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AN OREGON PACIFIC CONTRACT.
—It is announced that another contract on the extension of the Oregon Pacific railroad has been let to Orman & Crook, well-known contractors of Denver, Col. The contract includes the grading of fifteen miles beyond the contract of Antone & Poe, also three miles of unfinished work between Briton Bush and the abandoned tunnel, making eighteen miles in all. The contractors have ordered an extensive plant to be shipped from Colorado. It has been an open secret since the arrival of Colonel Hogg and party from New York, that the Oregon Pacific company has decided to push the road through to Boise City without further delay and they have ample capital for this purpose. The Benton Leader says that men in position to know say that some heavy contracts on the road through Eastern Oregon will be let soon.

STATE CLAIM TO BE ALLOWED.
From Major Lovell, assistant secretary of state, the Astorian learns that the commonwealth is in a fair way to receive \$250,000 long due from the federal government to the state. This \$250,000 represents the aggregate of a war debt that the state assumed some years ago. This war debt represented Oregon's quota and was paid by Oregon, bonds being issued and warrants for the amount of those bonds having been paid. Secretary McBride and Assistant Secretary Lovell have just finished the job of collecting the proofs of the payment of those bonds and forwarded the claims with such proof of payment to the general government department of claims. It is not believed that there will be any delay in the payment of this claim.

THOSE OLD AWNINGS.—Mr. Verlin has torn down those old wooden awnings in front of his buildings on State street, and still there are a few others that need to be torn down before they fall on some one. A reporter's attention was called to the condition of the awnings in front of the Chinese bazaar, on Commercial street, and other buildings nearby are in need of repair or ought to be torn down. As the good work of removing these old traps has started let other property owners follow his example and tear the awnings down.

AN OLD INDIAN.—It is claimed that "Old Gabriel," an Indian in the Monterey, Cal., county hospital, is 150 years old. It is proved to the satisfaction of many people that "Old Gabriel" was a grandfather in 1770. Father Juniper is said to have taught him the trade of stone cutting in 1771, and because so expert at the business he managed the construction of the San Antonio mission in 1781. Nothing is said about "Old Gabriel's" knowledge of George Washington, but most likely he knew him.

WORK ON THE ELEVATOR.
Workmen are now very busy tearing out a place in the Chechemetec hotel for the elevator, which will be a great improvement to the hotel. Also the dining room has been repainted which adds to the looks of the hotel very much. The elevator will be placed in soon and, as the patronage of the hotel is becoming larger every day, it is badly needed.

IT'S PLEASANT.—It is very pleasant to publishers, who work incessantly for the good of humanity without any particular remuneration in this world, to know that no matter on what pretext an occasional subscriber orders his paper discontinued, he invariably borrows the paper and allows its truths to keep right along sinking deep into his heart.—Big Bend (Wash. Ty.) Enterprise.

AMONG THE SICK.—Mr. Hugh Thompson is still confined to his room but is improving slowly. Mrs. Ed. Croisan who has been sick for the last eight days is some better to-day. Mrs. Silas Howard who has been sick for the past two months is still confined to her bed.

CHANGE YOUR READERS.—Notice is hereby given that all persons who want to change their old school readers for the new ones should do so by the 31st of this month as no books will be changed after that date.

UNITARIAN SOCIETY.—Services at 10:30 a. m., and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "Walk in the Light." Evening, "Religion, Law and Customs of China." Sabbath school and mental philosophy at 12 m. All invited.

M. E. CHURCH.—Subjects for discussion at the M. E. church to-morrow: Morning—"How to Enter the Kingdom of God." Evening—7 o'clock, address to young men, subject: "A Choice Young Man."

WANTED.—By a competent woman, a situation as chambermaid or as cook and laundress in a private family. Inquire at E. M. Law's, corner Court and High streets.

BAND OF HOPE.—There will be a meeting of the Band of Hope to-morrow at 8 p. m., at the W. C. T. U. hall. By order of the superintendent.

NEW TODAY.—A fine line of gent's pocketbooks and memorandums just opened T. McF. Patton's 22 State street.

THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Annual Social Gathering at Gervais--Weddings.

ENJOYABLE FAREWELL TEA PARTY.

Various Attractions Past and Future—Many Salemites in Portland—Preparing for Winter Attractions.

Within a fragile urn by chance
I found them void of scent and faded,
Reminders of a sweet romance
That budded, bloomed and died as they
did.

The years have flown in swallow flight
Since last we met and I increased here;
Her eyes have lost their laughing light,
And Time has long conspired against her.

Here let them lie—the once admired—
Dead to the passion they inspired,
The ashes of an old flirtation.
—Clinton Scollard.

All communications intended for this Department should be addressed to the Society Editor, CAPITAL JOURNAL.

While the past few weeks has been rather scarce of society events, owing to the various attractions at Portland, yet, the young folks in many instances have held enjoyable gatherings on several evenings. From outward appearances it would seem that this winter will be commemorable for the number of social events that will occur. Every class of society is looking forward to this season's attractions with anxious anticipations. This month has been noted as a favorable month for marriages. Several have occurred in Salem and throughout this community of late, and the indications are that more are to follow soon. The following is a gist of the attractions that have been reported to the society editor of the JOURNAL during the past week.

A new game, entitled "Ennui," was invented this summer by Miss Grace Biddle, quite a well known society lady, to wit away the tedium of the many stormy days of the season. It is said to have taken at once, and Miss Biddle in a letter to a friend at San Francisco, a few days ago: "I shall introduce it this winter in Philadelphia and will always bear in mind the Children's Aid Society. The beauty of the game is, also, that no gentleman knows in advance just who his partner will be, and if she is not quick at repartee he will be well as she does, vice versa." With such a fair inventor and one so popular in social circles, and having so worthy an object for the forfeits in the game, it cannot fail to become the fad this season. The game is thus described by Miss Biddle: "The gentlemen and ladies are placed, respectively, behind heavily curtained doors leading to different rooms. The lady wears a favor on her forehead, which at a given signal, the gentleman removes and replaces with one of his own. They do not know each other, as only their hands are displayed. The gentleman at the same time places on the lapel of his coat the favor corresponding to the one he has given the lady. When all have been crowned with favors the doors are thrown open and they march in. As they meet in the center of the room, each gentleman offers his arm to the lady who wears his favor, and then, after all the couples have been matched, they stand perfectly still in a line, a lady and gentleman side by side. They must not smile or speak under pain of a forfeit of \$1, or such an amount as may be fixed before hand. As soon as all rustling of the dresses has stopped and a perfect silence is obtained, the monitor, who is generally the hostess, says: "It is a stormy day." The lady of couple No. 1 replies quickly: "Yes, and I think it will continue." Her escort says, "I trust not." That completes one sentence. Now couple No. 2 takes it up quickly, as a hesitancy causes a fine to be imposed, and they go on to the foot of the class. "Rain is certainly objectionable," and so on down the line. It is a very difficult thing to find every one of the participants letter-perfect, and the blunders of grammar and connective sentences cause innumerable fines to be imposed.

CLUB ORGANIZATION.
The young society folks who have organized themselves together for the past several years, for the purpose of conducting social dances and social events, are now re-organizing and will soon have the organization completed. Under the new organization rules are so constituted that the members are governed in such a manner that their club is surely to be successful. This club will, more than likely, secure Diamond's hall and conduct some variety of an event on two separate evenings during each month. The members are to meet Monday night for the purpose of completing organization and to elect officers.

ANNUAL BALL.
Gervais celebrated her annual ball and social gathering on Thursday evening of this week. The event was a crowning success, and tends to show that the enterprising citizens of that community understand thoroughly how to arrange such an event to make it a successful one. The occasion was the annual ball and social gathering, given under the auspices of the Gervais hall association. This association have erected a handsome and commodious hall. It is large and well arranged for social gatherings. The building is one that the citizens can well be proud of. The attendance on this occasion was quite large and the audience was composed of society folks from Gervais, Salem, Woodburn, Portland and from several other places. The attendance was surely all that could be wished for. Excellent music was furnished for the occasion by the celebrated Salem orchestra composed of five pieces. Dancing was the principal attraction of the evening, yet many spent several hours in social converse with friends. At midnight

supper was served at the Occident hotel and a splendid supper it was. Dancing was indulged in until the wee small hours of the morning when the several participants separated for their various homes, wishing for many returns of such events.

SURPRISE PARTY.
A surprise party was tendered at the residence of Mr. Wallace McIntyre, on Commercial street in honor of Miss Millie Rodgers, on Friday morning of this week. The occasion was one of the most pleasant events of the season. A large concourse of friends were present and various games were indulged in until a late hour when a bountiful lunch was served. The many surprises departed soon after lunch was served after spending a most pleasant evening with the admired hostess.

FAREWELL TEA.
The residence of Mrs. A. Grant in North Salem, was the scene, on Friday afternoon of a pleasant and most enjoyable "Social Tea," given by Mrs. Grant, who takes her departure on the 17th of November for her former home in New Zealand. Mrs. Grant will be absent about six months. The house was tastefully decorated with ivy and flowers of the season, the dining-room especially, presenting a most pleasing appearance, a pyramid of beautiful flowers, which attracted much attention formed the centerpiece of the table, which was laden with all the delicacies that can be provided for such an occasion. Those present were Mrs. A. Grant, Mrs. Geo. Williams, Mrs. J. W. F. W. Smith, Miss Alice Steiner, Mrs. A. Wheeler, Mrs. John C. Barker, Mrs. W. W. Martin, Mrs. Wm. England, Mrs. J. Q. Wilson, Mrs. W. S. Boggs, Mrs. Chas. Gray, Mrs. A. M. McCully, Mrs. J. J. Murphy, Mrs. J. H. Alberts, Mrs. S. R. Jessup, Mrs. Wm. Mitchell, Mrs. D. McCully, Mrs. T. J. Cherrington, Mrs. J. H. Strickler, Mrs. F. Muir, Mrs. G. W. Webb, Mrs. R. B. Flemming, Mrs. E. M. Wait, Miss Muir, Mrs. F. J. Babcock, Mrs. Eugene Brown, Mrs. J. W. Crawford and Mrs. String. Mrs. T. H. Hubbard. At 5 the company dispersed, all expressing themselves as having spent a most enjoyable afternoon, and wishing their most estimable hostess a pleasant journey and a safe return.

SALEM VISITORS.
Following is a list of Salemites who boarded the afternoon train for the Exposition at Portland: Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thatcher and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Straub, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kuhn, Mr. and Mrs. Byron, Miss Mamie Leslie, Mrs. R. B. Flemming, Miss Barber, Miss Neel, Mrs. W. S. Boggs, Miss Ella Smith, Miss Alice Steiner, Mr. Napolian Davis, Mr. L. Stinson, Mr. Otto Wilson, Mr. F. C. Smith, Mr. Frank Baker, Mr. Scott Bozart, Gen. Odell, Mr. Clair Baker, Mr. G. L. Baskett, Mr. W. Munly, Mr. Chas. Litchfield, Mr. Martin Durbin.

NUPTIALS.
The most notable wedding ever solemnized in the north west took place Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock, at Portland. It was the marriage of Miss Carrie Ladd, youngest daughter of W. S. Ladd of Portland and Mr. Frederick Bailey Pratt, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The ceremony occurred at the Calvary Presbyterian church, and was performed by Rev. Mr. Landou. The floral decorations at both the church and house were very beautiful, and the reception at the bride's residence, following the ceremony at the church was a most brilliant affair. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt intend to make their home at Brooklyn, N. Y.

A COMING EVENT.
The citizens of Salem are to be given an opportunity to spend a few hours pleasantly with a number of Salem's noted singers and musicians. More than likely this event will occur on Wednesday evening of the coming week. The principal actors on this occasion will be Miss Long, Miss Hallie Parrie, Miss Long, Miss Pearl Scott, the M. E. choir, and a number of other noted persons.

Miss E. Bush is home from a pleasant trip to Portland.
Miss Nellie Edes has returned home from Portland.
Mrs. J. J. Dalrymple has been a Salem visitor at Portland the past week.
Miss Ada Calvert will return home to-morrow evening, from a pleasant trip to the Metropolis.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Cottle were visitors to the Industrial exposition at Portland, this week.
Miss Edna Moody is visiting friends in Portland and is also attending the great Exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knight spent a portion of the past week amid the various attractions at Portland.
Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Flint, of Roseburg, are visitors at the residence of Mrs. R. H. Dearborn, in South Salem.

John, Veatch of the CAPITAL JOURNAL reporter staff was one of the many Salem visitors to Portland to-day.

The many friends of Mr. Hugh Thompson will be pleased to learn that he is improving nicely from his present sickness.

Mrs. O. E. Krause returned home last evening, after a delightful visit with friends at Portland. She also attended the Exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Webb departed for Portland this afternoon, and from there they go to the Sound. They will be absent about one week.

Mrs. Wm. Anderson, with her daughter, Miss Minnie Anderson, are spending a week's time in Portland, visiting friends and the festivities of the day.

Miss Gussie Giesy, accompanied by her friend, Miss Nellie Gilbert, have returned from a week's pleasure trip to the Metropolis. They were entertained by their lady friends at Portland and a most excellent time they enjoyed.

Painless dental operations at Dr. T. C. Smith's, 99 State street.

ANOTHER TRAIN WRECKED.

The South Bound Overland Train Meets With a Bad Accident Last Evening at Junction.

The Oregon and California railroads are having some dangerous and costly wrecks of late.

Last evening as the overland train was nearing Eugene it met with a bad accident at the station known as Junction. The train was twenty minutes late and was running at a good rate of speed when the accident occurred. The accident occurred at the north switch at Junction. The engine itself passed over the switch all right, but by some unknown reason the tender failed to do likewise, and thus a bad and devastating accident is the result. The tender flew the track and was followed by an extra baggage car, express car, two regular baggage cars and one of the sleeping cars.

The sleeping car reeled into a carload of iron standing on the side track and the result was that the baggage car was badly shattered but did not suffer as bad as the express and baggage cars which are a complete wreck.

The only person who sustained any severe injuries was the fireman, whose name is Putnam. A late dispatch says it is thought that he cannot recover. He is a young married man and lives with his wife at the residence of his mother in East Portland. He was caught between the engine and tender just as he attempted to jump, and sustained severe internal injuries from which he will never recover.

The escape of the passengers is one to be shuddered at as also that of the express messenger who when found was covered with a mass of shattered cars and express matter.

The wrecking train was immediately sent from Portland and at 12 o'clock to-day a temporary passage had been arranged for trains to pass on.

The wreck is one that will cost the company thousands of dollars and also be the cause of one poor soul's life being lost.

A dispatch from the scene of the accident rather surmises that the switch had been tampered with, but it will always be an unsettled fact. The track was torn up for some distance. The scene presents a sickening sight.

LATER: 3:30 p. m. The local train arrived here and the injured fireman was comfortably arranged in the baggage car. He was accompanied by his mother, who lives at Brownsville, and Dr. McCormack, of Eugene, who has dressed the wounds, and is watching him carefully. When seen by a JOURNAL reporter he was conscious and could recognize his friends. He has no family only a wife, and he is being taken home at East Portland. His recovery is doubtful.

"UNCLE NEB." SPEAKS HIS MIND.
What He Thinks of "The Mill in the Forest" and Liberator's Famous Band.

Uncle Neb. Is the autocrat of Simmons' Corners, and when he returned from the fair at Portland an admiring crowd gathered around him as he held forth at the grocery store in the village. Last Saturday night and his explanation of the affair is given as follows in the Oregonian.

"Yes, boys," said he, "that air music just natchelly snatched the pie, as the city fellers say. I ketched on ter a young dude at the elder counter, long 'bout nine er clock, en he kinder described the pieces of music the band was a-playin'." We became as thick as could be.

"I was hock that air band did toot out 'Yankee Doodle.' The fellers down to our lyceum kin play some, in course, but Simmons ain't nothin' on ther corner 'long side of this here Liberator. He's a daisy, you betcher. One piece they played list made me nearly die a-larin'." It was called on the bill of fare, "The mill in the Forest," and the elder dude 'splained that it was writ by a down-dust feller so es to describe in music the mill between Sullivan and Kilrain last spring, and I tell ye it did hit ther light off to a bean.

"It begins this away (whistling) showin' how ther rosy roarer rises. All the fellers in the band took a hand in imitatin' the chickens, ducks and other critters about the farm a gittin' ready for business. Laws! I snickered right out when Liberator took off a rooster. It was jist natcheral as life. Well, biemby, these fellers near the wall begin to rub sandpaper boards together, showin' a shinin' of shert of the gang comin' to see the mill, and then the stuggers started in. My, but they did go it. The man with the big drum had to imitate Sullivan and Kilrain, both, so he was poaty nigh fagged out before they quit. Bang! went one biff for Sully, and Bang! went another for the Mick. All the time some of the other players kept up a rattlin' with sticks and things, showin', as the dude told me, what a rattlin' good fight it was. The band played two nice tunes while the mill was a goin' on—the first time for Kilrain, and the second for Sullivan, when the feller with the big horn got his second wind.

"I tell you, boys, I got fearful excited at the scrap, and 'magine I saw the gore a spillin' all over the grass. When Sullivan got in his big lick on the big drum and knocked the Irishman out, the people jist roared, and I banged my best gingham umbrella on the floor till I had like smash it. Me and the dude shook hands, and I asked him up stairs again to the elder exhibition and bought two glasses more—one for me and the other for him.

"You boys ought to git our band to go down to Portland and take Simmons down to hear these fellers play. You know none of us are so letter perfect but what we can't learn somethin' noo. It's fearful expensive, though, down there to the city. What between the cider and other things I bought, I got away with over thirty cents the two days I was there, but I don't begrudge it, seel'n how I was amosed."

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T. H. BARNES, President,
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References: Lincoln Land Company, Lincoln, Neb.; Capital National Bank, Salem, Oregon; G. L. Lewis, Secretary of State, Lincoln, Neb.

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