

LOCAL LORE.

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—See Miss Mason for trimmed hats.

—Miss A. A. Boehringer is the guest for several days of Miss Abbie Groshong.

—Three fishermen with camping outfit left Monday for the Coast range. They were Rev. John Reeves, Councilman Wilbanks and J. H. Harris.

—Two carcasses of fine beef cattle left over the West-ide for Portland yesterday. One car was shipped by William Gellately and the other by Frank Dinger.

—Robert C. Johnson, for a long time with the Associated Press at Portland Seattle and San Francisco, is shortly to go to New York with the same company. The transfer is for the present temporary, but may become permanent.

—Mrs. J. B. Horner was elected corresponding secretary and Mrs. M. M. Davis, treasurer, at the Women's Home Missionary Society convention which was in session at Brownsville last week.

—The execution of Elliott Lyons at Eugene last Friday is not the last that will take place in the county in which the crime is committed. Armstrong will be executed at Baker City, and Negro Smith in Portland. Aside from these, all future executions will take place within the walls of the state penitentiary.

—The foundation has been laid for a residence, which Rev. F. L. Moore will erect on lots owned by him adjoining the Clyde Phillips home on the west. Mr. Moore has six lots there. The new building is to contain about 10 rooms. The inside finishing of a portion may go over until next year.

—E. B. Horning arrived Monday from Portland where he has been for a week at the bedside of Mrs. Horning on whom a surgical operation was performed last week. The patient is as well as could be expected under the circumstances, but as the operation was an important one, she will be unable to leave her room in the hospital for six weeks.

—After but three years of wedded felicity, Lowery Hamilton, former student at OAC, is suing his wife for divorce in a Salem court. In his complaint, Hamilton declares that his wife abused him by spitting in his face and cutting up unwisely didoes. They were married January 1st in a double wedding in which Lowery and his brother Ira, also a former OAC student, were the grooms.

—The advertisement for bids for a water franchise for Corvallis is now running in the Oregonian. Police Judge Grefox has already received several applications for the plans and specifications adopted by the council. Of course, there is no way to determine what the applications mean, but some infer that as many persons as are asking for them contemplate bidding for the franchise. The city council had a special meeting last night to make certain changes in the plan, and for consideration of other matters.

—The local tryout, at which the numerous candidates on the track team contest for places, happens on OAC field next Saturday. It will be interesting, because of the general anxiety to know what kind a showing both old and new men are to make this year. The records made on OAC field Saturday will give some indication of the strength of the team. On the following Saturday, occurs the meet with the McMinnville team. It will happen on OAC field, as will all the meets in which the college team will take part this season.

—Those engaged in the gladiolus contest should not use fresh manure, but should select mellow, loamy or sandy soil for planting. The corms should be planted about three or four inches deep and about a foot apart. After the leaves appear above the ground the soil should be kept frequently stirred to a depth of two inches. For three corms, a space not less than two by three feet should be kept free from weeds. If the soil is kept thoroughly firmed on the surface there will be no need of watering artificially. At planting, a stake at least three feet high should be set at the side of each corm, and to this stake the stem of the plant will be tied when it gets to be one and one half to two feet high. Each corm during the summer will form at its base a number of little corms which will blossom when they are two or three years old.

—James Barrett yesterday proved up on a 160-acre timber claim located in Wren precinct. Today Charles J. Skinner, Charles Hodge and J. E. Winger are to prove up on timber claims of 160 acres each. George W. Patterson, special agent of the land department, is to be here to cross-question applicants for patents. A late rule of the interior department is that no receipt for money in payment for timber claims is issued before the applicant has been interrogated by a special agent. Parties may make final proof before as usual, but no money is received prior to an interview with the government special representative. On this account a number of persons who have made final proof, but who have not obtained receipts are expected to be in town today to see Mr. Patterson, and submit to the final test. This course was adopted on account of alleged fraudulent means of acquiring timber land.

—Frank Magee started Monday morning for Southern Oregon for the purpose of looking up a stock ranch.

—E. E. Wilson has been in Portland on a business trip since Sunday. He is expected home today.

—The Emperor and Empress of Germany, wooden shoes and sauerkraut at Wilkins' Saturday night.

—W. T. Lee, an O. A. C. graduate, and for some time a member of the faculty, recently located in Selma, Calif.

—County Clerk Moses still has in his possession the letter addressed, in his care, to Ida Miller. There is no telling what Ida may miss by a failure to call for her missive.

—The ladies of Corvallis are requested to join the Coffee Club on Friday, April 24th, at 3:30 p. m., to meet Mrs. William Galloway of the special committee on women's work for the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

—J. L. Underwood, who has occupied the position of captain of Company 126, Uniform Rank, W. O. W., has been promoted to major on recommendation of General H. L. Day. J. H. Gibson succeeds Mr. Underwood as captain of the Corvallis company.

—Frank Selts, of Five Rivers, visited Corvallis this week. He came out to procure a load of 25 bee hives which he had ordered from one of the Eastern states. In partnership with a neighbor he is going extensively into bee culture.

—The local company of the uniform rank W. O. W. is practicing twice a week for participation in a fancy drill contest to occur at the Woodmen's carnival to be held in Dallas June 6th. Nine or ten companies are to compete for a prize of \$100, and the home people intend to do their best to return with the cash.

—You should take in the sights at Boston (Occidental Hotel) Saturday night, the starting place for the trip around the world. There you will see Aunt Samantha and Uncle Josiah and other droll characters of fiction; also the new married couple on their bridal tour.

—The executive committee of the county Sunday school association met in Corvallis Friday and arranged a programme, and fixed the place and date of the annual convention. It is to be held at Phil Smith June 6th and 7th. The executive committee is composed of J. H. Edwards, Henry Sheak, W. S. Linnville, W. C. Rees, T. T. Vincent and Victor Mosca.

—A needle party was given Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Healy, for the benefit of the Baptist church. There was a large attendance and a most enjoyable time. The proceeds amounted to \$12. Mrs. Healy is an energetic worker for her denomination and she has taken much interest in providing the pretty interior furnishings of the church in this city.

—Ethel Grimshaw, who has made her home with her uncle, E. W. Grimshaw, died in this city Monday evening from an affection of the spine, at the age of 8 years and 6 months. The child had been ill only since Thursday. The funeral ceremony will occur at the M. E. Church today (Wednesday) at 2 o'clock, Rev. F. L. Moore officiating. Interment is to be at Crystal Lake cemetery.

—John Van Gross, a former Corvallis boy, who graduated at O. A. C. and later took mathematical courses at Berkeley and Yale, is to return to Oregon and become a professor. He has been tendered the professorship of mathematics in Portland Academy. Mr. Van Gross has accepted the place and will begin his duties in September. A handsome salary is attached to the position.

—Mrs. George W. Smith recently received a letter from her husband, who is in Alaska. It was posted March 27th. Mr. Smith is 200 miles in the interior from Valdez, and has selected a location in which he expects to delve for the precious metal. He has two partners. The proceeds of the two first pans of dirt washed by himself in Alaska he sent to Mrs. Smith. George and his partners went into the country early with two dog teams, and speaks hopefully of his prospects.

—Small boys have been canvassing the town for the past few days for sale of season tickets to the half dozen track meets to take place on OAC field next month. They held up business men and others and pursued business with much industry. Each boy received a season ticket for each five that he sold. The cost of attending all the games with single admission tickets is \$1.65. The price of the admission to the game with the University of Oregon is to be 50 cents. The season tickets go at one dollar. Nearly all the long headed financiers bought the latter.

—Hiram Flickinger, an old time resident of Benton, has returned to his first love. Monday in this city, he paid over the cash that gave him title to a goodly bit of Benton county dirt. He bought the 10-acre tract and residence property a short distance this side of Philomath sold recently by Mr. Garshwiler. The price paid is \$1,500. The sale was made by Henry Ambler, the Philomath real estate man. Many old friends are welcoming the newcomer back to Benton, which he quitted about 19 years ago. He was formerly in the harness business in Corvallis, having sold his establishment to W. A. Wells. He was at one time county treasurer. During his absence he has resided most of the time at Pendleton.

SOME AGAINST.

But Others for it—The Public School Improvement—Vote on it in June.

They talk in town now about accommodations the school board wants to make for the school children. The rooms at the public school building were built to accommodate forty pupils, but some have over sixty in them. And some of the children have to attend school in an old church building, which it is understood cannot be had next year for the purpose. The board wants the people to authorize an issue of bonds by the district for sufficient money to make improvements adequate for the comfortable accommodation of all pupils.

Some are against the improvement. "Its good enough as it is," one was heard to say. "We don't need any more room," said another. "Yes; but they are using the old church building, which isn't fit for the purpose, and it can't be had next year," replied a friend of the improvement. "I don't care; what we got's good enough, anyway," responded the anti-improvement society citizen. "We got a durned sight more than they had when I went to school; and what we got's good enough," he continued. Yes; but we can't get the old church again; and besides the little children have no place to play except in the street, which is both dangerous and wrong," returned the man of progress. "I don't care what we got's good enough, anyway," concluded the graduate from the school at Oshkosh Hollow as he gripped the plethoric money purse in his pocket with a vise like squeeze that almost made the goddess of liberty on the coin shriek with pain. He was afraid the eagles on the other side of the coins might fly away with his purse when he wasn't watching, so he hung on for dear life as the school builder ambled away.

Several persons are so much opposed to the improvement that they have gone to members of the board, and there registered a vigorous kick against the proposed expenditure. Many others, on the other hand have expressed approval and have declared that they will support any reasonable measure for the purpose that the board may propose.

The question will be up to be voted on at the annual school election which transpires in June. The indications are that there will be something of a local fight over the matter, and that the issue will be fairly and squarely drawn so as to be decided on its merits. The board will not submit the various plans under consideration to be voted upon, but will ask authority to issue bonds up to a given amount leaving the board free to adopt that plan considered most desirable and which may be most economically carried out.

FRIDAY EVENING.

At the College—Senior Girls—An Attractive Program.

At the college chapel next Friday evening at eight o'clock, will be an unusual programme of much merit. Since our people did not observe Arbor day this year, this evening is expected to take its place.

The women of the senior class are the patronesses. The program will be original. Illustrated poems home decoration, famous land, scapes, Bonnie Doon, with stereopticon accompaniment; the lakes of Killarney and a typical Irish band.

E. R. Lake and others will make five minute speeches upon topics pertinent to the occasion.

The whole program will be of home talent save the lantern views.

If you miss this you will always regret it, for it is one of the things that will never be repeated. Admission 15 cents; children 10 cents.

Bring your favorite catalogue, and we will meet all prices. Nolan & Callahan.

Dressmaking

To the Ladies of Corvallis: I am located in your city, N. W. corner Third & Van Buren streets, and will do dressmaking at reasonable prices. Satisfaction guaranteed. Please give me a call Mrs. Etta E. Downer

For Sale,

A choice lot of Scotch Collie pups at \$5 each.

Spencer Bicknell,

At Corvallis Sawmill

You can secure dry wood at \$1.25 per load; cedar posts at 7 1/2 cents, shingles at \$2.25; and second class lumber at \$6.50.

Managers of the trip around the world are in touch with court circles of the various countries to be visited and the excursionists are to be entertained by royalty.

MUTILATED HEADGEER.

An Instance of Unparalleled Meanness at a Church Social.

Wonder how old Satan's principal assistants are? If they are not from 18 to 20 years of age he is not getting the best possible service out of his imps, unless human nature down there differs from that on earth. At no other age apparently, can a person make things so uncomfortable for his fellow man.

This fact has been emphasized by a series of depredations here, during the past winter, by boys of the ages named. As a result of their latest scheming three men and one girl went away hatless from the Baptist social given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Healy, Friday evening. A large number of persons of all ages was in attendance, and two or three boys from 18 to 20 years of age were guilty of as wanton meanness as could be conceived.

The part of one was to turn out the light in the room where the wraps had been deposited, while the others cut and broke up three gentlemen's hats to such an extent as to render them entirely worthless. A lady's cap was taken away and it has not yet been restored to the owner.

An investigation revealed the identity of the boy who turned off the light and the one who did a portion of, if not all, the cutting. The former became a witness for the state and the latter was arrested on a warrant from the justice of the peace.

The result of the proceedings which followed is that the wrong person is punished. It is understood that the father of the boy is to pay all damages and costs, and that the case is to be postponed.

Maccabee Basket Social.

The Maccabees are going to give an entertainment and basket social in the Opera House on the evening of April 29. Ladies come and bring baskets. The proceeds are to be used in defraying the expenses of Maccabee band. Admission free.

New line fine black dress goods just arrived. Nolan & Callahan.

Great Special Dress Goods Sale Thursday, Friday, Saturday AT S. L. KLINE'S.

The story is short, but the values are exceptionally great. A bargain in every sense of the word and an opportunity that all economically inclined should not allow to pass by.

- 36-Inch 50c Novelty Suiting at 39 cents. 40-Inch 75c Novelty Suiting at 58 cents. 52-Inch \$1.00 Novelty Suiting at 76 cents. 44-Inch \$1.50 Novelty Suiting at \$1.05.

This great sale will include our entire line of Spring and Summer Novelties in Wool Dress Goods, and are of the popular weaves and colorings of the season.

Remember the Dates, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

For Sale.

Barred Plymouth Rock and Brown Leghorn eggs from thoroughbred chickens, good as can be had. Price fifty cents per dozen.

J. B. Irvine, Corvallis.

Fresh Cooked Crabs.

One half dozen for 30 cents. Neatly packed in light boxes and delivered at express office in Newport. Four boxes or less shipped to one address will cost but 35 cents for expressage. Address orders to W. G. Emery, Newport, Ore.

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Hand Made Kingsbury Hat

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Can Clothe a Man from Head to Foot.

Ladies' Goods.

Liberty Silk Neckwear, New Kid Gloves in white, black, and colors; New Ribbons, Stock Collars, Veilings and Wrist Bags.

HOSIERY.

Ladies' Lisle Thread Hose, plain, lace and fancy, 50c to \$1. Ladies' Black Cotton Hose, 12 1/2 to 35 cents. Children's Extra Heavy Black Ribbed Hose, 5 to 10, any size, two pairs for 25 cents.

Linens and Mercerized Goods.

We have an extensive assortment of the medium and heavy weights, white, white and black, and latest colors. Satin Striped Batiste, Damask Waistings and Luciens. Heavy 36-Inch Percales in colors, 10 and 12 1/2 c per yard. Shirt Waists and Wash Skirts.

F. L. MILLER, Corvallis, Or.