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The Lebanon Criterion was resurrected last week by W. De Pew who has bought the plant of the defunct Linn County Advocate. If Mr De Pew keeps up the pace set in his first issue there is no doubt but what he will get his full share of advertising and subscriptions.

**Bilyeu Den Shots**

Mrs S B Cole spent Sunday with Mrs John Calavan.

Mrs Z J Clark is reported to be in a critical condition with inflammatory rheumatism.

G C Westenhouse and wife are spending a few days with their daughter, Mrs C L Rogers of Lebanon.

Mrs Elva Shelton spent last week with her parents, Peter Blyeu and wife of Jordan.

Will Grimes and wife made a business trip to Scio Saturday.

We are glad to state that Aunt Ollie Shelton is able to be up again.

Z J Clark made a business trip to Scio Saturday.

C P Bormester of Stayton is visiting his parents, H E Bormester and wife of Jordan.

Isaac Campbell and wife who have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs Haman Shelton of Jordan, returned home last Saturday.

John Shelton being unable to make his usual visit at Fleming's last Sunday was done a favor by John Smeitzer.

Rev Bennett of Lebanon held services at the Bilyeu Den church last Sunday.

Miss Anna Stillmacher is visiting friends near Lyons this week.

Miss Stella Fleming who has been visiting home folks for the past week returned to Salem Monday to take up her spring millinery work.

Miss Ella Perkins who is teaching school in District 100 spent Sunday with her brother Luther and family near Scio.

About 45 of our young folks attended a party given at Sank Hannah's hop house last Friday evening and all report a very pleasant time. May we come again, Sank?

Miss Ethel McDonald of near Scio visited Misses Lola and Laura Westenhouse Friday, and also attended the party.

Vardie Shelton who has been in Albany as a jurymen during court returned home Saturday.

Adolph Kraynik and wife visited Z J Clark and wife last Sunday.

DAISY

**BLUNDERS IN SHORTHAND.**

Amusing Mistakes That Come When the Notes Are Transcribed.

A volume could be filled with amusing stories of shorthand mistakes, the greater number of them due to mistaken vowels. For instance, "This day is big with fate" was transcribed, "This day is big with fat," while "Do not indulge in spite" came out "Do not indulge in spit," and "A house of many gables" was transformed into "A house of many gabbles." The use of a wrong vowel may have the most amusing result, as in the phrase, "Man, know thyself," which was once converted, in the report of a sermon, into "Man, gnaw thyself." To misplace a vowel is, in shorthand, the easiest thing in the world. A well known reporter tells of a pupil who by this means turned "mighty acts" into "mighty cats," and another report of a sermon was spoiled by the advice, "Return a blow with an ax" instead of "a loss."

The "reporting style," in which the vowels are omitted altogether for the sake of rapidity, is responsible for the famous American story of the shorthand clerk who took down a note of his wife's instruction to "Be sure and remember to bring home a cake of castile soap," and, as a result, returned home with a can of oxtail soup!

Newspaper readers are sometimes astonished by mistakes on the part of reporters. Consider, for instance, the surprise of the readers of a certain staid daily some years ago when they learned that a public man had the night before solemnly announced that "All reforms in England have been brought about by Prussia!" The word the great man had really used was "pressure," not "Prussia." So, too, considerable astonishment was caused when "curates" instead of "pew rates" were reported to be "the greatest enemies of the church."

A somewhat similar type of error was perpetrated by the reporter who made Lord Carnarvon say that "In these days clergymen are expected to have the wisdom and learning of a journeyman tailor." What he had said was, of course, "a Jeremy Taylor." Another reporter referred to John Bright as "the gamecock," instead of "The Gamaliel of Birmingham," and yet another transcribed his notes of Mr. Chamberlain's remark, "They bring up their puny popguns and spatter me with abuse" as "They bring out their penny popguns and spatter me with peas."

The people of Edinburgh were once highly indignant that Professor Blackie should have referred to the "greasy" atmosphere of their town, when he had really been commending its "breezy atmosphere."—London Strand Magazine.

**Third Person Present.**

In the town where Rev. Dr. Emmons was pastor lived a physician tinged with the broadest form of pantheism, who declared that if he ever met Dr. Emmons he would easily floor him in argument. One day they met at the home of a patient. The physician abruptly asked Dr. Emmons:

"How old are you, sir?"  
The doctor, astonished at his rudeness, quietly replied: "Sixty-two. May I ask, sir, how long you have lived?"

"Since the creation," was the reply of the pantheist.

"Ah, I suppose, then, you were in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve?"

"I was there, sir."

"Well," said the wily divine, "we all know there was a third person present."—Nashville Banner.

**Church of St. Sophia.**

"Some may have wondered who was the St. Sophia who gave her name to the great church at Constantinople," says the London Spectator. "It is not named after a

saint at all, its correct designation, Agia Sophia, meaning 'house of divine wisdom.' According to tradition an angel inspired this name. Shortly after the foundation of the church had been laid by Justinian a boy, set to watch the workmen's tools, was visited by a celestial figure with wings reaching to heaven. 'Go and tell the emperor,' commanded the angel, 'that this church is to be named "the House of Divine Wisdom," and on hearing the boy's story Justinian obeyed the angelic command.'

**Little Pitchers.**

"Shall I have to get married when I grow up?" asked little Flossie one day of her mother.

"Just as you please, dear," answered her mother, with a smile. "Most women do, however."

"Yes, I suppose so," continued the little girl musingly, "and I think I'd better start and look out for a husband now. They say that Aunt Jane has been at it for twenty years and hasn't caught one yet."—London Telegraph.

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