

TALK OF THE TOWN

Trunks and suit cases at Blackledge's Furniture store. 5-17-tf
 Roscoe Gardner, an OAC student, is spending the day in Portland.
 Acme Quality Paints and Floor Varnish that wears at A. L. Miner's. 5-17-tf

The election is over. Get your piano tuned and let harmony prevail. Katz's in town. 8 18 1t

Call up the Palace of Sweets for your ice cream and sherbets. Free delivery. 5-6-tf

R. H. Katz the piano tuner is now in town. Leave orders Hotel Corvallis or with Profs. Gaskins or Boone 5 18 3

General repair shop. All work first-class, promptly done. Back of Beal Bros., blacksmith shop, Wood Bros. 5-7-tf

James Randolph Beck is confined to the home with the measles. The measles things prevented him from attending the circus.

Go to Dr. Howard for the best and most artistic dental work. Twenty-two karat gold crowns reinforced with 18 karat gold solder made and put on in one hour. 8tf

Mrs. L. A. Bernaugh and son, of Enterprise, Eastern Oregon, are visiting in the city. Mr. Bernaugh is a graduate of OAC and is now engaged in the drug business at Enterprise.

Dr. Howard don't keep you in the anxious chair and make you lose your valuable time and punish you a half day for 15 minutes work. A mechanic can always do a piece of work first class in a reasonable time. 8tf

Tom Alexander and wife, of Kings Valley, who went to Tucson, Arizona, some time ago for the benefit of the latter's health, returned to God's country yesterday. He is not particularly pleased with that country and was glad to be at home once more. The lady is not much improved in health.

Sheriff Gellatly seems to have an inside shift on the weather bureau. He has a fine ranch over in Blodgett Valley and copious showers of rain has kept the golden grain shooting heavenward. If the rain is to fall on the just as well as the unjust let us all pray that this scriptural injunction may be fulfilled.

The band boys were up bright and early this morning and devoted their morning hours to the decoration of cars for the Monroe picnic tomorrow. With the excursion train on the side track, circus cars sandwiched down along the line, lumber and merchandise unloading, we could make the railroad yards of Portland look like thirty cents.

It is indeed strange what foolish things men do at times and what serious results follow. This morning a gentleman from the country drove in town behind a team of fancy blacks and, carelessly throwing the lines around the hub of the wagon in front of Nolan's store, went in to trade. The team got scared and in backing up drew the lines tightly and piled the whole outfit up in one conglomerated mass. Luckily no serious consequences resulted, but through this manner of carelessness many people lose their lives. There is an ordinance against leaving teams unhitched on the street and the officers should see that it is strictly enforced.

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Mrs. Eden, of Kings Valley, is visiting friends in Corvallis this week.

Mrs. G. R. Crawford, of Tygh Valley is visiting at the M. M. Long home.

R. S. Harrington returned yesterday from an extended business visit to New York City.

Doc. H. B. Kiger, living north of Corvallis, was in the city today and went to the circus.

E. M. Beals and family, of Alsea, are visiting friends and relatives in Corvallis this week.

Millard Long's baseball team was walloped in fine shape yesterday by the high school nine.

Solomon Gardi and wife, Miss Sibel Libbitt and Sam Selling, all of Portland, were entertained today at the Jacobs home.

Mrs. Mentor Howard has returned from Albany where she was in attendance at the Grand Rebekah Assembly during the entire session. Mrs. Howard was Deputy State President of the Grand Assembly of Texas in 1907.

The circus people had a little jam at the depot this morning while unloading and one of the wagons was precipitated between the cars. The foreman did the "cussin'" for the occasion with his usual command of the heathen dialect, No ladies present.

Clyde Mullhollen, a resident of Corvallis and a carpenter, quietly slipped away last Sunday and went over to Prineville where he was married to Miss Ruby Cadely, of that place. Mr. Mullhollen is a cousin of Mrs. Taylor Porter with whom the young couple will reside until the home can be prepared. The young lady was a former O. A. C. student and is a lady of intelligence and refinement. Mr. Mullhollen is a clean man, a good workman and the young couple will be gladly welcomed as citizens.

Guy Johnson, who came here last spring from the Blue Grass region of Kentucky and accepted a position with Horning & Mackenzie has been heard from. Becoming homesick and continually tormented by the vision of a golden-haired maiden he left Corvallis two months ago, returning by the southern route and stopping at various points along the line. After landing at the home and cooling his ardor by the sight of his loved one it then dawned on his mind what a mistake he had made in going back. To a friend he writes that Oregon is the nearest a paradise he ever expects to find on earth and will be glad to return.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In the matter of the estate of Susan M. Berry, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as executor of the last Will and Testament of Susan M. Berry, deceased, has filed his final account as such executor with the Clerk of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Benton, and that said Court has fixed and set Tuesday, the 6th day of July, 1909, the same being a day of the regular July term thereof, A. D. 1909, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, and the County Court room of the County of Benton, which said Court room is in the County Court House at Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon, as the time and the place for hearing any and all objections to said final account, and for settlement thereof.

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OCEAN BALLOON TRIP

Boston Scientist Plans to Cross to Europe in Few Days.

MUST SAIL AT GREAT HEIGHT.

Professor Henry H. Clayton in Explaining His Project Says Atlantic Flight Can Be Made in Three or Four Days—Relies on Upper Air Currents.

A balloon trip across the Atlantic and possibly around the world is the object that Professor Henry H. Clayton, scientist and aeronaut, had in view when he left his work as meteorologist at Blue Hill observatory a short time ago, says a Boston dispatch. Through his knowledge of the air currents Oscar Erbsloh was able to win the international balloon cup in the flight from St. Louis in 1906, when the balloon Pommern traveled halfway across the continent.

Before he makes the aerial voyage across the Atlantic Professor Clayton plans a test flight from San Francisco to the Atlantic coast.

By taking advantage of the known upper currents of air which he has discovered during his long years of study Professor Clayton declares he can easily make the voyage from continent to continent in three or four days. These air currents, he says, are reached at a height of two miles above the earth.

"Air travel is practical and is bound to supersede railroad trains and steamships," said he.

"The equipment of such a balloon as I would need for the intercontinent voyage would amount to about \$10,000. Already tentative offers have been made me toward the proper equipment of the balloon.

"My idea is a balloon twice the size of the greatest now in use, say of the capacity of 200,000 cubic feet of gas. The necessary scientific instruments, ballast and two men would still leave a margin of sufficient lifting power.

"I would have the gas bag a little more than half filled with hydrogen gas, so that as the balloon rose high in the air the gas might expand until it filled the envelope entirely. At night the balloon would shrink as the temperature fell, and at the same time the balloon would descend gradually. In the daytime, in the full glare of the sun's rays, the gas would expand and the craft rise.

"A gradual outlet of sand ballast would overcome the inevitable leakage of the gas which is bound to occur, no matter how tight the envelope is made. With such a balloon as I have planned the trip to Europe could be made with considerable lifting force to spare.

"It would take three or four days to cross the Atlantic. With the present knowledge we have of the air currents it would not be impossible to designate beforehand approximately where the balloon would touch in Europe and the number of hours required to make the voyage.

"But, against emergencies, I would take along a lightly constructed boat as a balloon basket, so that if it suddenly became necessary to descend the boat might be floated upon the surface of the water and equipped with a small sail and stores sufficient to last until we were picked up."

GAMBOL OF THE LAMBS.

Famous Club's All Star Show to Open With a Street Parade.

Clay M. Greene, chairman of the entertainment committee of the all star gambol of the Lambs club, announced the other night that the program of the frolic to be held at the Metropolitan Opera House, in New York, on Monday evening, May 24, had been completed.

The show will open with a minstrel parade in the afternoon, led by Victor Herbert and his band of fifty pieces. The marchers will wear pongee coats, with Connemara capes and conical high hats. All the Lambs in New York will take part.

The performance will be in three sections, with musical interruptions by Victor Herbert and his orchestra. The first division will be an old time negro minstrel show, with such diversions as Augustus Thomas can devise, aided and abetted by A. L. Erlanger, William Harris, David Belasco and Joseph Brooks.

The second part will introduce De Wolf Hopper as a tragedian. Weber and Fields will present on the occasion their well known pool room scene, and William Collier will appear in Ben Burt's new musical number, "After the Matinee," with a dozen female impersonators, recruited from the younger members of the club.

The afterpiece, "Tuesday," by George V. Hobart, is a return to the form of entertainment in vogue in the late eighties. It tells the story of the post-mortem of a "near hit" melodrama. The cast will include Donald Brian, Wilton Lackaye, John E. Keller, Robert Edeson and other famous actors. Even the soldiers and spearmen will be well known actors.

Greeting Signal of Night Riders.

In the trial of fourteen men charged with Night Rider outrages in Humphreys county, Tenn., the other day Joseph Prater, who admitted that he became a member of the Night Riders, gave the greeting signal of the Night Riders. It is as follows:

"Who comes there?"
 "Silas McGee."
 "I see you've been there?"
 "Yes, on my bended knee."

WELLMAN TO TRY AGAIN.

Americans Back Him in Attempt to Fly to North Pole in Airship.

Walter Wellman, the newspaper correspondent, recently announced that he would this summer renew his effort to reach the north pole by means of a dirigible balloon or airship. All the preparations have been made, and Mr. Wellman will soon sail for Paris and Norway.

This expedition will be under Mr. Wellman's individual ownership and responsibility. The capital has been supplied by Americans. No change has been made in the general plan of the expedition, which is to assemble and inflate the airship at the headquarters station, Danes Island, Spitzbergen, in June and July and to start thence northward through the air in August, provided the weather conditions make a start practicable with a reasonable chance for success.

The airship to be used is the America, which had a trial in a voyage of about twenty miles at Spitzbergen a year ago last September. The owners of the Chicago Record-Herald have turned over to Mr. Wellman free of charge the airship, plant, buildings and machinery of Mr. Wellman's former enterprise.

The America, which is the second largest airship yet built—about three-fifths the size of the Zeppelin—has been reconstructed and improved by Engineer Vaniman in the expedition workshops at Paris. If the America is able to start next August, she will carry a crew of three men, 6,000 pounds of gasoline for the engines, food for a year, sledges, sledge dogs, a lifeboat and all the requisites of a sledging party. One member of the crew will be Chief Engineer Vaniman, an American, who was in charge of the ship's engines on her trial voyage. The third member has not been selected.

"The difficulty of getting a fair start with an airship designed to go to the pole is, of course, very great," said Mr. Wellman. "Actually the period of effective work is confined to about ten weeks. If delay or accident happens from any cause, it may be necessary to postpone the voyage till another year. Much depends upon the winds."

BIG POSTAL CONFERENCE.

Proposed International Gathering in 1910 Meets With Approval.

James L. Cowles, secretary-treasurer of the Postal Progress league, in New York city, said the other day that his proposal for an international postal conference at Berne, Switzerland, in July, 1910, was meeting with approval both in the United States and in Europe. Mortimer Atkinson, editor of the Farm Journal, and Mahlon A. Winter, a well known manufacturer of Washington, he said, would sail shortly for Europe to interest the governments and the various chambers of commerce.

Henriker Heaton, M. P., wrote a letter to Mr. Cowles in which he approved of the conference. Mr. Heaton has received credit for bringing about the present two cent postage rate between the United States and England. In his letter to Mr. Cowles Mr. Heaton said in part:

"I never cease denouncing the British postmaster general for their parochial instincts. I am strong for the British postmaster general to summon a meeting, first, of the postmaster general of Europe, and even of the world, and, secondly, of the postmaster general of the empire to discuss the question of cheapening and facilitating postal and telegraphic communication."

Mr. Cowles believes that the post-office is the most efficient instrument in the hands of the nations for bringing about universal peace. He says that the present rates are altogether too high.

TAFT TO SIT AS A JUDGE.

Cabinet Officers Will Submit Briefs in a Dispute Over the Law.

President Taft has been called upon to sit as judge in arbitrating a difference of opinion between two members of his cabinet arising out of a clash in which Fred Dennett, commissioner of the land office, and Gifford Pinchot, head of the forestry service, figure.

The misunderstanding grew out of the refusal of Commissioner Dennett to withdraw certain public lands for use of the forest service as ranger stations, holding that the law would not uphold such action on his part. His stand was endorsed by Secretary Ballinger. Mr. Pinchot insisted that the law was plain on the point and that no trouble ever had arisen in the past over the right of the service to cause the withdrawal of such land as was needed for the operation of his bureau. In this contention he had the support of Secretary Wilson.

The matter was passed along to the president, who has invited the cabinet members to submit their briefs. The matter will be considered by Mr. Taft and Attorney General Wickersham. It is declared emphatically that no friction between the two departments exists and that the entire question is only one of the proper interpretation of the law.

Convicts as Art Rivals.

There is a strong rivalry between three prisoners in the Berks county prison in Pennsylvania, each of whom is an artist. They have all noticed that the paintings in the warden's office and the rotunda need retouching, and each wants the job—to kill time. An art committee will pick the winner.

Novel Food For Parisians.

Paris of late is suffering from a craze for novel food. Three months ago kangaroo meat was the dish. A little later kangaroo chops became the fashion, and now the restaurants of the gourmets offer them zebu hump.

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