

SCHOOLHOUSE DEDICATED.

A PLEASANT EVENING SPENT AT BEN ALL.

Many Gather to Enjoy a Fine Musical Program and Dance.

A large crowd assembled at the new schoolhouse at Ben All last night, the occasion being the dedication of the new schoolhouse...

A number of people from this city had been invited to attend the ceremonies and about fifty went out in wagons and enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

The exercises commenced with the flag raising, which was done by Rear Admiral Dewey, after the audience had sung the "Star Spangled Banner" and B. F. Howard, County Superintendent of Schools, had made brief remarks.

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Three rousing cheers were given for Miss Mackey, to whose energy and persistence is due the fact that the new schoolhouse is now ready for occupancy...

The program was begun by the audience, who joined in singing "America." Mrs. Longbottom then rendered a vocal solo so charmingly that the audience would not be satisfied until she had responded to an encore.

Mr. Ford was next, singing "Marguerite," his powerful voice making the building tremble almost as much as the roar of a cannon.

Miss Mackey was presented with a beautiful basket of flowers and the assembly gave her three hearty cheers and called on her for a speech.

The floor was cleared in a jiffy, and the merry dancers tripped to lively music for a while, after which they adjourned to an all fresco feast by the light of the moon.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the Clunie Opera-house, at 2:45 this afternoon, Louis James, Kathryn Kiddy and the Clunie Opera-house among the foremost dramatic artists of the age, will present Richard Brinsley Sheridan's comedy, "The School for Scandal."

The element of poetic justice is very much in evidence in it. The comedy is neither moral in its aim or unmoral in its expressed significance, yet beneath the veil of art there is the substratum of suggestion which bears a moral with more cogency than if it were aimed directly and delivered intimately.

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A BROKEN REIN.

It Was the Cause of a Runaway and a Wrecked Hack.

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Auction Sales.

Bell & Co., auctioneers, will sell at public sale on Friday, the 24th, the entire stock of the Golden Rule Store, at Third and J streets, consisting of clothing, furnishing goods, hats, shoes, etc., also store fixtures. The sale begins at 10 a. m.

On Saturday, the 25th, at 1:30 p. m., W. H. Sherburn will sell at auction at his saleroom, 323 K street, a large consignment of furniture, carpets, etc., just from the Clunie warehouse; also crockery, glassware, ranges and other household articles.

Tame Geese, Dressed Turkeys, Dressed Hens, Dressed Young Roosters, Dressed young Pipers to Roast, Dressed young Broilers, Canvasback Ducks, Wild Geese, Mallards, Wild Geese.

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The frightened team was stopped at that point, the passenger alighted from the broken hack and tripped off to the depot as if nothing had happened.

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Pat McLaughlin's Celebration of Washington's Birthday.

Pat McLaughlin languished in the City Jail last night, and he has himself and Officers Ash and Fitzgerald to thank for it. Pat and his wife separated some time ago, but the old love seems to linger in Pat's heart, just as in the days when he had Mrs. McLaughlin at his mercy in his own (rented) home.

This old affection got stirred up in Pat's breast last night, and he heeded himself to her mansion in the alley between N. O. Third and Fourth streets, and had lots of fun for a while. It reminded him of former days and nights, and Pat was giving unbridled license to his emotions when the police swooped down upon the place.

If the officers had reached there a few minutes earlier Mrs. McLaughlin might have been able to round up a chair or two to-day. Pat was doing a horripole on the remains of the household bric-a-brac when the scance was rudely interrupted.

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