

EAST BENTON.

Last Sunday, Dec. 30, 1900, the new Reformed St. James church, near Van Camp was dedicated, the entire balance of the cost was pledged and the church was dedicated free of debt.

PIONEERS TO BE HONORED.

Early Settlers of Oregon Are Soon to Have an Attractive Monument. It has been decided by the pioneer monument committee of the Society of Oregon Native Sons, with the concurrence of the Oregon Native Daughters, to hold in Portland next year a grand celebration to last a week or ten days.

All Men Are Liars.

Mabel—I must say that for absolute untrustworthiness there's nothing like a man. Kate—Why, what makes you say that? Mabel—Well, you remember when I rejected Mr. Bullfinch about three weeks ago?

An Endless Chain.

Even now of four years hence we talk And soon in phrases pat The prophets will exert themselves From four years from that.

POOR CONSOLATION.



Mr. Poorshot—I didn't hit him, but I bet he is scared like the deuce!

Wants Too Much.

Prosperity grows lynch by inch; But man is such a dunce He wastes his breath in grumbling, For he wants it all at once.

His Idea Precisely.

"What we want to do," said the worried man, "is to take money out of politics."

That Little.

Man wants but little here below, As has been said before; No matter what the fates have brought, Or high or low his earthly lot, He wants a "little" more.

A KITTENSHIN HINT.



Young Woman (to her admirer)—Tell me, Mr. George, do kisses really exist only in novels?—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

Hope.

Into each breast some rain must fall, Into each heart some sorrow; But comfort will come, dear friends, to us all.

How He Cured Him.

"I suffer dreadfully from insomnia, doctor," said the patient. "Indeed!" replied the physician; "we'll soon correct that."

The Modest Maid.

He (enthusiastically)—I love everything that is grand, beautiful, poetic and lovely. I love the peerless, the serene and the perfect in life.

The Wonders of Progress.

"Some of those mind-readers must be wonderful." "They are. They claim that they can see a woman changing her mind."

The Viewpoint.

"In some things," observed the student of human nature, "how strikingly men resemble hogs!"

Hope.

First Microbe—It's too bad the women have stopped wearing these trailing dresses.

Different Altogether.

"Kitty, I can't stand your extravagance at school; \$15 a month for candy."

Mean Thing.

Maud—Some impudent fellow kissed me by mistake. Mabel—When? Maud—After dark last night.

Condensed.

Mrs. Housely—Say, milkman, when I want condensed milk I'll let you know. Milkman—Condensed? Mrs. Housely—Yes. This pint and a half for a quart has got to stop.

So Unbiased.

Critic—Although my review is severe, I trust you do not attribute it to malice.

Author—Not at all.

I ascribe its tone to your ignorance of the subject handled.—Town Topics.

Contradicted.

"Americans lack the power of repose." "Oh, that is too sweeping. I know plenty of Americans who haven't anything else."—Detroit Free Press.

Exaggeration.

Hicks—Billson tells me that he is a century rider. Wicks—Yes! It would take him a century to ride a hundred miles.—Louisville Journal.

Reasonable Objection.

She—And why do you object to women voting? He—Because I believe in a secret ballot.—Yonkers Statesman.

A Cold Engagement.

"Well, I've caught that Boston girl." "Then you've caught a cold."—Town Topics.



Gerard Old Men

Some men seem to defy old age. They walk erect. Their eyes are bright. Their laugh is hearty. They are men of to-day—not men of yesterday.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE

LACKAWANNA RAILROAD.

Table with columns for stations (Scranton, Pottsville, etc.) and times for various routes.

PHILADELPHIA & READING RAILROAD.

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Pennsylvania Railroad.

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We wish you all a happy New Year with abundance of good fortune, and whatever you may lose during the coming year, by all means do not lose your temper.

The weather continues very changeable despite the fact that weather forecasts are bound to have an awful effect on the public mind.

Miss Laura and her admirer were united in matrimony last evening, by the regular tin horn and hum drum band, and young joined in the serenade.

Many congratulations to the young couple. They will make their future home in Benton as Mr. McHenry will engage in the furniture and undertaking business.

Mrs. McHenry is a milliner of first rank. The young ladies are strangely very peculiar. They are so seldom satisfied with their parental name.

They invariably manage to change their name. Well, we don't blame them. One changed her name for our sake.

Nineteenth Century in a Nutshell.

This Century received from its predecessors the horse; we bequeath the bicycle, the locomotive, and the motor car.

We received the goose quill and bequeath the typewriter. We received the hand printing press; we bequeath the cylinder press.

We received the painted canvass; we bequeath lithography, photography and color photography.

We received the hand loom; we bequeath the cotton and woolen factory. We received the sailing ship; we bequeath the steamship.

We received the beacon signal fire; we bequeath the telephone and wireless telegraph.

We received the tallow dip; we bequeath the electric light.

Lycoming County Farmers Dismayed

Farmers throughout Lycoming county have been caught napping by some slick individuals with a "skin-tight" note trick. Early in the fall these farmers sold their buckwheat crops to strangers, who professed to represent well known New York grain buyers.

To "bind the bargain" in each case the stranger paid \$25.00, and secured the farmer's signature to a receipt. These "receipts" now turn out to have been "skin-tight" notes, and they have come back to the farmers raised to \$250.

The banks of the various towns in the county are now notifying the farmers that notes, bearing their signatures, have been deposited for collection.

HOW'S THIS?—We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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GAMBLING FOR OFFICES.

Religious People of London Scandalized by a Recent Occurrence in Politics.

Some of the ultra religious people here are expressing astonishment that a tie in the vote for member of the borough council was decided the other day by tossing a penny, says a London paper.

They insist that the element of chance ought to have been eliminated from English politics long ago. As a matter of fact, there is still a corner left in the British constitution for King Charles to build his throne in, and it is not many years since the house of commons deliberately sanctioned the appeal to chance in certain emergencies.

When city councils were being established in Scotland the question arose in parliament as to the choice of a chairman of the joint committee in case of an equality of votes, and it was proposed that the final decision in the case be taken by lot. Serious member objected to such a frivolous method of deciding an important matter, but the mover of the resolution reminded the house of the apostolic precedent, and it was decided by a majority that what was good enough for the election of a successor to Judas Iscariot was good enough for the chairman of a joint committee. So that the Camberwell election is likely to stand in law.

STORY TELLERS ORGANIZE.

They Will Receive Protection and Encouragement Down in Maine.

Long-distance story tellers have had a new field opened to them here. At Waterville, Me., an organization has been formed with the purpose of bringing together the best and longest "yarn tellers" in Maine and award prizes.

The meeting was held in the parlors of the Elmwood hotel, where, according to the rules, all the stories must be told. The official title of the organization is the "Storytellers' Association of Maine."

The meetings of the association will be held whenever the president shall secure storytellers who desire to entertain the club. The idea is to give prizes for the longest and best original story. The rules will allow a storyteller all the time he may ask for the telling of the story, to be continuous, with time out for meals.

Some of the best storytellers of the state have joined the association. John B. Mason, of Bar Harbor, who holds the record for long talking, sent a letter of application for membership. Mr. Mason secured his record at St. John, N. B., in 1895, when he told a story, making it up as he went along, for 25 hours. All stories must be free from features that would be objectionable to ladies.

PICTURE COST A FORTUNE.

One of the Duke of Marlborough's Art Treasures Worth a King's Ransom.

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