The Vancouver Independent

Saturday, December 25, 1875.

Merry Christmas!

The holiday season has again arrived, with its Merry Christmas. Its fireside gatherings and reunions, its special provisions of cheer and the kindly greeting of friend to friend. Joyful anticipations are awakened in the minds of the children over the approaches of that imaginary being (real to them) Santa Kringle, with the fulfillment of beautiful dreams from the Land of Nod. The merry and well-loved home, as only [illegible] can be, to the old place [illegible] family hearth, and the trusty [illegible] who, by reason of distance, or the [illegible] of poor toil, has been restricted [illegible] with such hearty welcome by the head of the family that even while he almost forgets to think of his own loved ones, who may be at that moment wishing so longingly for the presence of him who alone is wanting to make the happiness of their Christmas complete. For days past the juvenile population have been on tip-toe with excitement as they watched the preparation for the celebration of Christmas eve. Young men and maidens have lent willing hands to the evergreen decorations of the churches, and the Christmas tree selected, cut, trimmed and dried, stood last evening a little world of wonder in itself to the bright-eyed children who, with eager hands, received its precious fruits. To-day thought we had no better evidence, we should know by the sound of trumpets and whistles that Santa Claus had paid our town his annual visit, and not forgotten to leave behind him those things with which the young most delight to celebrate the day, viz: something that will make a noise.

Vancouver has not a large population, and consequently the indigent poor are always scarce. But there are no doubt those in the community who are unable to make any unusual preparation for the holiday cheer. We trust that our good people will not forget such, and we don't believe they will. To celebrate the birth we commemorate on the 25th day of December said to His followers: "Freely ye have received, freely give." Our town will not forget this. His voice, through the silent prompting of the conscience, is saying the same words to our people to-day. With a pure motive, then, give to bless the poor and think not of the reward which awaits you, as expressed in that city "that only less beautiful than the city of God, where more blessed to give than to receive."

We would suggest that to-day is a good time to begin that preparation of and necessary for the commencement of the New Year that awaits us in the distance, with all its promise as the Centennial Era of our existence. We would not intrude upon the beautiful visions of many christmas in ideal before many happy hearts of [illegible] that graver responsibilities can never before await us all upon the threshold of the year of grace, 1876, [illegible] to come to us [illegible] upon the wings of each revolving day. Begin to think of the good [illegible] which are desired to be made for the New Year, that those resolutions may be properly met and rigidly discharged. Readers of the INDEPENDENT, one and all, we wish you a very "Merry Christmas."

More About Precocious Boys.

Under the above caption the Olympia *Transcript* says some terrible things about the lawless gangs in Olympia which, in view of the ordinance lately introduced in our City Council by Councilman Maxon, we commend to our readers:

"A few weeks since we proposed an ordinance prohibiting young boys from appearing upon our streets after nightfall without a written permit from their parents or guardians. As the season advances our observation fully confirms us as to the wisdom of such a suggestion.

"A little boy should be allowed to perambulate the streets of a large town at night unless accompanied by a parent or an older friend. Children who roam our streets at unreasonable hours are exposed not only to personal dangers, but their ears and eyes are open to an almost constant round of vice and immorality. It has gotten to be the stereotype confession and bitter complaint of confirmed criminals, that they learned more wickedness on the streets than good at home or in school. Now, this is an unwelcome comment, but, we think, it is becoming more and more the case, that the legislative authorities of our large towns will put to their wits end in devising wholesome and efficient means to take care of our boys. Houses of refuge, reform schools, work shops, and training ships are utterly inadequate to remove the growing evil. *Children must be kept from running at large.* We undertake to say that nothing short of this will ever solve the difficulty. Parents, examine the question, and give us your ideas on the subject."

Where parents fail to do their duty, wholesome municipal regulations should be made, as far as possible, to atone for the neglect.

The spirit of "Young America" has become proverbial. The hoodlum element is largely represented in our American population, and has been often instanced as one of the departments wherein our form of Government and our modern civilization have proven a failure. To many people, no doubt, this conclusion seems to be inevitable, and in one sense, perhaps, it may be correct, but it is correct only in the general sense, that great blessings have correspondingly great evils to follow in their wake, that the rarest roses have the sharpest thorns, and that the richest soil will produce the rankest weeds; and it is quite as unphilosophical to rail at the rose for its thorns, or the soil for its weeds, as it is to speak invidiously of the American plan of civilization and government because of its hoodlumism. It is, perhaps, not within the scope of our pen and certainly not within the limits of this article, to enter into a subtle disquisition upon the many questions that may be involved in the above general statement of our position. It is sufficient to say at this time that the truly patriotic citizen will not lack for faith sufficient to enable him to confidently trust that within this freer country, and from without this richer civilization shall, and now is, growing up an element of intellectual and moral force sufficient to overbalance the evils which, like the rank weeds of the richer soil, continually force themselves into prominence among the growing grains.

In our *union* is our strength. By it is that correllation of forces effected so necessary for the accomplishment of all desirable ends. National, State and municipal regulations and laws are the forms adopted pursuant to that union; that union of sentiment and that unity of action. Foster free speech, free people, but guard with strict surveillance the elements which will grow thereout and in time become inimical to the very spirit of freedom, which gave them birth. Then let us have strict municipal regulations for the control of hoodlums. Let those regulations be enforced, not only against the hoodlum, but also against the neglectful parent; and, remembering in the meantime, that the spirit of independence, daring, and love of adventure that pervades many American youths, if subjected to proper and legitimate restraint, will, when turned into wholesome channels of action, work out much good to themselves and to the race, and be the means of recording many noble deeds upon the pages of life's history. In the practice of medicine the great secret is to first *control* the disease. This should be the policy of our people with regard to hoodlums: control these discordant elements, control them judiciously, and instead of becoming unmanageable evils under the hand of neglect, they will grow to become potent auxiliaries of virtue in the communities where they live. We trust that the City Council, pursuant to the move made by Councilman Maxon, will enact a sound ordinance upon this subject, and that those in whom the executive powers of the city are vested will attend to its carrying out even to the very letter of its true intent and meaning.

Forestry Association of America.

At a meeting of representative men from thirty States, Canada and others, held in Chicago, Sept. 10th, 1875, the Forestry Association of America was duly organized, the object of which is to collate facts and figures in regard to American forests. Rev. Thomas B. Van Horne, of the Military Post at this place, upon the recommendation of Gen. Mason, has been appointed agent and correspondent for Washington Territory.

The Association has submitted to him the following as leading points of inquiry, which we give for the benefit of those of our readers who are interested in assisting the development of this country:

1st. Approximate estimate of the area of forests in square miles.

2d. The age of trees and estimates of their productiveness per acre in cubic feet of lumber.

3d. Lists of native trees, with their local and botanical names, and any especial value in the arts, whether civil or naval architecture, cabinet ware, parquetry, or for agricultural implements and wagon making, or mill wrights work, etc.

4th. Location of species, relatively to elevation, soil, etc.

5th. Natural grouping, or consociation of species.

Through the medium of this Association much can be done toward bringing the vast natural wealth of our own forests into notice, and thus present to the capitalists of the East, what is really one of the greatest natural advantages this Western Washington possesses, viz: its timber.

The Association has done well in selecting Mr. Van Horne as their agent, but he must be assisted by those in the territory who are familiar with the subject. We trust prompt answers will be given to all letters of inquiry he may have occasion to send.

The Territorial Press and the President's Message.

With last week's issue we furnished our readers with the President's Message, and recommended it to them as a document well worthy of a careful perusal. We now submit, as far as we have been able to gather from our exchanges, a few extracts from the opinions of the Territorial press upon the document.

The Olympia *Standard* says:

"It is mainly useful as a weather-cock, to indicate the direction which the breeze of public sentiment is taking, as seen from the dome of the White House.

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"We bespeak for the Message a careful perusal by all who wish to read correctly the signs of the times."

"The President's Message is lengthy, but is worth a careful perusal. Read it in full."—*Olympia Courier.*

The Seattle *Dispatch*, after [illegible] the portion in regard to the [illegible] question and church taxation, concludes as follows:

"We have not yet received that portion of the Message relating to the currency question; but there is no reason to believe that the President has changed his views upon that question since his last communication to Congress, which were then eminently sound."

The Port Townsend *Argus* condenses into a column the leading features of the Message.

We give the President's Message to-day in a supplement. It is quite lengthy, and the most interesting document Grant has sent out. As everybody will read it we forbear comments.—*Transcript.*

We have no comments to make at this time upon its comments, but we hope that our readers will give it a careful perusal, and suggest that they specially consider the part of it which refers to free schools, to the taxation of church property, and to the currency question. *Walla Walla.*

EDITORIAL NOTES.

George Reynolds has been convicted of the crime of polygamy, in Salt Lake.

Another member has withdrawn from Plymouth Church. This time it is Deacon Duncan. He says the evidence is satisfactory to his mind that Henry Ward Beecher is an adulterer and a perjurer.

We are glad to note an improvement in the typographical appearance of the *Morning Echo*. Be not weary in well doing, Bro. Cook.

The use of the whipping post in jail yards is again coming into vogue. It is alleged that there are a certain class of offenders who can only be reached in this manner. This generation may see this mode of punishment generally resumed throughout this country. However barbarous this may seem, there is argument of a sound character to be offered in its favor.

At this season, the people of Santa Barbara, Cal., boast of their immortal sunshine, and take daily rides upon the ocean beach at low tide.

Ten thousand copies of the Portland dollar weekly *Bee* will be issued on the 1st of January. It will contain short sketches of different localities all over Oregon and Washington Territory. Communications descriptive of every town in Washington Territory are solicited. This New Year's issue will no doubt prove to be a very readable paper, and can be made if put in the right places in the east a good advertising medium for this northern coast. We bespeak for it a success beyond its expectations.

The mail bag robbery case, which has been occupying the attention of the U. S. District Court over at Portland, for days past, was closed on Tuesday. Judge Deady charged the jury in his usual masterly manner, and the jury after deliberating upon the case a half hour, returned to court with a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment. This issue of the case is no doubt as it should be, and it is gratifying to record that once more has even-handed justice come off triumphant.

If frequent hangings are any evidence, we may say that the gallows have not been cheated of any victims of late. Every morning's dispatches, for the past week, have brought the news of a hanging, and in some cases, recited the horrid details. They are sad occurrences to reflect upon, but sadder is it that we live in a state of society where such remedies seem to be demanded for the protection of its members.

A movement has been made in Congress, by Morrill of Maine, toward the improvement of the service of inspecting steam vessels on the Pacific Coast. He remarked to the effect that if newspaper reports could be relied upon, the service is sadly in need of reconstruction. We sincerely hope this movement will not be allowed to sleep, for of all things that most demand attention, the rotten ships of the Pacific Coast are entitled to first rank. Condemn and prevent the running of about a dozen of these old hulks, and a measure of safety may then be assured to the traveling public.

Pursuant to the wishes of some of the malcontents of Walla Walla, a bill has been introduced in the Senate providing in effect for the setting off of Walla Walla county to Oregon, provided the majority of the people of that section are desirous of such a change. We have but little patience with that class of politicians or people who always want to rule, or ruin. If the people are generally in favor of going over to Oregon, their wishes are certainly entitled to consideration; but to consideration only as a *portion* of the people of the Territory. No majority in the Territory is going to consent to see Washington shorn of its fair proportions.

Since the scandal, Mr. Beecher has been so tormented with indecent anonymous postal card communications, that he applied to the Post Master General for protection; and that official has since very properly forbidden postmasters to transmit insulting cards through the mails.

The San Francisco *Post* has passed from the hands of George and Hutton, its hitherto able managers, into those of J. F. Goodman, formerly of the Virginia City *Enterprise*.

Telegraphic Summary.

Wm. K. Thomas, the man who was the cause of the terrible explosion at Bremen, has confessed his guilt, and died from the effects of wounds upon himself in attempting suicide. The victims of this terrible affair amount to 180.

Morton submitted a resolution to the Senate on the 15th inst., providing for an investigation into the alleged frauds in the Mississippi election.

In the house the following resolution was introduced by Springer, of Illinois: *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this house the precedent established by Washington and other Presidents of the United States, in retiring from the Presidential office, after their second term, has become by universal concurrence, part of our republican system of government, and that any departure from this time-honored custom would be unwise, unpatriotic, and fraught with peril to our free institutions.

The previous question was seconded and the resolution adopted, yeas 232, nays 18.

In the Senate, Howes introduced a bill to provide for a commission on the subject of alcoholic liquors traffic. It requires the President to appoint, subject to confirmation by the Senate, a commission of five persons, neither of whom shall be a Federal officer, nor an advocate of prohibitory legislation, or of total abstinence, in relation to alcoholic liquors, who shall serve without salary and within two years investigate the liquor traffic, its relations to revenue and taxation, and its generally economic, criminal, moral and scientific aspect, in connection with pauperism, crime, social vice, the public health, and general reform of the people, and also to inquire and take testimony as to the practical results of license and prohibitory legislation, for the prevention of intemperance in the several States of the Union. The bill appropriates $10,000 for necessary expenses and requires the commission to report the result to the President, to be by him transmitted to Congress.

At the weekly prayer meeting at Plymouth church, a report was introduced asking for a council of congregations and churches to determine what discipline should be use with absenting members, and to decide other similar questions. A motion being made to adopt the report, Shearman offered a slight amendment. Beecher asked if that would not open up the whole investigation of 1874. Shearman said, "Yes." "Then," said Beecher, "I'm for it." [Applause.]

Confirmations by the Senate: Wm. McRee Dunn, Judge Advocate General U. S. A.; Curtis F. Burnham, of Kentucky, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; Robert M. Kelly, Pension agent, Louisville; David P. Dyer, U. S. Attorney, Eastern district Missouri; Chas. D. Bradley, U. S. Attorney, Colorado; Wm. F. Sweezey, U. S. Marshal, Wyoming; S. B. Axtel, California, Governor of New Mexico; David P. Thompson, Oregon, Governor of Idaho; Chas. E. French, Colorado, Chief Justice Supreme Court, Arizona; John R. Clark, Surveyor General of Nebraska.

In the house, Starkweather presented a petition against further appropriations for distribution of seeds through the agricultural bureau.

Kidder introduced a bill to establish the Territory of Pembina.

The express car of the St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern train was robbed near St. Louis, on the morning of 18th inst., the robbers getting away with about $20,000.

The National Board of Transportation met at Chicago on the 7th inst., and adopted resolutions recommending laws for the government of transportation. The following resolution was also adopted: *Resolved*, That we are in favor of completing both the Northern and the Southern Pacific railways, as soon as the means for the completion of the same can be properly made available.

Geo. F. Seward, of California, has been nominated by the President as Minister to China, *vice* Avery, deceased.

A bill was introduced in the House by Mr. Jacobs, of Washington Territory, providing for additional land officers in the Territory.

The new Pacific Mail iron steamer *City of Sidney*, from New York, sailed on the 20th inst. for San Francisco.

The standing committees of the House were announced by Speaker Kerr, on Monday.

Hon. Thos. W. Ferry, of Michigan, has been chosen as President of the Senate.

OREGON.

We understand that the epizootic is again playing sad havoc with horses of high and low degree hereabouts. Some freighters have been compelled temporarily to suspend operations because some of their horses are so troubled with it as to unfit them for service.—*Walla Walla Tribune.*

A correspondent writing to the *Dalles Tribune* from the Hood River Colony, says the people are very much displeased with their location that the land there is not as represented, is poor and will require extensive irrigation to render it productive. The Colony organized on the 7th inst. and elected the following officers:

President—W. P. Watson.
1st. Vice President—Miles Putter.
2d. Vice President—Mr. Harding.
Secretary—Mr. Forsyth.
Correspondent—Mr. Allen.
Treasurer—Mrs. Parkhurst.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
E. S. Smith, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Bill, Lyman Smith, Robert Dinsmore.

The Lafayette *Courier* has been enlarged to a seven column paper and its typographical appearance much improved.

The *Astorian* says: We are going to clean up our bed rock sluices next week, and begin a new deal, with a clean outfit, on New Year's day. If everybody owing us pays up, we shall build a telegraph line along the Columbia river next spring, connecting with the W. U. line at Kalama, and will start a daily paper before June.

Eugene City has a new lodge of Good Templars whereof Dr. E. R. Geary is W. C. T.

TERRITORIAL.

G. A. Barnes of Olympia, declined the Governor's appointment of Trustee of the Washington Insane Asylum.

The latest from Seattle is that the *Dispatch* and *Intelligencer* are having a little war.

The new paper to be started in Snohomish county will be named th *Northern Star*.

Commissions have been issued by the Governor to John Salter, of Pierce county, Arthur A Phinney of Kitsap, Albert A. Phillips of Thurston and Geo. D. Hill of King, as trustees of the Insane Asylum, with Brazee to hear from.

Olympia is to have a grand masquerade ball on New Year's eve.

Vancouver Market.

Corrected every Friday evening by

M. J. MAXON,

DEALER IN

Groceries, Provisions and Feed,

Main Street.

Legal Tenders in Vancouver	86 & 87
Groceries.	
Sugars—Crushed, per lb	16
S. F. Golden, per lb	14
Sandwich Island, per lb	12@13
Coffee—Costa Rica	27
Fresh Ground	37
Chocolate	37
Teas—Young Hyson	$1 25
Japan	1 50
Flour—Oregon, per qr sk	1 50
Salmon Creek	1 25
Meal, per qr sack	1 50
Crackers, per pound	10
Candles, per pound	25
Rice, per pound	10@12½
Soda, per pound	12½
Vinegar, per gallon	50
Syrup—Golden, per gallon	37
5 gallon kegs	1 25
Soap, per box	$1 25@1 50
Wool, per lb, good quality	32
Provisions.	
Hams, per pound	18
Bacon, " "	15
Lard, " "	20
Butter, " "	37½
Cheese, " "	20
Eggs, per dozen	35
Apples—Green, per bushel	50
Dried, per pound	9
Peaches—Dried, per pound	16
Plums—Dried, per pound	12½
Prunes—Dried, per pound	25
Honey, per pound	25
Vegetables.	
Potatoes—Irish, per bushel	50
Sweet, per pound	04
Onions—per pound	2
Feed.	
Bran, per 100 lbs	1 00
Shorts, per 100 lbs	1 75
Oil Cake, per 100 lbs	2 50
Oats, per bushel	50
Wheat, per bushel	100

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the undersigned, one of the guardians of the minor heirs of Charles Proulx, deceased, will make application to the Hon. Probate Court of Clarke County, for leave to resign his letters of guardianship.

Said application will be heard on

Monday, the 7th day of January, A. D., 1876;

It being a day of the regular January Term, 1876, of said Court. JOHN CORLESS,
Guardian of minor heirs of Charles Proulx, Deceased.

VANCOUVER, W. T., Dec. 20, 1875. d25-6t

ORDINANCE NO. 91.

An ordinance to provide for lighting the streets of Vancouver.

[Approved Dec. 22d, 1875.]

The City of Vancouver does ordain as follows:

SEC. 1. The Committee on Streets and Public Improvements be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to cause suitable lamps and posts to be erected and placed at each street crossing Main street, between First street and Eighth street, or at as many of said cross streets as to the said committee may seem to be expedient, the said posts and lamps to be of such height and size, and constructed and lighted in such manner as the said committee shall determine.

SEC. 2. When the said posts and lamps are erected and prepared, the said lamps shall be lighted, and kept lighted under such rules and regulations as the said Committe may prescribe, and the said Committe is hereby authorized to enter into contract with one or more persons for lighting the said lamps, and all accounts for and on account thereof, shall be audited quarterly, and paid out of any money in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 3. This ordinance to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, Vancouver, W. T., Dec. 22, 1875.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of Ordinance No. 91, as it now appears of record in this office.

STEPHEN P. McDONALD,
Recorder of the City of Vancouver.

NEW COLUMBIA HOTEL.

VANCOUVER, W. T.

THE UNDERSIGNED ANNOUNCES TO THE citizens of Clarke County in general, and the traveling public in particular, that he has just opened the above named hotel, and proposes to keep a first class house. This hotel is situated on the east side of Main Street, within half a block of the steamboat landing. Prices to suit the times.

E. THOMLINSON,
Proprietor.

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Tax Notice.

To the tax payers of School District No. 6, that the special tax levied Dec. 14th, 1875, is now ready for collection, and all persons are requested to call at the store of Jacob Proebstel and settle with him, who is authorized to receive and receipt for the same; and all taxes which all not paid by the 15th day of January, 1876, ten per cent. will be added for collecting.

G. W. DURGIN,
Clerk, School Dist. No. 6.

Dec. 25, 1875.

Notice.

ALL PERSONS KNOWING THEMSELVES indebted to me are respectfully requested to call at my blacksmith shop and settle immediately and save costs by so doing.

SAM. MARSH,

Vancouver, Dec. 18, 1875.
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PROBATE NOTICE.

In the matter of the Estate of Lewis Miller, deceased, late of Cowlitz County, W. Ty.

All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned, at his office, in Kalama, Cowlitz County, Washington Territory, within one year from the date of this notice, or the same will be barred.

E. G. INGALLS,
Administrator of the Estate of Lewis Miller, deceased.

NOVEMBER 13th, 1875.

Assignee's Sale of Water Stock.

Notice is hereby given that I will,

On Monday, the 3d day of January, A. D., 1876,

by virtue of an assignment made by William Turnbull, deceased, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in United States gold coin,

Fifty one Shares of the Capital Stock of the Vancouver Water Stock.

The sale will take place in front of my store, on Main Street, in Vancouver, at the hour of 12 o'clock M., of the said day.

MICHAEL WINTLER,
Assignee.

Vancouver, W. T., Dec. 15, 1875.

Notice.

In the matter of the Estate of Cyrus H. Grubb, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was, on the 10th day of December, 1875, duly appointed by the Probate Court of Clarke County, Washington Territory, Administratrix of the Estate of Cyrus H. Grubb, late of the said county and Territory, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased's Estate are hereby required to present the same, with the necessary vouchers, within one year after the date of this notice, to me, at the residence of John McMullen, in the city of Vancouver, Washington Territory, or the same will be barred, and all persons indebted to the said Estate will please make payment thereof forthwith to me.

ELIZA GRUBB,
Administratrix of the Estate of Cyrus H. Grubb, deceased.

DECEMBER 18th, 1875.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a certain judgment, decree of foreclosure, and order of sale, made and rendered by the District Court of the second Judicial District of Washington Territory, holding terms at Vancouver, on the

Twenty-ninth day of October, A. D., 1873,

in favor of John McCarty, plaintiff, and against Samuel S. Hawkins, and Cynthia J. Hawkins, defendant, a copy of which said judgment, decree and order of sale has been since issued by the Clerk of the said court, certified by him under the seal of the said court and delivered to me. I have this day levied upon the premises described in the said decree and order of sale, to-wit: The South West quarter of the South East quarter and lot No. one, of section No. fourteen, and the West half of the North East quarter and Lots Nos. four and five of Section No. twenty-three, in Township No. two North of Range No. three East, containing one hundred and forty-five 67-100 acres, being in the County of Clarke, Washington Territory,

Notice is hereby given

that I will

On Monday, the 10th day of January, A. D. 1876,

at the hour of 12 o'clock, M. of the said day, at the Court house door in the said County of Clarke, offer all and singular the said premises or so much thereof as may be necessary with the appurtenances, for sale at public sealed to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States to satisfy the said judgment amounting to the sum of four hundred and five dollars with interest thereon from the 29th day of October, A. D. 1873, at the rate of one and a half per cent per month, a further sum of forty dollars and fifty cents as a solicitors fee, and all of the costs of the said suit and accuring costs taxed at thirty-five dollars and fifty cents.

ALEXANDER L. COFFEY,
Sheriff of Clarke County,
Washington Territory.

Dated Vancouver, W. T., December 8th, 1875.