

Expressions.

Rain.
Stormy weather.
Merry Christmas.
Grand Ball Christmas.
No Expresses next week.
Subscribe for the EXPRESS.
Saturday is the shortest day.
New fur capes at Read, Peacock & Co.
The first snow of the season fell here Sunday.

Go to the Opera house tomorrow evening.
Rev. Martin Hickman is dangerously ill.
Old papers for sale here at five cents per dozen.

The farmers are about all done farming for this fall.
Davis has a nice lot of fruits, nuts, etc., for the holidays.

Dr. G. W. Chandle, dentist. Office over City Drug store.

Call and see Davis' display of fine candles for the holidays.

Assessor Deakins has returned from a visit to San Francisco.

Attorney G. W. Wright, of Albany, was in Lebanon Monday.

Don't bother the postmaster about your EXPRESS next week.

The Public school Christmas holidays begin next Saturday.

W. W. Allingham will spend Christmas at his home in Coburg.

Ladies and childrens jackets of newest designs at Read, Peacock & Co.

Complete line of pocket books, blank books, etc., just received at Miller's.

Buy your tickets East over the N. P. R. R. of W. C. Peterson, Local agent.

J. Lindley, the hotel landlord at Waterloo, was in Lebanon this week.

Messrs. Zan Parrish and Joe Smith left the first of the week for the mines.

You can get special bargains in Christmas goods of South, the druggist.

Say boys, have you seen those gold rings at French's jewelry store, Albany.

Madam Rumor says there will be two weddings in Lebanon within the next week.

A. E. Davis has a fine line of candles for Christmas. Call, and see his stock.

Harley Crandall expects to spend Christmas at Roseburg, and visit an old chum.

Messrs. G. M. Westfall and E. Kirkendall were doing business in Albany yesterday.

Remember there will be a "pig roast" at the Gem Sample Room, on Christmas.

Every thing in my line for holiday goods must go regardless of price. N. W. Smith.

The Lady Macabees will give a Leap year masquerade social in the near future.

Miss Shedd, who teaching school at Tallman, has about thirty-five scholars enrolled.

Go to Miss Dumond's for millinery. She is selling at cost, and wants no goods left over.

Sanders' stock is all new goods, of the best quality to be obtained, and quoted at very low prices.

Mr. Frank N. Wood, a marble and monument dealer of Albany, was in city this week.

When you want to buy a suit of clothing you will save money by getting it at Bach & Buhl.

If you want to get your money's worth in gold watches, call at French's jewelry store, Albany.

Attorney C. M. Garland returned Sunday from Portland where he had been on legal business.

I have several hundred dollars to loan, for clients, on good first mortgages. Sam'l M. Garland.

The St. Charles Hotel had a new cook for one day this week. The boarders say that was long enough.

A grand ball will be given at the Opera house next Wednesday evening by the Lebanon Firemen's band.

Rev. B. Thompson, of Albany, will preach in the Baptist church here next Sunday morning and evening.

C. F. Bigbee moved his family back to his ranch near Sweet Home. His school at Spicer will close tomorrow.

Only a few more days now till Christmas and Smith, the druggist, is offering bargains in Christmas presents.

Mr. Bellinger shipped another lot of turkeys to Portland this week. His last shipment netted him a good price.

The very latest in walking hats, salloons and dress hats, cheaper than ever before. Call and be convinced. Miss Dumond.

Before buying come and examine the fine line of Christmas goods at the jacket store. Prices away below competition.

Call and examine Miller's display A B C blocks, scrap books, photograph albums, picture frames, toy books, etc.

Lloyd Retherford and Charlie O'Brien returned home Sunday. They took quite a trip, having been to San Francisco.

Call and examine my immense stock of Christmas novelties before purchasing elsewhere. N. W. Smith, the druggist.

Buy your father and mother a pair of gold spectacles for Christmas. French, the Albany Jeweler, has them from \$2.50 up.

Mrs. Harriet Roberts, of Brownsville, has been discharged from the asylum as entirely cured, and returned to her home.

The members of the Tallman literary society will give an entertainment, to be rendered New Years eve at the Tallman school house.

Go to W. E. Chandler if you want tinning or plumbing work done. He works at hardtime prices, and guarantees all work to be first class.

Superintendent Irwin gave out today that the dates for holding the State Teachers' Association would be changed to January 1, 2 and 3.

Money to loan. A limited amount of money to loan on good farm security. Call upon or write to S. N. Steele & Co., Albany, Oregon.

Mrs. H. Y. Kirkpatrick and two children left Saturday for Portland on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ralston, till after the holidays.

Remember that you can buy stoves and tin ware of W. E. Chandler at prices never before heard of in Lebanon. He meets and defies all competition.

The services at the C. P. church next Sunday will be conducted by the pastor. The morning sermon will be fitting to the Christmas season. A cordial welcome.

At F. M. French's jewelry store, Albany, you can buy initial pins for 10c, belt pins 10c, C. E. pins 10c, silver pin cushions 10c. Write for them and inclose amount in postage stamps.

Married, at the home of the bride's parents on Hamilton creek, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1895, Miss Ora Burrell to William Todd, Rev. W. Reynolds, of the First W. B. church, Salem, officiating.

A trial of the police force of Corvallis before the city council, sitting as an impeachment court, is to be the outcome of a row at the opera-house, in which Chief Taylor and Officer McLogan engaged. The trial will begin tomorrow.

Services at the M. E. church next Sunday as follows: Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., preaching by the pastor, Rev. C. G. Harmon, at 11:00 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Junior League, 3:30 p. m., Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. All are made welcome.

On Wednesday of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Danford Pratt, residing near Brownsville, celebrated their golden wedding. They were married on December 11, 1845, near Richmond, Ill. Mr. Pratt is seventy-two and Mrs. Pratt is seventy years of age.

Read the new ad, in this issue, of M. L. Forster, the Tangent nursery man. Mr. Forster has a superior assortment of young trees, which he is selling at a very close margin, owing to the hard times. He also wishes to exchange a few trees for oats and pork.

J. L. Fox, of Seio, raised last season 1100 bushels of potatoes from four acres of ground, and he has just sold them at seventeen cents, realizing \$187. Last season was a poor one for potatoes, and seventeen cents is a very low price, but Mr. Fox can now pay up his store bills, and he proposes to continue raising potatoes.

Lillie Weddle, the 16-year-old girl of Jefferson who took carbolic acid Thursday of last week, on account of the opposition of her parents to her marriage with the man of her choice, died Friday evening, after a great deal of suffering. Coroner Clough, of Salem, sent word to the local justice of the peace to hold an inquest.

A little son of the late P. J. Laporte, aged about fourteen, was arrested at Albany Friday for stealing a ring from Miss Longbottom, from the residence of Peter Reutner. He was arraigned before Justice Freerksen and pleaded guilty. He was fined \$25, and in default of payment went to jail; but later was taken to Salem and put in the reform school.

Dr. Rich's will was filed for probate last week at Corvallis. He leaves a life estate of 153 acres near Toledo to his wife, Margaret Rich, in lieu of all dower, \$2000 in cash to Miss Nellie M. Rich, now attending school at Albany, and the rest of the property is to be equally divided between Miss Nellie and William E. Rich. H. C. Nute, of Medford, is executor.

Sunday morning the snow began to fall here and continued to fall at intervals all day, melting as it fell. Monday morning the ground was covered with nearly two inches. By Tuesday night it was nearly gone, and on Wednesday a regular Oregon rain had set in, and today a strong wind is blowing, accompanied by a hard rain. Wednesday, the Oregon winter is here.

At Adams, a pool of 40,000 bushels of wheat was purchased last week by R. A. Dozier, agent for the Pacific Coast Elevator Company, the price paid being forty cents per bushel. It is reported that a pool of 100,000 bushels has been formed in Pendleton, and the owners will hold off until forty cents is offered. Two thousand bushels of red chaff was sold in Pendleton for thirty-eight cents.

The county judges of Linn, Lane, Marion, Benton and Lincoln counties met in Albany last Friday for a conference on the subject of railroad assessments. Saturday Judge Duncan, with Judge Hubbard, of Marion, went to Meham to inspect the bridge across the Santiam, which was damaged by the wind storm last month. It is reported that the main span is weakened, and is in need of repairs.

Lebanon has one case of scarlet fever—Mr. Charles Stokes' little son, Earl, who is doing nicely; and one case of diphtheria—Jewel Simpson, son of Mr. W. L. Simpson, who is also improving. There have been reports of other cases which are untrue. These are the only two cases, and the authorities, as well as the parents and physicians have taken all precaution in preventing the spread of the same in our midst.

Doc Davenport received a very light sentence for counterfeiting. He pleaded guilty; and the court, taking into consideration all the circumstances, gave him the least punishment the law provided, six months and a fine of ten dollars. Davenport is a very lucky man. If he is guilty of one half the counterfeiting laid at his door, he should spend a long term in the penitentiary. He had better walk straight hereafter. Mr. Garland defended him.

Ed Walker, while hunting ducks on the Willamette river, near Bond's warehouse, between Peoria and Harrisburg, the other day, accidentally shot himself through the right wrist above the joint. The shot tore away about two inches of one bone and several of the leaders to the fingers. The doctors think they can save the hand, also that he will be able to use the thumb and last two fingers. He says he does not know just how the accident happened.

Mrs. J. W. Seantland fell in the fire place at her home in this city yesterday and was badly burned about her face and arms. It is not known how it happened, no one being in the room with her at the time. She does not know how it happened; but it is believed that she fainted. Her daughter who was in an adjoining room heard her cry and run in and found her in flames, which she soon put out. Dr. Booth was called to dress the burns, which are not likely to prove fatal.

Ten teams in and around Albany have been engaged by W. B. Lawler to go to Gates and haul in freight for the winter supply. Four or five months' provisions, powder, etc., will be taken in. The teamsters will receive \$10 for going to Gates and \$25 a ton for conveying the freight to Quartzville. That seems like a good deal when freight can be brought from San Francisco to Albany for \$2 to \$2.50 a ton; but the muddy, wet roads will make up for that, so the Albany Democrat says.

In view of the fact that President Cleveland, in his message to congress on our relations with England, relative to the Venezuela boundary question, has voiced the sentiments of a true patriot, and in view of the fact that all true citizens should subordinate party differences to the higher question of patriotism, all citizens are requested to meet at the city hall, at 7 o'clock p. m., on next Saturday, to pass resolutions suitable to the occasion. M. A. Miller, mayor of Lebanon, Sam'l M. Garland, C. B. Montague, F. A. Nickerson.

The city council, at its last meeting, gave some time to the consideration of the purchase of the electric light plant. Nothing definite was done. The price, as we are informed, is between ten and eleven thousand dollars. Probably the actual cost of the plant is considerably in excess of this amount. The city should move cautiously in this matter. If private persons cannot run such an institution without loss, probably the city could not hope to be more fortunate. A vote should be first taken. We have no idea that the council seriously intend to make this purchase.

Hon. C. B. Montague accepted an invitation and lectured on the subject of Shakespeare last Tuesday night at the Sodaville college. A large and appreciative audience listened attentively to the speaker. Those who had this pleasure, report that the lecture was a rare treat and added much to their knowledge of that wondrous man and his famous writings. Mr. Montague was impressed with the high order of education furnished by the college, and speaks in glowing terms of this young institution. The citizens of Sodaville deserve much credit in placing this institution on a firm basis, and are much indebted to Dr. Jones for his championship of the college.

Geddes is making a marked success in his conduct of the college.

MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE.

Lloyd Montgomery is to be Hanged. Friday, January 31, is the Day Set For Execution.

The trial of Lloyd Montgomery, the self-confessed murderer of his father and mother and Daniel B. McKercher, was begun in the district court before Judge Burnett Tuesday at 1:30 p. m., an adjourned term of court being held for that purpose.

Judge J. J. Whitney, N. M. Newport and B. S. Martin appeared for the defendant, and District Attorney McCain and the deputy, Captain N. B. Humphrey appeared for the state.

The prisoner was brought into court at 1:30 o'clock by Sheriff McFeron and was seated within the bar beside his attorneys. He wore a light colored woolen shirt, a plain dark colored coat and blue overalls. He showed but slight traces of prison confinement and looked to be in a remarkably good state of health. He exhibited no indications of insanity and watched the proceedings of the trial seemingly with studied indifference. When his little brothers were testifying as to the condition in which they found their murdered parents he showed signs of weakening and almost broke into tears.

The court room was crowded by those wishing to witness the trial and to see what manner of man it could be who would shoot down his own father and mother. The defendant was indicted on three separate counts and is being tried now for the murder of Daniel B. McKercher.

A jury of twelve men was obtained without much difficulty after examining thirty-seven men for that purpose. The jury was secured as follows: J. W. Burkhardt, W. A. Glenison, A. Croft, T. N. Humphrey, J. H. Colwell, E. C. Roberts, Frank Trites, William Obermeyer, E. F. Truax, F. Ackerman, William Githens, James A. Richardson.

District Attorney McCain then made the opening statement to the jury, stating that the evidence would show that the murdered persons were killed by one other than themselves, that the defendant had made statements confessing to having committed the murder, also that after the murder was committed before any one but the murderer had seen all the bodies, the defendant on returning to the house, without going to look to see who was murdered, mounted a horse and rode off and notified the neighbors that his father and mother and McKercher were murdered, that there was no one else at the house at the time of the murder.

Judge Whitney followed. He stated he presumed the state would be able to show about the state of facts as outlined by the district attorney. But that the evidence would show that the crime was not committed with premeditated malice and that the defendant was not mentally responsible.

The case was given to the jury at 4:45 last evening, and in less than two hours the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. This is the most repulsive murder case ever tried in the state, and considering the enormity of the crime it was a speedy trial, consuming less than two days.

When the verdict of the jury was pronounced to young Montgomery he appeared unmoved. Afterward he said to the sheriff that it was what he expected and deserved, and that he wanted to die. He said he wanted to make a clean breast of it, and asked permission to make a statement. He was told that he could do so at 11:30 today, at which time he is to be sentenced.

Judge Burnett sentenced Lloyd Montgomery today at 11:30, and it is stated that Friday, January 31, is the day set by the court for his execution. He stood up while the sentence was passed but was very nervous. He did not make the confession which he said he wanted to make today.

An unknown assassin tried to murder Miss Ethel Riddle, at Harrisburg, Saturday night. She is nineteen years of age and lives with her uncle, Mr. George Henderson. After supper she washed the dishes and stepped to the door to throw out the water, when she was seized by a man in the darkness. He stabbed her in the neck and across the wrist. She got away and ran screaming through the house. Mrs. Henderson went to her assistance and the man disappeared in the darkness. A physician was called and dressed the wounds which were found to be dangerous. The young lady says she has been made the victim of attempted assassination having been shot at, but her relations have hitherto thought that she was needlessly alarmed, that the shooting was promiscuous and not intended for her. She is a lady of unblemished reputation, and the only theory for the dastardly deed is that it was prompted by jealousy of some rejected suitor. It is hoped he will be found and placed in such close quarters that it will be impossible to again indulge in his murderous propensities.

If you want the news you should subscribe for the EXPRESS.

New Goods.

Our shelves are now filled with the choicest line of Dress Goods, fresh from the looms. Not an unstylish piece in the lot, and at prices to suit your pocket book.

OUR SHOE

department was never so full of stylish made shoes as at the present time.

We would be pleased to show you through our stock whether you are a purchaser or not.

Read, Peacock & Co.

LEBANON, - - OREGON.

A very bold attempt to black-mail a prominent citizen of Lebanon was made recently by a young lady resident of this place. She wrote two letters to Mr. ——— demanding the immediate payment to her of \$200 as an inducement to her to keep quiet. In case the money was not forthcoming she declared her intention to divulge a secret that would get Mr. ——— into serious trouble. This gentleman detected at once the fraud, refused to be bilked, and so informed his fair black-mailer. This is a very serious matter. We have enquired and have been told that this party has violated the state law and also violated the United States law by sending her letters through the mails. No names will be given; as a matter of fact, we do not know the parties. It is to be hoped that this young person will let this be her last attempt at black-mail.

The school board met Monday evening. The question of admitting to the school, pupils from outside of the district was discussed and the matter deferred till Friday. The directors want to ascertain and carry out the wishes of the district in this matter. At present, several children live in the city but are in the district to the north of us, thus making it almost impossible for them to attend their own school. Our school is much more convenient for them. If these children can be accommodated without injury to the children of the district, they should be allowed, otherwise, they should not.

Mr. F. N. Wood, of Albany, has put up a fine Barre Granite monument, one of the finest in the Masonic cemetery, for Mrs. F. M. Miller. This fine granite comes from Barre, Vermont, and is the best granite for monumental use, as it is free from iron and does not rust. Any one wanting cemetery work will do well to call on him before buying as he has no agents and gives the buyer the benefit.

Letter List.

Following is the list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Lebanon postoffice for the month ending Nov. 30, 1895:

J J Borg,	J E Bertel,
Clarence Brown,	W F Bundy,
FT Cox,	William Davidson,
CD Ford, 2	Geo Furman,
Morris A Gilmer,	Mrs Mary Gray,
L Gilbert,	May Hayne,
Mrs J Mackintosh,	Geo Neibert,
Roy Nurse,	Ralph Shaw,
Mrs Amos Smart,	Mrs A E Stall,
Mrs Minnie Thompson,	

C. A. SMITH, Postmaster.

Ladies should inspect Read, Peacock & Co's new stock of jackets and cloaks before purchasing.

Waterloo Rumors.

First snow Sunday.

Houses are being repaired preparatory to a hard winter.

We are pleased to know that the republican convention will not be held in Waterloo this year. Providence seems to know the limit of endurance of places as well as men.

Santa Claus has been heard from. He will make his usual trip to Waterloo this year. Subscriptions should pour in lively these last few days if you desire to make a good showing for the town and the children happy.

To J. B. Leigh, Sir: S. A. Nuddleson, Tonsorial Artist, consultation days: Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Please get your face treated. By order of the city council.

Turkey match last Saturday, given by W. W. Miller, was well patronized; weather considered. Many went home with the festive gobble for a bait Christmas.

Twelve hundred dollars scattered abroad last Saturday by the mill owners. All seem to be living this winter and will eventually pay their debts if the Millennium Day is not too near at hand.

School closed here Monday but on Tuesday resumed business at the old stand. The services of Mrs. Keara have been secured for another term. She is an able teacher of much experience and should be retained indefinitely.

A revival meeting begins at the M. E. church December 26, to continue some two weeks. We trust more good will be accomplished than we have succeeded in doing these five years past.

Several weddings are billed for Christmas but times are uncertain and we do not propose to give any free ads here without a chunk of cake in advance.

We are glad of one thing, and this is a great surprise to some, it is this: that newspapers are printed not written. Why? Well, because one lady at least in town now reads our effusions, whereas, were they written in long hand, she would not and thereby be deprived of much brilliant (?) literature. We are not to blame for scrawling hand but always hoped it would not cause paroxysms of pain to the beholder like our face does.

If the EXPRESS has any old books on "Writing Self Taught," please mail us one, and instead of playing Pedro in the barn we will devote our leisure to copies.

Yours in great mental eruption,
JACOBUS.
Go in before your eyes and ears.