

Friday, May 4, 1877

OWN AND COUNTY

Mr. Miller preaches on next Sabbath evening at the Presbyterian Church, is: "The necessity of a Revelation from God, shown by the moral condition of heathen nations, ancient and modern."

The rains of the past two weeks have greatly delayed the farmers in their spring work, but they had the good effect of destroying countless grasshopper eggs which were just about to hatch.

Professor Hill's lecture at the Presbyterian church on Monday night, on "The Power of Language," was largely attended and highly appreciated.

The pious blackguard who does the local work of the Press will call at our office we will not only give him the name of a well known minister of the gospel, but also of a number of other citizens, who were shocked and disgusted at the obscenity of the Press of week before last.

The Virginia Minstrel, a company of colored vocalists from St. Jo., exhibited at Masters' Hall in this city on Wednesday and Thursday nights of last week. Somehow our people didn't appreciate them and their houses were not filled to sufficiency.

John Lawrence, the Holt County doctor, whose sentence was recently commuted by the Governor, has arrived safely at the penitentiary, and will wear the striped clothes which he wears for the next fifteen years.

The city council of Oregon at its session on Tuesday made an order directing a nuisance the delapidated house known as the Jester house, and ordering its immediate removal by Marshall.

M. H. Soper came down from Holt Grove and spent several days of the week with his family and friends. He reports that he is steadily pursuing his work of evangelizing the natives there.

On last Sunday a Sunday school was organized at the Holt County School. The following are the names of the officers: Superintendent, Charles Curson, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Ennis, Secretary, and Mrs. Munson, Treasurer.

Major Kelly, who is always alert looking after the interests of his county, has just had erected, in the line of his hotel, a lighting apparatus, which he has named "The Electric Light."

Mrs. Murray, wife of Colonel Murray, of the Holt County, has returned to this city for the purpose of visiting her children. We hope she will occupy the house lately vacated by Elder Dilbe. We hope to be able to chronicle the arrival here of many other kindred families, attracted by the fame of our excellent schools.

We add our regrets to those of nearly all the young ladies within a large radius around Holt, as well as of our citizens generally, in announcing that Dr. Ueland is about to remove to Pekin, Illinois, which place he will make his future home. May prosperity attend him!

Mrs. Sarah A. Case, wife of Wm. M. Case, formerly of Holt county, died at her residence in Marion county, Oregon, March 30, 1877, aged 86 years, two months and thirteen days. Many years ago when Mr. and Mrs. Case left Holt county, it took them 309 days from the time they crossed the Missouri river at Iowa Point to reach the settlements in the Willamette valley.

There is something for the Indians. If your bayonets, tulips, silver buttons, flowers, now growing in pots or glasses are budding very prettily, you can increase their beauty by placing over each a funnel made of orange paper, with the point upward and the rim resting upon the glass, more or earth. The point should be put off and the stems will soon find its way through the opening into the light before beginning to bloom.

Arrangements have finally been completed by which Seaman Brothers, Kreek and Liesberger, A. J. Castle and William Hawkins will erect a brick block, using the division walls in common, on the north side of the square. The block will have a total frontage of 66 feet and depth of 36 feet. The work of tearing down the old buildings will be commenced in a few days and the new buildings will go up as soon as the brick can be burned.

Initiating the excellent example of our citizens in ornamenting the Normal grounds, the good people in the vicinity of Fairview school have assembled a few days ago and set out forty-five fine shade trees on their school grounds. They are also going to immediately purchase ten patent seats for the school house and make such repairs as will render it one of the most attractive places of learning in the county. Mr. Carroll, who is teaching a summer term there, is well learned, giving excellent satisfaction. All praise to the wide-awake people of Fairview!

The discussion between the Holt county papers during the past few weeks has attracted attention throughout the State. Even the editor of the Louisville Democrat, whose editor is always a voracious reader of the Sentinel, is moved to bend his gigantic intelligence to a contemplation of the merits of the controversy, and in his issue of last Monday, indicates its position by the following gentle epithet: "Johnny was telling his own story."

At present everything is again serene, and the fighting barometer at Kelly's Hotel indicates peaceable weather for several days to come.

Village Associations for Improvement

Much attention has been given to some articles, in late numbers of Scribner, on village improvements, by societies formed for the purpose. Moved by the articles, people in many towns of the East have united in companies and done much to improve their towns.

Why may not we of the West do likewise? There are numberless villages in our beautiful land which actually disgrace the landscape. A very little done in the way of ornamenting, would change the ugly and desolate into the handsome and regular. We have then a few villages in Holt that might be made more agreeable than they are now. If we begin aright, this is written in Oregon and by a citizen, a man of culture and taste, why, whenever he heard of a village for building, got after the builder and made suggestions as to ornaments.

As between a beautiful structure and a tasteless, old stable or barn-like one, the cost is a trifle. Often, less, in favor of taste and beauty.

It is shameful to see good material wasted, where a little care and judgment will give it what pleases the eye. When one goes to build, he should say to himself: "I am going to please others as well as myself."

There are so many things essential to the welfare of villages, beyond the duty of the police, that such societies find plenty of work. The members will be constantly on the look out for chances to do good. Had such a society been formed in Oregon, does any one suppose the town for want of a few hooks and ladders would be exempted from destruction from the first place, or that any property owned by the town would be left to ruin for want of care? "What is every body's business is no body's business." Let us, then, make it some body's business.

Fire being provided against the next step is cleanliness, without which 'tis useless to ornament or even improve. Cleanliness is next to godliness, and walks hand in hand with all the virtues, beauties and proprieties of life. Clean patches are not only respectable but worthy of honor. But why talk of cleanliness, ornament or even godliness with a lot of the most filthy, annoying, trespassing, infestiously disreputable wandering at large, taking advantage of every open gate or crack under a fence, to invade your premises, rooting around and destroying trees, tearing up sidewalks and sometimes assailing little children. Not a year passes but several little children are devoured by some of these horrible beasts. Not a year passes but hundreds of thousands of dollars damage are done directly or indirectly by them in one State. Were we not accustomed to it we would not tolerate the above one day—but custom is everything. People are cannibals from custom, and in some countries consider roast human a rare treat. By custom we are inured to this astonishing wickedness and stupidity, which compel us to spend great sums in fencing, and to run the risk of losing millions of dollars in other ways.

It is argued that a village at large are good scavengers, but the man who seriously urges this would plead for the liberty of lice to save him from washing his face!

—It was night—dark, and all night—the snow on the ground about seven inches deep. The editor of the Press, on professional courtesies intent, had been spending the evening out. Toward the witching hour of twelve, "when grave yards yawn," etc. he took his departure. An expectant assemblage, including the printers of his own office, had been on the lookout for hours to see him safely home. And they all do say that the way in which he played billiards along the sidewalk—carrying against a tree and thence across the pavement against a house—got his legs tied into double bow knots and then untying them again—was a sight to make angels weep. We have an impression he had been imbibing beer.

A Surprise Party.

On Monday at 2 o'clock, Rev. F. Ueland and family were agreeably surprised by a party of members and friends of the German M. E. Church, accompanied by baskets full of nourishments for the inner man. As the host and hostess were receiving their presents several of the ladies placed the contents of the baskets on the dining room table and then invited the host and hostess with their guests in to partake of the bounties prepared for them. The guests were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Ganecker; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoffman, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hoffmann, son and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Shulte and two daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Shulte and son; Mr. H. Shulte; Mrs. John Zook and daughter; Mrs. Prof. Wilson and two daughters; Mrs. Evans and son Edgar; Mrs. Jacob Kinney; Mr. Dan Kinkel, Sr.; Mrs. Gladys Kinkel; Mrs. Cath. Schatz and daughter Maggie; Mrs. Fred Lange; Mrs. Fred Seehorn; Mrs. Geo. Seaman and sons; Mrs. Albert; Mrs. A. Berger and daughter; Miss Mary Spangler; Miss Annie; Miss Helen; Miss Minnie; Miss Annie Flegelmann; Miss Minnie Ganecker; Annie Salder; Mrs. Dr. W. J. Ueland, Wm. J. Schatz, Fred Hoffman and Adam Kinkel.

Presenters are as follows: One-half dozen silver table spoons from Mrs. Ganecker and Mrs. Schatz. One silver and one gold watch, Mrs. Fred Hoffman and Mrs. K. Kinsley. One silver watch, Mrs. Geo. Seaman and Mrs. Philip Salder. One silver watch, Mrs. H. Shulte and Mrs. John Zook. One silver watch, Mrs. Dan. Kinkel and Mrs. Gladys Kinkel. One silver watch, Mrs. Dan. Kinkel and Mrs. Gladys Kinkel. One silver watch, Mrs. Dan. Kinkel and Mrs. Gladys Kinkel.

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THE WIDE AWAKE SOCIETY.

THE WIDE AWAKE SOCIETY. THE SENTINEL.—At the last session of the Wide Awake Literary Society, which has been in session for about seven months, the following motion was introduced and after a long struggle defeated by its authors, carried.

A motion that the words in the preamble of our constitution, "male members of the Oregon Normal and Public Schools" be stricken out and the words, "any young man of Oregon of good moral character, be inserted therein."

The motion was introduced by Leigh Irvine and seconded by F. Hester. The above motion arranges matters so that any young man of Oregon of good moral character can join our society. Come over and propose your names for membership to-night. We will be glad to see you. Come one and all for the purpose of joining and improving your oratorical powers.

W. A. S.

HOE CHOLERA—HOW TO PREVENT THE SPREAD.

MR. ELLIOTT.—As hoags are the great product of our county, one may ask what are farmers doing to stay the disease which is destroying all of them? A bill was introduced in the Legislature offering a reward for the discovery of the cause. The Legislature ought to reward on the subject.

In the report of the Department of Agriculture, 1876, it is stated that the results of many years' careful study of the spread and it is doubtful if ever any more will be learned by the disease than is there given. Beyond a doubt our disease is the one there described as intestinal swelling fever—like typhoid in man. It is proven to be one of the most virulent contagious diseases in the world, during certain stages. Like some very contagious diseases in man, it would seem that its infection is most likely to be conveyed during its most early stages when the animal appears healthy, but is in reality carrying the poison destined to destroy it, and every animal of the hog kind it comes near. This we know is the case in many diseases. It seems doubtful if the dead animal is capable of giving of the contagious germs.

Children and birds are known to carry the poison from one pen to another. But of all the ways by which the infection is conveyed, none so fatal, so persistent, so unavoidable as the letting hoags run at large and we may be sure that the disease will spread, until nearly all the animals are dead and every one running at large is looked on as a public dangerous nuisance. What hog is it that one can put his arms if another can get eyes on him at large? There are many cases right in Holt county where hundreds of valuable animals are directly traceable to one pig wandering around the outside of the fields.

Were small-pox in the community, who would dream of trying to stop it if the diseased persons walked about? The very statutes forbid that the infected individual freely. It is made a crime to convey infection. Are we to be so stupid as to expect otherwise than continuance of the disease as things are? We might have known our hoags would be diseased this year, seeing we are surrounded by every kind of filth, slothful, shiftless, ignorant, poor, worthless and trifling to take care of them were allowed to run at large. Rather than fence them in, such people would let the disease run its course, and it will unless measures are taken.

The damp, warm weather has made the contagion worse and has in Oregon are flying at a rate never before known.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONER

THE COMMISSIONER OF HOLO COUNTY, English has called the attention of the teachers of this county to the following letter connected with our work. The I. W. specifies the branches to be taught in our common schools, and also requires that each applicant shall pass a satisfactory examination in the same. "What might be considered a satisfactory examination to some would not be so considered by others. Hence the importance of having a standard, and adhering strictly to that standard. All work to be carried on in accordance with this system. Therefore it is of the utmost importance that those who contemplate teaching, accustom themselves to systematic and thorough study in preparing themselves for their work. The patrons of our schools have a right to demand that teachers come to their work fully prepared, and able to give value received for the money paid for their services.

In order to place this matter before the teachers of this county and in some measure indicate our policy in this matter, we offer the following for their consideration.

The applicant should have a grade 5, on a scale of 10, on not less than 7-8 of all the branches named, in English, spelling, to a second grade, second class, and in arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and possibly trigonometry, if a body. May they prosper!

MINNESOTA VALLEY NEWS. Editor SENTINEL.—Please a constant reader of your valuable paper, thought I would write you a few lines from this beautiful valley. The hoppers are hatching in favorable localities, but we intend to give them a warm reception when sufficiently hatched, and would be pleased to hear from our neighbors throughout the county in regard to the hoppers. If they have any mode of destroying the pest, we would be glad to profit by it. We have won three traps under headway, and are glad to give information in regard to them that anyone may desire.

Spring wheat and oats look well, although the amount so far is small owing to a prospect of a better hopper crop. The farmers are planting winter corn and fear a severe winter that the soil will be too dry for the crop.

There will be a larger area out this year than ever before.

The good people of the valley have organized a male society for the benefit of the Sunday school. It springs up like a mushroom and bids fair to do a vast amount of good. We think it a noble work in a noble cause, and at the right time. We are divided into

two distinct classes, saints and sinners, with quite a large sprinkling of the latter commodity; but know with our society and the aid of a good energetic preacher every house would be a house of prayer.

Mr. Batten will have the cream without the peaches and the vines, without the grapes if this cold weather continues much longer.

Miss Hagler's school is in a prosperous condition; the little ones come home at night highly delighted with what they learned through the day.

The young ladies in the valley are scarce and the boys look like a dove that has lost its mate. If you have any girls to spare in your part of the county, send them to our way.

Will write you again when the hoppers all hatch.

J. G. WOOD. April 29, 1877.

FORST CITY, MO., APRIL 27, 1877. Editor SENTINEL.—I was at the Normal Public School, where a festival was held for all who were present. Eighty scholars took part in the festival, and had a fine supper. Besides this, there were some \$50.00 netted, which amount will be used for the benefit of the school.

Mr. Pennington's foundation has been laid in a few days. Good luck to him.

Some whisperings are in circulation that our school directors intend to have a graded school next fall in this place, but what good can come from Democracy?

RESULT OF A LARGE AUCTION. PURCHASES. Dress Goods, Silks, Colored Silks, Fancy Dress Goods, WOOL FRINGES, CASSIMERES, At Ruinous Prices. A. E. MCKINNEY'S.

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