Ford, of Empire City, last week. This matrimonial epidemic will have to be stopped in some manner.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! W. H. Noble left for Roseburg on Wednesday last.

THE NEWS says the academy's ventilation is very poorly ventilated.

THE SCHOONER now building at this place is nearing completion.

THE MATRIMONIAL epidemic is still raging in this community.

A. E. WAGSTAFF, Esq., returned from San Francisco on the Arcata.

No paper mail has been received from Roseburg for nearly two weeks.

A SOCIAL party was given at Empire last Saturday evening, by the Misses Lockhart, and was an enjoyable affair.

THE STEAMER Ducean got out of Rogue river on the 14th inst., discharged her freight at Port Oxford and returned to San Francisco.

POLICE COURT business has been rushing this week—Madame Seales has monopolized her usual share of the proceedings.

OUR readers will pardon the scarcity of editorial this week, as the editor is absent, and his being a lawyer, the rush of clients into the sanctum has somewhat disturbed our editorial meditations.

THE storm which has been raging for several weeks past, has at last subsided, but the historical cat still pours forth his soul in nightly praise to the "silent night" from his secure perch, on the back yard fence.

THE COOS BAY Wagon Road is in a fearful condition. It is thought that there was a cloud burst over the canyon, as in that locality the road is completely torn to pieces, and for a distance of about ten miles it is impossible to get over with a horse.

AT the Literary the other night, a gentleman expressed the opinion that he looked upon this world as a piece of dry bread, and woman as the jam. We would remark that there is some very goo—that is to say, there is some excellent jam in and about Marshfield.

THE Empire Literary had at their last meeting the question for debate to the effect "that woman has more influence on man than money." We have not yet learned which our Empire friends prefer a twenty-five-cent piece, or one of those "captivating cwechaws."

MORE SYMPATHY. A dispatch from St. Louis says: A mass meeting to consider the condition of Ireland and devise means to extend aid to the suffering peasantry of that country, was an immense affair and attended by citizens of all nationalities. The Irish turned out in great numbers and several of their civic societies were present in regalia and with music and banners.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE. BRADFORD, Pa., Dec. 12.—A fire broke out last evening at well No. 4, belonging to E. O. Emerson in Red Rock. The well had been cleaned preparatory to torpedoing and was left open. Superintendent Mason, of the Emerson lease, passed by with a lantern and the gas ignited and set fire to the rigging. The well made a flow, and the burning oil ran down the hill to a 250 barrel tank which caught fire. The fire communicated with a 2500 barrel tank which was soon in a blaze, and burned steadily until 5 o'clock this morning.

THE WINNEMUCCA Silver State mourns that the way man shall vote can no longer be determined by the drunk he takes. Republicans now take as stiff horns as Democrats.

The English in Afghanistan.

CABUL, Dec. 10.—General MacPherson occupied Saikh Kotah Kust in time to prevent the junction of the Kohistan with a force from Ghugnee. The Kohistan, who occupied a position near Kotal, were attacked and dislodged, leaving several stand of arms. The loss was a few men slightly wounded.

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A Large Electro-Magnet.

The Scientific American says: Mr Charles Reitz, of Indianapolis, Ind., sends us a description of a large electro-magnet, made by him for Professor Zahn, of the University of Notre Dame. The length of the cores is 30 inches, diameter 4 inches. Heads of rubber, one-half inch thick, 9 inches in diameter. The yoke is 3 3/4 inches thick, 6 1/2 inches wide, and 18 inches long, with three inch slots to admit of moving the cores. The bolts which connect the cores with the yoke are 1 1/4 inches in diameter. The cores are wound with eight layers of No. 6 cotton-covered copper wire, the wire being wound double, and the alternate layers being provided with terminals, which are connected with a plug switch on the baseboard, so that the electric current may be sent through the coils in various ways. The magnet is provided with two sets of pole extensions for diamagnetic experiments, one set being conical, the other flat. The armature is 15 inches long, 3 inches thick, and 4 inches wide.

Different effects may be produced in this magnet by connecting the coils with the battery in different ways. It is estimated that the magnet, with proper battery power, will lift three tons. The weight of the magnet and attachments is 800 pounds.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the firm heretofore doing business in Marshfield under the name of Simpson, Ross & Holland, has been dissolved by mutual consent, by the retirement from the firm, of B. F. Ross. The business will be continued at the old stand by Simpson & Holland, and by whom all accounts of the old firm will be settled. Persons knowing themselves indebted to the late firm, will please call and settle their accounts without delay.

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