

LOCAL LORE.

(Advertisements in this column charged, for at the rate of 15 cents per line.)

—O. V. Hurt was a passenger for Portland on Thursday's Westside train.

—Born, to the wife of Supt. Geo. W. Denman, Tuesday, an eight pound boy.

—Ben T. Smith, OAC, '95 will preach at Mt. View at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow. H. A. Deck, pastor.

—There was a nine-inch snow fall at Summit, Tuesday night. In the lower lands throughout the ground was merely covered.

—The first Spiritual Union of Corvallis, will hold services at Barrett Lyceum on Sunday at 3 p. m. All friends cordially invited.

—There will be services at the Catholic church tomorrow. Mass at 10:30 a. m. and Vespers at 7:30 p. m. Everybody is invited.

—J. C. Kaupisch resumed his work again Thursday, in the Corvallis Creamery, after an illness of nearly three weeks.

—United Evangelical church: Theme for tomorrow morning, "Development" for the evening, "A Message for Young Men." H. A. Deck, pastor.

—Alvan Loyd and family are visiting friends and relatives in Corvallis. Mr. Loyd moved to Lebanon last July, and has employment in the paper mills.

—James I. Skipton first deputy in the office of Sheriff Colbath of Marion county has tendered his resignation. Mr. Skipton will remain in the office until his successor is named.

—Monday was the birthday of Mrs. Thorp and it was commemorated by members of the Woman's Relief Corps They assembled at the home of Mrs. Thorp during the afternoon and spent several hours most pleasantly.

—Mrs. P. M. Abbey, of Newport, passed through Corvallis Thursday, on her way to the hot springs near Union. She was accompanied by her son Morton. Mrs. Abbey is afflicted with rheumatism.

—As stated in our last issue, Elmer Bethers had thought of going to Alaska with the Rowland Brothers, but at the last moment, decided not to go. He finally reconsidered this determination, and Thursday bade adieu to his wife, child and friends and departed with the expectation of joining the Rowlands and George Smith at Seattle, from which point all sail on Sunday.

—Word has reached this city from Newport that the tug Richardson was wrecked in the Bay early Wednesday morning. The boat came across the bay from Newport before daylight. The light on the wharf had been removed, and Captain E. A. Bensell mistook the high wharf for the landing place. The Richardson was sent crashing through the piling under the wharf, which tore off all the trappings and pilot house from the upper house, disabling the little craft. Captain Bensell narrowly escaped death.

—Miss Maud Marsh, a college student, has the sympathy of her friends in Corvallis on account of the bereavements occurring in her home. A year ago she was called to the family friends on account of the death of a little brother. She did not return to school again until the beginning of the winter term, when she was almost immediately summoned home to be present at the burial of a sister. Saturday last she received a telephone message to the effect that another member of the family was critically ill, and she at once started homeward on the Westside train.

—Wednesday night the wind prostrated the electric light pole in front of the court house, and the wire was severed. An accident of this kind to the light system is easily and promptly repaired, but occasionally it is different. At times the wire parts at an obscure point and it is difficult to find the break. Under such circumstances there may be delay in repairs. The light company maintains two currents in the city and a break in the wire extinguishes all the lights on that circuit. So it happens that frequently a large number of street lights are out at one time.

—Something of an innovation in the promotion of education is introduced by Superintendent Denman—by holding a parent's meeting with the public school, in Corvallis, during Saturday, January 31st. The programme begins at 10:30 a. m. at the public school building. It embraces music and discussion of various topics related to the public school, by practical men and women of experience. An address is to be given by state Superintendent Ackerman. At the noon hour a basket dinner is to be given. Aside from the benefits to be derived from a discussion of school methods and other pertinent subjects, a meeting and acquaintance of teachers and parents must result in a better understanding of one another and a better knowledge of the pupil, and as a consequence the burden of each will become lighter. Teacher and parent ought not to be strangers. Each should place the fullest confidence in the other. Each has the same object in view, namely: the education of the child, and consultation should not be infrequent. Too often there is a feeling of mistrust existing between teacher and parent which an acquaintance would dispel. Hence the desirability of attending the meeting Saturday.

—Mrs. Cathey is visiting Salem friends.

—Mrs. J. O. Wilson and Miss Leona Smith have been in Portland since Monday.

—Mrs. Leah and Gertrude Barclay returned yesterday from an extended visit at Everett, Washington.

—Lee H. nkle's team ran away with his job wagon Thursday. The repair bill is expected to be about \$25.

—Luke Thornton, a former resident of Corvallis, now of Oregon City, has arrived in town to remain a few days.

—Misses Helen Holgate, Clara Fisher and Graes Gatch gave a dancing party at Fisher's hall last evening.

—Levi Ankney, of Walla Walla, Washington, was elected Thursday to represent Washington in the United States Senate.

—Charley Olson came over afoot from Lobster Thursday. He states that snow on the Alsea mountain was knee deep.

—Announcement is made in the Albany paper of the death of Jacob Love. He was quite well known about Corvallis.

—Rev. Allen Wilson, of Indianapolis, an eminent divine of the Christian church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon before the Agricultural College next June.

—Superintendent J. H. Ackerman arrived yesterday to be in attendance at the parents' meeting which opens at the public school building this morning at 10:30.

—The loggers who have been getting out ash lumber on the Tyra Smith place for the Dornbecker Furniture Co. have moved below to procure a quantity of maple timber. Later they will return to Smith's.

—The Blodgett logging camp has partially suspended operations. The contractor has 1,500 piles to remove from the woods and this work will continue. Other operations will be resumed the 1st of April.

—Perhaps few are cognizant of the fact that at the Benton Flouring Mill Co.'s water front there is a government water gauge which measures 32 feet. Upon this the last rise in the river measured 27.1 feet.

—Minor Swick, who retains an excellent memory of the events of the high water of '61-'62 states that a large part of the lower portion of town was flooded. The water, according to Mr. Swick's statement, extended from about where the electric light plant is now, westward to a junction with the back water on Sixth street. The connecting body of water was about two blocks in width, leaving a small tract of dry land in the vicinity of the saw mill and Samuel King's present home.

—The fears indulged here that some of the Chinamen who left Corvallis for China a few weeks ago, were lost on the voyage, have been allayed, or may be, by the information contained in a letter received this week, that all arrived safely. There is general satisfaction among local Chinese at the good news. "Whiskey Jim," the more feeble of those departing, is said to have stood the trip well. Sobria it was thought, might have been thrown overboard for an outburst of his accustomed insolence.

—Albany Democrat: Henry Brothers and C. C. Grandell last evening paid the highest price ever paid for a horse in Linn county, purchasing of J. Crouch & Son, Lafayette, Ind., Exodus, a German coach horse. This new acquisition to Linn county horse flesh is government bred, a genuine German coach horse, tracing his ancestry back 350 years without a cross. He was shipped with 71 other horses from Oldenberg, Germany, last July. Exodus is nearly four years old, is 16 hands 1 inch high and weighs 1430 pounds, perhaps the finest looking horse, bay, ever seen in the county. The cost is \$3,000. Certainly a fine animal and said to be very hardy.

—Everybody jokes with Tony Fountain. He is well along in years and his ambition is to have a merry time while he is spared the opportunity. If he doubles the prescribed dose of rejuvenator he doesn't care who knows it. Otherwise we might not say that he was a little overloaded Thursday evening when a stranger walked into Whitehorn's and seated himself. Tony's vision was a little impaired and he mistook the man for his friend S. L. Henderson. Tony delights to converse with Mr. Henderson mainly because the latter allows him to do all the talking. So Tony at once attacked the stranger with volleys from his stores of ancient and modern history, flanking him right and left. The fellow was silent as an Egyptian sphinx. Tony thought his friend was spell-bound and he continued the attack for fifteen minutes. He was compelled finally to cease from exhaustion, and discovered the house in an uproar of laughter. "What's the matter?" inquired Tony; and Bismarck explained. "Why, you blamed goose, you are talking to a deaf and dumb stranger."

Finest line of valentines that ever reached Corvallis. Comic or sentimental to suit. Prices from one cent to \$2.50 each. At Gerhard's.

For Sale. Choice clover seed, in any quantity at 12 cents per pound. Corvallis Flouring Mills.

For Sale. Millinery goods, and fixtures for sale on First street, Albany. Good location. For particulars write to Albany, Oregon. Box 184.

TIME TO ORGANIZE.

Expenditures for Packing Plant May be Deferred Until Fruit Crop is Assured.

There has been some discussion among local prune growers touching the advisability of organizing a processing and packing company in Corvallis, but no definite action has as yet been taken, and whether or not anything will be done this season can only be surmised. That the idea is a good one is generally conceded and a little action could easily put it into practice. Organizations of this kind are becoming quite common in Western Oregon, as growers are beginning to realize that the prune should be put on the market in a more attractive shape than is the custom now, if they expect it to compete in the market with other fruit. There was a time when nearly all the dried prunes grown in Oregon were shipped in sacks like so many potatoes, but in later years, where packing houses have been established the prune business has grown both in popularity and profit, and if Benton county expects to continue in the business, her growers must get into the procession for improvement in marketing her products. Now is the time to organize if anything is to be done this season. The processing plant need not be built until the prune crop is assured next summer, but it would not cost much to form a company and be prepared to do business when the proper time comes. With a good crop of prunes next fall, which is more than likely to come, Corvallis should ship twenty or thirty carloads of processed fruit, attractively boxed, and at better profit than is obtained from the old style of handling them. Not only this, but it would give employment to 30 or 40 people during the winter months and perhaps prove as beneficial to the laborer and the merchant as it would to the prune grower.

This is a matter of some importance and it would seem that we were not alive to our own interests if the subject is not thoroughly canvassed and discussed at this time. Douglas county produces about as many prunes as any other county in the state and although they have never had a processing plant there, two large companies have been organized in Roseburg within the past few weeks by men of experience in the business, and we predict that every prune grown in Douglas county this year will be properly packed before being placed on the market. There is no reason why Benton county cannot do likewise.

ORDER OF LIONS.

Corvallis Lodge Takes a Boom—Attractive Features of the Order.

The Independent Order of Lions has experienced quite a boom within the past two or three weeks in Corvallis under the stimulus of Special Deputy C. Burroughs and local members. A wholesale initiation occurred at their lodge hall Wednesday night at which 45 new members were taken into the organization. This order had its inception in Portland, Oregon and in a short time its work has extended throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and California. In addition to the usual fraternal insurance conditions, a number of attractive features are set out by the Lions among which are sick, accident, old age and funeral benefits. A joint certificate, claimed to be the most desirable feature ever offered by any fraternal order, is issued by the Lions. Any two members of a family may unite in a joint certificate at a cost of a rate and a half on two persons. The order is not content with the increase already secured in its membership here, and as an additional means of attracting attention it has secured an exhibition of Edison's 1903 stereopticon and dissolving apparatus, which altogether produces a most charming entertainment. A recent similar production under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World, gave excellent satisfaction. The entertainment is to be given at the Opera House, this Saturday evening. Prices of admission are 10 and 15 cents.

Wanted to Buy

A second-hand type writer. Enquire at TIMES office.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

From the E. E. Wilson place three miles west of Corvallis, about Dec 15th one red two year old Short Horn bull, dehorned. A reward will be paid for his return or information leading to his recovery by the owner. J. B. Kirk, Corvallis.

Extra Special.

Only 10 days more of Special Prices. Bargain opportunities that come only once a year, so take advantage of them now. Here are some of the Extra Special offerings

At S. C. Kline's.



Extra Special on Ladies' Waists

\$ 50c Waists.....	\$ 25
75c Waists.....	37 1/2
1 00 Waists.....	50
1 25 Waists.....	63
2 00 Waists.....	1 00
2 25 Waists.....	1 13
2 50 Waists.....	1 25
3 00 Waists.....	1 50
3 50 Waists.....	1 75
4 00 Waists.....	2 00

Extra Special On Ladies' Capes and Jackets.

\$ 5 00 Capes and Jackets.....	\$ 2 50
7 50 Capes and Jackets.....	3 75
8 00 Capes and Jackets.....	4 00
10 00 Capes and Jackets.....	5 00
12 50 Capes and Jackets.....	6 25
15 00 Capes and Jackets.....	7 50

Ribbon Sale

We place on sale today a quantity of Fancy Ribbons bought at a special bargain. No. 40, width 3 1/4 inch. At 10 cents per yard.

Extra Special On Boys' Two-Piece Suits

Age 4, 5, 6, 7.	
\$ 2 00 Suits at.....	\$ 1 25
2 50 Suits at.....	1 65
3 00 Suits at.....	2 00
3 50 Suits at.....	2 35
3 75 Suits at.....	2 50
5 00 Suits at.....	3 40



Ladies', Men's, Boys' and Girls' Mackintoshes.

This line will be closed out regardless of cost during our 10 days' Extra Special.

Ext. Special on Children's and Misses' Dresses

\$ 50c Dresses at.....	\$ 25
75c Dresses at.....	38
1 00 Dresses at.....	50
1 50 Dresses at.....	75
2 00 Dresses at.....	1 00
2 50 Dresses at.....	1 25



Laces and Trimmings

During our Extra Special we have placed on sale a large quantity of Laces, Fancy Braids and Appliques at just half price, or 50 Cents on the Dollar.

Valises, While they Last

\$ 1 00 Valises at.....	\$ 65
2 00 Valises at.....	1 25
3 00 Valises at.....	1 85
3 50 Valises at.....	2 75
4 50 Valises at.....	3 00

Men's Long-Top Rubber Boots

Size 10 and 11 only, at \$2 50.

Extra Special on Ladies' Shoes

Broken lines of ladies' shoes worth \$2 50 \$3 00 and \$3 50. All go at \$1 75.

Wool Dress Goods. Remnants

During our big sale we have accumulated a large quantity of remnants that we offer At Extra Special Prices.

POINTERS

Intended to direct you to Miller's

Big Red Tag Sale

Our Great Red Tag Sale has been phenomenally successful, but it is still on, and there are still left great bargains in all lines. Secure some of them.

Ladies' Egyptian Ribbed Fleece Underwear, worth 35 cents, red tagged 25c. Same as above, worth 50c, red tag price 40c.

R. & G. Corsets in black & drab, \$1 50, red tagged \$1.

Fifty bolts of 10c Outing Flannel, red tagged 8 1/2c per yard. We have all colors.

Men's Flannelette Night Shirts, \$1 25, red tagged 90c.

Men's hand made sweaters, orange and black, \$4 00, red tagged \$3 20.

All our men's pants are red tagged 20 percent discount.

Youths' suits made by Halgmann Bros., New York:

\$10 00 suits red tagged \$8 00

8 50 suits red tagged 6 80

7 50 suits red tagged 6 00

6 50 suits red tagged 5 20

5 00 suits red tagged 4 00

4 00 suits red tagged 3 20

Children's clothing, the Jane Hopkins kind—etter—in vestee, sailor and two-piece suits.

\$5 00 suits red tagged \$4 00

4 00 suits red tagged 3 20

3 00 suits red tagged 2 40

2 50 suits red tagged 2 00

2 00 suits red tagged 1 60

1 50 suits red tagged 1 20

New Dress Goods, New Percaloes, New A. F. C. Gingham, New Chambrays, New Sheetings, this week, which are not included in our Red Tag Sale, but they are marked down to Bed-Rock Prices.

F. L. Miller, Corvallis, Or.