

### LOCAL LORE.

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

—Julian McFadden and wife went to Newport Thursday.

—Mrs. Alex Rendle leaves today to spend a few days at Newport.

—Mrs. Jean Maurice of Portland is the guest of Mrs. C. O. Chipman.

—Born, Wednesday, August 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley B. Roberts, a son.

—August Hodas and family went to Newport Thursday for a few weeks recreation.

—Mrs. G. B. Keady and daughters left Wednesday for a two week's visit in Portland and Washington.

—J. J. Cady, of the Experiment station, returned yesterday from a brief visit to friends at Eugene.

—W. S. McFadden went Thursday to his farm near Junction. He is building a fruit drier on this place and the work requires some attention from him.

—Jesse Wiley went out Thursday and picked up another span of black carriage horses. One of the animals he obtained from commissioner Irwin and the other he bought from Thomas Ooon.

—Word has been received here to the effect that Mrs. August Webber, who has been visiting Germany for some months, was to have sailed from her old home, Bremerhaven, on the 6th of this month. August will not only welcome his wife, but a new baby as well, that was born during Mrs. Webber's absence.

The early closing hours at the Corvallis postoffice has been in vogue for a week, and so far as known, the public is satisfied. Since the change of the closing hour from 7:30 to 6:30 there has been less business than ever at the office between 6 o'clock and 6:30. Few people visit the office after six on any account, and most of those who come have lock boxes. To these they have access at all times, as the vestibule remains open all night.

—Alsea is now in telephonic connection with Corvallis and the outside world. The last pole on the line between Alsea and the Benton county saw mill was set last Saturday, and the connection made with the mill line Thursday. The first message came over the line to Corvallis about 5 o'clock the same afternoon, when Wade Malone and Miss Crawford, manager of the local office, were in communication. The line is by means of three systems, viz., from Alsea to Benton County sawmill over the line built by the Alsea Telephone company, thence over the mill company's line to Philomath and thence via the regular telephone line to Corvallis. The charge from Alsea to Corvallis is 45 cents and to Philomath 30 cents.

—J. M. Ingle took a ride on an auto the other day, but not without temporary and preliminary difficulties. He climbed into the Berry machine on the apron in front of the brick livery stable. He sat down with an air of satisfaction with the world and expectation of a delightful ride. From some cause the machine seemed to start off so briskly that John lost his balance. His feet flew up, and the late candidate for congress rolled out over the cushioned seat and dropped all heels up on the walk a couple of feet below. He was not hurt, and gathering up his hat Mr. Ingle climbed in again and with the wisdom of experience braced for the start, and the outfit glided away with speed and grace.

—Mrs. Brunk and Mrs. Wheeler, equipped a party of young men for a trip to the summit of Mary's Peak Wednesday. Mrs. Wheeler's home is in Fargo, N. D., and she is an old time friend of Mrs. Brunk, whom she is visiting with two sons. The party started from Corvallis at 5 o'clock and made the ascent, from where the team was left, in two hours and twenty minutes. A number of fine views were photographed on the trip. Those forming the party were Worden and Lesley Wheeler, Zach Taylor, Merwin McMalnes, Herman Hall and Theodore Garrow. J. E. Waggener acted as chaperon and conductor of the conveyance. The boys were delighted with the trip, but they say the most enjoyable feature of the outing was the elegant lunch wholly prepared by Mrs. Brunk and Mrs. Wheeler.

—The new advance threshing separator and engine ordered by Peter Rickard, Johnny Whitaker, and others, arrived on Monday evening's freight train from Portland. There was some delay in getting the machinery here, on account of a scarcity of cars, and there was further delay after arrival before it could be taken into the fields. It was found that the front axle of the separator had been broken. Telephonic communication was opened with Portland concerning the break, and as a consequence a livery team went to Albany to procure a new axle which was expected on the evening train. But it did not arrive, and Jim Horning went to work at once to patch up the broken axle. At one o'clock Wednesday morning he had braced it so that it would answer the purpose. The new machinery was put in operation at Joe McBee's place Wednesday afternoon. The separator is a 32-50 with all modern improvements, and it is said that it works admirably and pours out the grain at a lively rate.

#### For Sale.

A neat comfortable 5 room house with one lot and a third of ground three blocks from college. Call on or address W. O. Shriver, Corvallis.

—Mrs. Pernot, mother of Dr. Pernot, left yesterday for Newport, to remain until September.

—Salem Journal: Mr. and Mrs. Henry McConnell went to Corvallis this morning for a brief visit.

—Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and Miss Pearl Simpson have gone to Aetna Washington, for a month's visit.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Andrews left yesterday for a vacation to be spent with relatives at Eugene and Cottage Grove.

—Thomas Whitehorn and family left Thursday for Cascadia, on a trip. They are to be absent until September.

—Mrs. Woodcock and family, and Miss Lane and Miss Danneman went to Sulphur Springs Thursday on a camping trip.

—After a visit of five weeks at his old home in Pennsylvania and in other parts of the East, Prof. Covell arrived home Thursday.

—O. J. Blackledge and family arrived from a four weeks camping trip to Fish and Clear lakes. Mr. Blackledge killed three deer on the trip.

—Mrs. Mose Kline and son arrived Wednesday and are guests at the home of Miss Pauline Kline. Mr. Kline who accompanied them to Corvallis, returned to Portland yesterday.

—Samuel Bane arrived Wednesday from a hunting trip in Douglas County. He brought home a large quantity of jerked venison, and is reported to have touched the limit in the number of deer killed.

—Ed Cummings has retired from the tinsorial business in Corvallis having disposed of his interest in the establishment next door to the postoffice. Mr. Cummings expects to engage in another line of work.

Extensive improvements are being added to the farm home of William Knotts, north of Corvallis. The addition comprises a new kitchen, several porches and other conveniences. The carpenter is Bryant Young.

—Misses Ella and Frances Currin have returned from Boston where they attended the meetings of the National Teacher Association. Miss Ella Currin will teach in the Boise school this year. Miss Currin was formerly a teacher in the Corvallis schools.

—Ed Horton has begun the erection of a new dwelling house on lots just east across the street from the present Horton home. The building is to be of commodious proportions and modern design. The list of new homes is growing fast.

—Thomas Vidito, of Alsea, has purchased the interest of Charles Hodge in the livery business of Winegar and Hodge. Possession was given Saturday. Mr. Hodge is to return to the Sound country to engage in the logging business. The name of the new firm is Winegar & Vidito.

—Miss Ellen Chamberlin is expected from Salem today, to make disposition of her house for the year, for which she has been granted leave of absence from her duties at the college. There are many applicants for the use of her home for the year, but no lease of the property has yet been made.

—W. O. Trine, recently elected director of physical training and athletics at the OAC, was in town Thursday, traveling from one part of town to the other in search of a dwelling house. He was only partially successful, but left with the expectation of finally securing a place. He is to remove with his family to Corvallis the first of October.

—The contract for the excavation and foundation for the new school building has been awarded to Ed Felton. The work is to cost \$766. The contract includes the construction of a chimney for a heating system, the latter of which however will not be put in until the number of rooms in use at the new building shall require it. The board is asking for bids for plumbing for the old building. The plumbing includes the construction of a system of toilets and the connection of the same with the sewer.

—The speed, ease, and grace with which the Berry and Fischer autos glide through the streets and out into the country make on-lookers sigh for a ride, or for the wherewithal to own a machine. Prevailing opinion is that the auto is to be largely the conveyance of the future, and in time the buggies, even for general use will be largely superseded. Ere then, however there will have to be lower priced machines so that the man with the hoe can take his turn at ownership, and drive about with his family. Even on Benton county roads the local machines make a speed of fifteen or twenty miles an hour without sensibly shaking up the rider.

—John Young has half a set of artificial teeth awaiting a claimant. He found them under an old sidewalk which he was tearing away to give place to a new one. Sidewalks in this city have been notoriously bad and the discovery of these teeth emphasizes the fact that some of them are bad. It is supposed that this walk was so rough that the teeth of some lady were shaken out as she passed over it on a wheel. Another theory is that she might have fallen and lost her teeth and still another is that she may have lost them as a result of seasickness occasioned by following the undulating outlines of the walk.

A large shipment of our celebrated Premium dishes just received at Nolan & Callahan's.

### WITH A BIG SNAKE.

Commissioners Irwin's Experience with One—How it Surprised him.

Commissioner Irwin has had an experience with a snake. The commissioner is of Irish descent, and the antipathy of the Irish for snakes is of due and proper record. In the present instance, it may be solemnly asserted in the beginning of this tale that, his friends have no suspicion that it was "snakes", and not a snake with which the amiable commissioner had the following encounter.

The commissioner was putting out poisoned wheat for squirrels. It is his habit to put the poison as far down the hole as possible, and in doing so he usually inserts his arm in the opening. He was in a squatting position and with his arm up to his elbow in the hole, he leaned forward to adjust the poison. A sudden disturbance in the hole caused him to withdraw his arm quickly. At the same moment, the ugly head of a huge snake along with two feet of its big body suddenly shot up from the aperture. The reptile hissed loudly as its head appeared within a few inches of the commissioner's face.

It is customary in the novels to say that the scared man stood rooted to the spot. It was not so with Richard. He wasn't rooted to anything. Instantaneously and unhesitatingly, he flopped a back somersault, scattering poisoned wheat in all directions as he went. He had an idea that the snake was a rattler, and that its next act would be to coil itself around his official neck. He didn't wait for developments, but from his somersault, alighted on all-fours and a running. He was half way down the hill and still traveling on his hands and knees when he looked back for the first time.

To his surprise the snake wasn't after him and he turned back to reconnoitre. In due time he saw that his enemy had emerged full length from the hole. The serpent was of yellowish tint with big black diamond spots. Inside his stomach was a squirrel, newly swallowed, whose shape could be distinctly seen. The body of the snake was as big as a man's arm and was shining and bright from the effects of a newly shedded skin. Its length, subsequently measured, was found to be five feet and two inches. It is of the species that some call a bull snake and others a blow snake.

After discovering that he was himself unhurt, the commissioner showed fight, and in due course of time, killed the reptile, which has since been the marvel of the neighborhood.

### DEER CHASE AT SULPHUR.

In Which Doc Jackson Ruins his Reputation as a Marksman.

Sulphur Springs is rather a lively resort just now. There were eleven permanent camps there last Sunday, and perhaps a hundred persons went there in conveyances for the day. A deer chase was one of the entertaining features of Saturday last. Four deer were feeding on an open hillside at the Springs and they were seen by the campers. There was an immediate rush for shooting weapons of all calibres from the 22 short to the 50-70, and shot guns of which several were provided only with number 6 shot. Two or three pistols were also requisitioned. The army of would be deer slayers started out to surround the deer by skulking through the encircling woods, but before the other hunters reached their stations, Doc Jackson acquired a position from which he thought he could bring down one or more of the deer. He began firing, but the game apparently could not locate its enemy, and stood still. Doc continued the onslaught, though occasionally having to desist until the dust which he raised about the deer would clear away. When the magazine of Doc's gun was empty he began to refill it, during which process the game was not in view. When he arose to renew the attack the deer had become alarmed and bounded into the woods. Mr. Jackson thinks they took to flight because one of the number had been wounded, and there is some corroborative evidence to sustain his opinion. After that the hunt was continued and various members of the party saw deer again nevertheless there was no venison brought into camp that day.

#### To Farmers.

Those desiring first class Poland China hogs, should call at once on Peter Whitaker. The first to come will get first choice from the present lot. All are first class and will be registered in the name of the buyer. Prices right. Peter Whitaker.

One good heavy horse to hire out or sell cheap. Phone or inquire at the Carriage Factory.

### SELLING PRUNE VINEGAR.

Douglas County Man Shipping a Car Load—Its Origin was at OAC.

John Chapman, of Wilbur, Douglas County, according to the Roseburg Review, has a carload of prune vinegar ready for shipment. The fact that waste prunes could be profitably converted into a fine vinegar was first demonstrated by Prof. Pernot at the college, who made such vinegar and issued a bulletin on the subject. The bulletin gave full directions of the methods to be employed, and likewise announced that germs for the purpose would be supplied on application. Both the bulletin and the germs have been applied for by a great number of people, and the proposed shipment of a car load of the finished product at Wilbur is one of the results.

The one particular in which prune vinegar differs from the pure cider vinegar is in the color, which, in prune vinegar is dark. This, instead of being a drawback, is an advantage. The cider vinegars are all the subject of counterfeits and imitations made of acids and other unwholesome materials, detrimental to health and worse than worthless as diet. The darker color in the prune vinegar will be a stamp of purity, and on this account, the product will probably be sought when placed on the market.

Prof. Pernot now has at the college many barrels of pure vinegar, which is far above the requirements in acid content, and save in color, is perfect in all the essentials of a first class commercial vinegar. It is to be placed on the market early in the autumn.

#### Men Wanted

I have established an employment agency in Corvallis, with head quarters at Gerhard's book store. Those wishing help, and those wanting work will please call up Phone 221 or 306. Special attention given to the requirements of hop-growers and pickers. John Lengger, Employment Agent.

Best grade of gasoline 30 cents a gallon at Berry's.

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#### RIBBONS.

Taffeta and Liberty Ribbon 3 1/2 and 4 in. wide, in black, white, and all the popular shades, At 20 and 25c.

#### WAIST SETS.

In plain white pearl and Gibson effects, small and large size, At 25 and 50c. Set.

#### FANCY COMBS.

Back combs, side combs, and hair pins, in fancy and plain colorings, At 10, 15, 25 and 50c.

#### LADIES' PURSES.

Ladies' leather purses with card case, fancy trimmed, tan, black and gray, 25c to \$1.50

#### SCISSORS DEPT.

We have a full and complete line of these goods, in all sizes and of the very best quality, At 25c. to \$1.25.

#### DEESSING COMBS.

A nice assortment, best sizes and styles, at 10, 15 and 25c.

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We still have lots of good things on the Bargain Counter, at

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## A NEW RULER.

# Low Prices now Rule the Store.

## SUMMER GOODS AT COST.

Shirt Waists at 25, 50, 75 cents, \$1.00, \$1.50, which means 25 percent off our regular prices.

All 50-cent Mercerized Goods now 40 cents. Just a few waist lengths left.

Summer Vests 10, 12 1/2, 15 to 50 cents.

## Just What You Want

You will on the Remnant Counter, at prices to suit your purse. Large assortment of Upholstering Valours, regular 75c quality at 60 cents.

Summer Parasols in White and Colors, 25 percent off.

## DINNER SETS FREE!



With cash sales we are now issuing coupons, a sufficient number of which entitles the holder to an elegant dinner set free. Patrons, however, may if they wish, secure the set piece by piece as they obtain coupons.

These dishes are of the Celebrated Semi-Vitreous Porcelain, hand-painted decoration, with gold trimmings, and would adorn any table. Trade with us and secure a set. Tell your friends about this opportunity.

### F. L. MILLER, Corvallis, Or.