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LOCAL NEWS.

James Booth made a business trip to Newport Saturday.

A fine all-wool black clay worsted suit for \$7.95, at Kline's.

Attorney W. E. Yates left yesterday for a business trip to Toledo.

Yesterday was ground hog day. He saw his shadow on that occasion.

Oil meal for sale at Graham & Wells. Splendid feed for dairy stock.

Charley Small left last week for Portland and Tacoma, where he went on business.

From this time forward the jewelry stores of Corvallis will close at 6:30 p. m., except Saturdays.

Mrs. H. A. Deck and son, who have been visiting relatives in Portland for some time past, returned home last week.

Major Dublin, divisional officer of the Salvation Army, will hold a meeting in the Army hall in this city, Wednesday night.

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

W. M. Meeker, of Laurel, Neb., arrived in Corvallis, Friday. Mr. Meeker is looking over the country with a view to securing a location.

Mrs. Holt, wife of Dr. W. H. Holt, is quite sick at her home in this city. Mrs. Holt has been attending medical school in Salem, but was compelled to give up her studies.

The meetings which have been in progress for the past three weeks in the United Evangelical church, conducted by Rev. H. A. Deck, were closed Sunday night. A number of conversions resulted.

The cadets of the O. A. C. will give their Washington birthday dance at the Armory on the evening of February 20th. The local orchestra of eight pieces will furnish music for the occasion.

Delphi Henline and wife left for Salem on the Pomona yesterday morning. Mr. Henline, who has been employed in the tontorial parlors of Case & Vidito, has accepted a similar situation in Salem.

C. H. Vehrs has made another addition to his excellent dairy herd. Last week he purchased five splendid Jersey cows, and these animals are expected to supply enough milk to meet the increased demand for the product of this popular dairy.

Cobb Henkle's fire proof safe in his Lakeview saloon was burglarized of \$200. Henkle had forgotten to throw on the combination. Ashland Record. Mr. Henkle is a brother of Lee Henkle of this city. He visited in Corvallis for several weeks last summer.

Bryant Young is home from a two-weeks' visit in Salem and Portland. He says he never crowded so much fun into that space of time before. He saw all there was to be seen. While in Portland he visited D. Carlile, an old-time Corvallisite, whom he found quite feeble.

The Occidental hotel has long been the most popular caravansary in this city. The tables are always supplied with the best the market affords, and rates are most reasonable. The building is large and commodious, and its many rooms are well furnished and supplied with all modern conveniences.

The Episcopal church, corner of Jefferson & 7th streets—Services in this church as follows: Sunday school and Rector's class every Sunday at 10 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. All, especially students, are cordially invited to each of these services. C. MACLEAN, Rector.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allen are expected to arrive in Corvallis sometime this month. Mr. Allen is now employed in the permanent census bureau in Washington, D. C. His wife finds the climate of that city uncongenial and her physicians have advised her to return to Oregon. Mr. Allen is entitled to a year's leave of absence, and it is quite likely that he will remain here for that period.

O. Healy has disposed of his grocery business in this city to Clarence Chipman, and the new proprietor took charge yesterday morning. Mr. Chipman will continue the Commercial restaurant which he established a couple of years ago. It is his intention to carry a complete stock of groceries and conduct a thoroughly up-to-date grocery business. Mr. Chipman has had experience in this line of business and knows how to make a success of it. Mr. Healy has not determined what he will engage in, but for the present at least he will remain in Corvallis.

Walter Locke is visiting his brother, W. H. Locke, at Lebanon.

Mrs. E. U. Will, of Albany, came to Corvallis, Friday, for a brief visit.

Mrs. Lafferty visited in Albany last week, the guest of Mrs. C. C. Parker.

Miss Edith Howard, of Corvallis, is visiting Miss Helen Elkins, returning from San Francisco via steamer.—Albany Herald.

The presiding officers of the Salvation Army request that any one having soiled or cast-off clothing to give away would notify them and they they will be pleased to call and get them for distribution among the poor. Information can be left at the barracks, or at the postoffice, box 286. C. E. Brooks, Capt.

At the annual meeting of the Grants Pass board of trade, held last week, D. H. Stovall declined re-election as secretary of that organization. Dennis was formerly a member of the GAZETTE force. Since going to Grants Pass he has taken a prominent part in advancing the business interests of that city.

Rev. Allen Wilson, one of the leading men of the Christian church in America, has been engaged to deliver the baccalaureate sermon before the Oregon Agricultural College next June. Dr. Wilson will leave his home in Indianapolis about a month before commencement exercises take place that he may spend a few weeks in Portland while out West.

An evidence of the improvement in business conditions in Corvallis during the past year, is found in this item concerning postal receipts. In January, 1902, \$461.50 was realized from the sale of stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards. The revenue derived from this source in January, 1903, amounted to \$548.61, or an increase of \$87.11. Here is an increase of 19 per cent over the sales for the same month last year.

"Jim," the Chinaman who conducts the laundry operated by "Sorbin" before his departure for China, is in receipt of a letter from that celestial gentleman which states that the party arrived safely in the flowery kingdom. "Sorbin" found the little girl he had made his wife before coming to America, grown to womanhood. Whether he will return to Corvallis, depends upon his better half. "If she say stay, him stay," said Jim. "Mebbe so he come home nex' fall."

Governor Chamberlain has appointed the following list of delegates to represent Oregon at the international conference on Good Roads, which is scheduled to take place at Detroit, Michigan, February 13th and 14th: J. J. Whitney, of Albany; W. E. Grace, of Baker City; P. H. D'Arcy, of Salem; J. E. Neil, of Sumpter; Ira Campbell, of Eugene; E. L. Smith, of Hood River; John H. Scott, of Salem; Geo. W. Briedwell, of Briedwell Station; H. V. Gates, of Hillsboro, and J. H. Suttlemyer, of Woodburn.

J. H. Edwards, of Bellfountain, this county, is now the possessor of a splendid Leicester ram from the rated flock of A. W. Smith, of Maple Lodge, Ont. Mr. Smith was an exhibitor of Leicesters at the international last month at Chicago and secured all the first premiums in the respective classes but one. The Breeders' Gazette said of the exhibit of Leicester: "The showing of Leicesters was decidedly the best of any of the long wool breeds, the Canadian flocks deserving special commendation. Mr. Smith showed a yearling ewe that is an exceptionally fine type of the breed."

R. M. Cramer is still pushing his proposition to remove the carriage factory to Eugene. He was in that city, Friday, and according to the Guard made this offer: Mr. Cramer comes to the Eugene people and commercial Club with what we consider a very fair proposition—one requiring but small contributions from our people, especially when the interests involved are considered. He has looked about for a suitable site, and is satisfied with the old Farmers' Warehouse lots at the railroad on Pearl street. If our people will donate this site and one thousand dollars required to pay cost of removal—not counting cost of rebuilding—Mr. Cramer will guarantee us the factory.

Although the college year is scarcely half ended, the registration has reached the 500 mark, with a probability that there will be at least 20 more students enrolled before next June. During the past 12 months there have been about 600 students in the Oregon Agricultural College—every county in the state being represented. Statistics indicate that a very large proportion of these young people are partly or wholly self-supporting, showing conclusively that they come to this institution with a very fair knowledge of the practical side of life. And the fact that fully 85 per cent of these young people come from homes of farmers, and that a large number of them will return to the farm and the workshop is conclusive evidence that technical training is destined to reach the wealth-producing classes of Oregon.

THE PARENTS' MEETING.

Most Successful Educational Meeting Ever Held in Corvallis.

One of the most successful, if not the most successful, educational meetings held in this city for many years occurred last Saturday. We have reference to the parents' meeting arranged for by Supt. Denman. The large audience, the interest of teachers and patrons, demonstrates how these meetings are going to be appreciated by the parents. While the local teachers' institute did much good in awakening interest on the part of the teachers, these parents' meetings not only accomplish this, but go still farther. The parent now joins hands with the teacher in the work of improving our schools. It was a wise plan, and shows that Supt. Denman is wide-awake in putting into execution those things which work to the elevation of our schools when he adopted the new plan. Let the good work continue.

As our readers will recall, last Saturday was one of the stormiest days of the season. The storm was blinding, and continued most of the morning and a large portion of the afternoon. Notwithstanding this, a large attendance occurred. Among those present were a number from the rural districts. L. N. Edwards came from Dusty, Director Chas. Woods and wife from district No. 10, Director George Lindeman and wife from Mountain View, Director E. J. Harrington and Mrs. Chas. Smith from district No. 93, W. T. Wyatt, president of Philomath, Mrs. M. H. Whitby from Willamette, were all present. The Corvallis grange was well represented by Dr. Withcombe, Messrs. Cordley, Coote, W. E. Yates, Mrs. Callahan, Mr. and Mrs. Horner, J. F. Yates and wife, besides many others.

The Corvallis public school furnished the following program: Recitations by Merl Spaulding, Harold Wilkins, Morris Mallow, Floy Happersett, Edwin Fitch; song, May McClain; duet by Pearl and Vera Horner. The remainder of the program consisted of discussions on the following subjects:

"School Visits—Their Influence," Miss Ellen Dunlap and Mr. N. Tartar; "Good Citizenship—The Home's Part," T. T. Vincent; "The School's Part," Supt. G. W. Denman; "The Church's Part," Rev. H. A. Deck; "The Parent's Duty," J. B. Horner; "How Can the School be Improved?" Mrs. E. J. Nichols; "The Teacher's Greatest Need," Mrs. Minnie Cramer, Miss Lena McCormick, and an address by Supt. J. H. Ackerman.

The papers and addresses were pronounced the best yet delivered at any of the meetings heretofore held in the county. So favorably impressed was Supt. Ackerman with them that he asked that the papers be sent to the Oregon Teachers' Monthly for publication. The address of Mr. Irvine was a plain and very practical talk to our parents. He called things by their proper names and handled his subject, as well as his subjects, without gloves. Miss McCormick impressed all with her earnestness and sincerity.

Supt. Ackerman's address was full of inspiration and encouragement. He spoke of progress that had been made in the past and the many prospective beneficial changes likely soon to occur. After the regular program had been rendered the meeting was thrown open for remarks from those desiring to speak. Short talks were made by Rev. Moses and Rev. Carrick, Mrs. Chas. Smith, Miss Noble, and W. E. Yates. Mr. Yates invoked a lively discussion, in which a number took part. Mr. Moses seemed to strike a sympathetic chord on the part of the teachers for they immediately moved, and it was unanimously carried, that he be given a vote of thanks. His central thought was that our teachers are too poorly paid, in fact, he contended that they were the poorest paid of all professions; if a teacher followed it long enough he would not have money sufficient to pay his fare from one district to another.

He welcomed the time when they would be paid in commensurate with the service rendered. The following resolution was read and unanimously carried: "That it is the sentiment of this institute that these meetings of the teacher and parent held under the direction of the county school superintendent in connection with the Granges of the county should receive the hearty support and co-operation of friends of education in general."

The basket dinner which occurred during the noon hour was one of the treats of the day. The grangers, parents, teachers and friends brought baskets filled with the choicest of things. All united in having a regular old-fashioned basket dinner. The dinner was a success in every sense of the word. This was the first time in many years that our school patrons met in such a manner. It is the intention of our county superintendent to hold a parents' meeting from now on until schools close in the spring. The places selected for meetings are, Fairmount, Philomath, Bellfountain, Kings Valley and Alesia. The next meeting occurs in Fairmount on the third Saturday of February.

Chicago Talks of Corvallis.

A conservative business man, lately returned to Polk from an eight months' sojourn in Chicago, is firmly convinced that farms in Polk county are to appreciate in value in the very near future, owing to the immigration that is Oregon bound from the East. This gentleman asserts that Corvallis is a central point that is much talked of by prospective home seekers in Chicago. Why? Simply because

Corvallis has been for a long time alive to the fact that these people were coming and has prepared and distributed literature setting forth the advantages and resources of Benton county.—Independence Enterprise.

If Corvallis is attracting the attention in Chicago, which the above item indicates, the fact is probably due to the efforts of Mr. Wallis Nash, now in that city. Mr. C. E. Woodson provided Mr. Nash with what literature, concerning this section, he could secure and that gentleman is, no doubt, industrious in behalf of Benton county.

If the 50,000 pamphlets that were to be prepared and sent to the Harriman Bureau from this county, were in circulation, Corvallis would be attracting the attention of people outside of Chicago. The committee having this matter in charge should act quickly if they intend to act at all.

Cannot Remove Factory.

The following interview with Mr. E. C. Smith, concerning the carriage factory appeared Saturday's Eugene Register:

"I have decided to go into the business with Mr. Cramer, and pending the closing of a deal whereby the establishment is to be moved to this city we will proceed at once to put up 200 rigs at Corvallis this summer."

"The transfer of the business to Eugene could not be made in time to accomplish anything this year and for that reason the summer's product of rigs will be turned out at Corvallis but will bear the stamp as manufactured at Eugene."

"Mr. Smith informs us that they have already taken orders for a number of rigs to be specially constructed and that they will experience no trouble in disposing of 200 buggies and carriages and as many more as they can construct during the season."

Mr. Smith arrived in Corvallis yesterday to arrange for immediate work on the rigs, and Mr. Cramer will leave for the East in a few days to purchase necessary stock.

Mr. Hayden's Flume Bill.

Representative Hayden's bill to authorize flumes on county roads passed the house last Friday without difficulty.

Mr. Ganet opposed the bill. He said there was a great deal of objection to franchises for locomotives on county roads and he thought flumes more objectionable than locomotives.

Mr. Hayden said there was no danger of abuse from the privilege because franchises were to be granted only at the direction of the county courts.

"Why make this law apply to the whole state?" said Mr. Kay. Mr. Jones, of Lincoln, thought the bill a good one. It was to enable lumber to be brought to railroads and shipping points. Shipment over wagon roads was impossible.

Mr. Purdy said the same emergency existed in Washington county. He did not see how the people would be unduly inconvenienced. Construction of the flumes was to be left to the regulation of the county courts.

But Mr. Hayden overcame all these objections. He explained that the bill was needed in Benton county in order to enable timber to be brought to places where it could be milled or transported. Wagon roads were inadequate. In the particular case in which an emergency existed a timber company had secured the rights of way through private land for its flumes, but desired access to county roads at several places.

The particular case for which Mr. Hayden wishes to provide, is the right of way for a flume for a short distance along the Alesia-Philomath road, particulars of which appeared recently in the GAZETTE.

There seems to be no reason why this bill should not become a law. Provision is made already for the construction of logging or skid roads in or upon county roads, and these are far more objectionable than a lumber flume could be.

During the session of 1899 an act was passed authorizing the county court of a county to grant the petition of a person or company engaged in logging to construct and maintain logging or skid roads in or upon county roads, or roads of public easement, at the expense of the petitioner. This law should have included lumber flumes.

Additional Local.

The illustrated lecture on the Lewis & Clark Expedition, given by Miss Wolfe at the College Armory, Friday evening, was listened to by a large audience. The lecture is of value as an advertisement for the 1905 fair, and is an interesting chapter in the early history of Oregon.

Miss Shirley and her excellent company began their week's engagement at the Opera House last night, by presenting "The Deacon's Daughter." Miss Shirley is deservedly popular with Corvallis play-goers, and there is no doubt that she will play to crowded houses every night during her engagement.

Last fall, W. W. Crawford, who lives east of Corvallis in Linn county, sold a sow and her litter of seven eight-month-old pigs for \$108. We venture the assertion that no such profit can be made out of any other thing the farmer raises. Talk about profit on the money invested! The trusts can't make such a showing.

An exceedingly novel social event took place at Fisher's hall last Saturday evening. Under the name of "A Chinese New Year Ball," Misses Gatch, Holgate and Fisher arranged an entertainment for their friends that proved to be decidedly unique and enjoyable. The hall was decorated with Chinese fans and cards, and over 100 Chinese lanterns furnished light. Misses Gatch, Holgate and Fisher appeared in costumes appropriate to the occasion, and two little ladies dressed in Japanese costume served the guests with refreshments.

The O. A. C. basketball team of men met its first defeat of the season at the armory Friday night. The boys from Dallas college won by a score of 21 to 17. It was any body's game up to the last minute of play. O. A. C. made the first basket, Dallas soon earned two points, and led at the end of the first half by a score of 8 to 7. Early in the second half, O. A. C. took the lead, but the visitors again went to the front and won. Few fouls were called, each team making but one point from this source. The Dallas boys play a beautiful game, and are all perfect gentlemen. The officials gave excellent satisfaction.

C. H. Stewart, of Albany, circulated in this city on Wednesday a petition asking that the county accept the Albany bridge and keep it up hereafter the same as other county bridges. The petition was generally signed by the taxpayers of the city. The plan is for Albany to turn the bridge over to the county free from debt. This is a reasonable and fair proposition in view of the fact that Albany and vicinity pay a very large part of the taxes of the county, and thus bear a large portion of the cost of all bridges in the county. It seems fair and just that the rest of the county should give to Albany the benefit of the protection that all enjoy. It is not likely that any considerable portion of our people will oppose the plan.—Express-Advance.

"The Poetry of the Orange."

"It appeals to you, when the fruit hangs ripe and sweet on the tree late in February, or early in March. Then the blossoms break out, and the trees are yellow with golden globes, and white with orange flowers. It may be that a flurry of snow has whitened the mountain tops, and then you have an artistic background for a tropical forest. The air is full of sunshine, and heavy with fragrance as night comes on, and then, if the moon be shining, you may hear at midnight through open windows, the song of the mocking-bird in the scented grove, and it never seemed so melodious before."

An experience like this is possible any winter, and it is worth a journey of a thousand miles, while you can have it by taking the scenic Shasta route through the grand and picturesque Siskiyou and Shasta mountains, to Southern California. Complete information about the trip and descriptive matter, telling about California, may be had from any Southern Pacific agent or W. E. COMAN, Gen. Pass. Agt. S. P. Co. Lines in Oregon, Portland, Oregon.

Office Established.

On and after February 1st, the City Transfer Company will have a business office at the store of M. T. Starr, where orders for drayage, etc., may be left. Arrangements have been made for phones at the office, and at the residences of G. A. Seeley and Floyd Lane, draymen, CITY TRANSFER CO.

Notice.

To my many friends and patrons: I desire to take this means of thanking you for past favors and the liberal patronage extended me in the past, and wish to inform the public that I have with me as a partner, Mr. W. H. Curry, who is an experienced man in the handling of dairy stock. Having purchased the entire herd of registered Jersey cows of M. S. Woodcock, we can furnish the best quality of milk and cream, direct from our farm, which is located in the suburbs of this city. We guarantee entire satisfaction and solicit a share of the patronage. Phone 203. CLOVER LEAF DAIRY. Walter K. Taylor & W. H. Curry, Props.

FEBRUARY INVENTORY SALE

During our Big January Clearance Sale we have accumulated a great many Odds and Ends from each department of Our Big Store, which we have decided to Close Out at Extra Special Prices. THIS INVENTORY SALE WILL LAST TEN DAYS AND NO LONGER.



- This Includes: Ladies' Waists, Ladies' Shoes, Wool Dress Goods, Ladies', Misses' and Children's Capes and Jackets, Ladies' and Gent's Underwear, Boy's 2 Piece Suits, Valises, Misses' Mackintoshes, Laces and Trimmings, Men's and Boy's Mackintoshes, Children's Dresses, Silk Waist Patterns, Ribbons, Etc., Etc.

These include only a few of the many Bargains you will find on our counters. REMEMBER, FOR TEN DAYS ONLY AT S. L. KLINE'S THE WHITE HOUSE Regulator of Low Prices Corvallis, Oregon

I have an Extensive Line of WATCHES, CLOCKS & JEWELRY Both in Novelties and Staple Goods, also the Best Known Makes of SILVER-WARE, Both Flat and Hollow. Having trouble with your Eyes or Glasses—Can't get a Fit? Come and See Me and get a Perfect Fit, and a Guarantee that is Good. NOTICE—After February 1st the store will close at 6:30 p. m., Except Saturdays. E. W. S. PRATT, Jeweler and Optician.

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Home-Seekers: If you are looking for some real good bargains in Stock, Grain, Fruit and Poultry Ranches, write for my special list or come and see me. I shall take pleasure in giving you all the reliable information you wish—also showing you over the country. HENRY AMBLER, Real Estate, Loan and Insurance. Philomath, Benton County, Oregon

Goats for Sale. Two hundred goats for sale. Inquire of ZAHN BROS. Alesia, Or. Horses for Sale. One span of good farm mares, bred to imported Percheron horse. Price, \$150. Inquire of J. E. DAVIS, One mile from Blodgett station, Benton county.

For Sale. Vetch and chest hay. Enquire of Robert Wylie, Lewisburg, 5 miles north of Corvallis. Young's Cash Store. Ladies' Goods at low prices, to close out. Full line of woolen hosiery, also fancy goods. Orders for groceries may be sent by telephone.

Pigs for Sale. About 20 head of young pigs. Enquire of WALTER TAYLOR, Corvallis, Ore. Wanted. Girl to do housework for small family in the country. For particulars inquire at the Corvallis Creamery. For Sale. 30 head 2-year-old ewes, to sell or will trade for goats. Call on or write to I. O. THOMPSON, Fern, Or.

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