

JOTTINGS ABOUT THE CITY.

The "Mercury" Has a Big Libel Suit On Its Hand.

Happy Hearts--Dr. Nourse--Real Estate--Smallpox Scare--Mere Mention.

Change of Firm.

Arthur Wilson, of the firm of Cronise & Wilson, job printers of this city, this morning sold his interest in the business to T. J. Cronise, who will continue the business. Mr. Wilson will continue in the office as head man.

To Wed This Eve.

We are reliably informed that today marks a new era in the life of one of Salem's former citizens and a graduate of the Willamette University, Rev. Wm. Dewese, who this evening will be united in marriage to Miss Starns of Wasco county. The groom is well known in Salem and his many friends will wish himself and bride a happy journey through life.

Salem's Scare.

Four miles north of Salem is the Keizer school house, and the board of directors have dismissed school on account of the smallpox scare. One of the patients who, the other day, was attacked near Sheridan, spent last Friday and Saturday night at David Guerson's, and he complained at the time of not feeling well. It is feared others have been exposed, but nothing had developed at last reports.

A Good Prevention.

Now that smallpox is in the country--in our very midst we might say--is the time to prepare the system for the worst. Perhaps the best thing that could be done would be to occasionally eat a lemon. The acid of lemon is the best regulator and cleanser known. It has been the means of defending many people from a siege of the smallpox.

John and Jonathan.

Last night at the opera house Rev. Robert Nourse delighted an attentive audience with his lecture on "John and Jonathan." Well rounded pauses and the purest diction abound in his discourses. He is an eloquent, humorous, and impressive orator, who has the peculiar and striking faculty of holding his audience spell-bound through an entire evening. To-night his subject is "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." In this he has a wide field in which to exhibit his wonderful powers of impersonation. A crowded house should greet him.

Real Estate Sales.

The deeds filed for record with the recorder during the past week represent a total valuation of \$18,900. Taking this as a text, quite a sermon might be delivered regarding the state of our real estate market. Among these sales were several quite large ones, there being one for \$4,500 and several of nearly \$3,000. Prices are firm and the real estate men tell us demands are good. Every day they have dozens of inquiries and are kept busy all the time answering letters as to prices and showing new comers over the country. Oregon and Marion county are daily settling up and before many years the entire country will be as densely populated as any of the crowded eastern states. There is room here for thousands.

The Marriage Bonds.

The home of Mrs. A. J. Riely, in this city, was yesterday evening the scene of a double wedding. In the beautiful ritual of the Presbyterian church and in a few well chosen words Rev. H. A. Newell pronounced the words that forever united their hearts and fortunes of Mr. George J. Pearce and Miss Mary E. Riely and Mr. Arthur S. Brasfield and Miss Lizzie Riely. The former couple are of Salem, where their future home will continue to be made, while the latter will reside in Portland, where Mr. Brasfield is engaged in business.

The affair was a most pleasant one socially and one long to be remembered by those in attendance. Many beautiful and valuable presents were tendered the happy couples and go far to showing in what great estimation the high contracting parties are held by their many friends, with whom the JOURNAL joins in extending many good wishes for prosperity and happiness.

NO SMALLPOX IN SALEM.

At Least so the Doctors Say and They Know.

To set at rest the many rumors current on the streets regarding there being several cases of smallpox in Salem, a representative of this paper has visited the doctors of the city and is informed there are no cases. Young Mr. Mulligan near the oil mills has developed a very mild case of varioloid and there are no danger to be feared.

He and the neighborhood in which he is stationed are thoroughly quarantined. Aside from this single one, there are no symptoms.

MERE MENTION.

Wheat is worth 70 cents in Salem and 72 in Albany.

Dallas is undergoing a series of lectures by a Chinese evangelist. The poor city is to be pitied.

Track laying on the O. P. has advanced nearly to Mehama. The crew are now at Riphart's bluff.

Bustling Eugene is to be congratulated on having such excellent weather for her fair which is now in course.

Ned Gillemore, an old pioneer of Portland, was committed to the insane asylum yesterday. He went crazy over land matters.

For the larceny of a horse, James Tigard comes to the penitentiary from Baker county for a term of two and one-half years.

This is surely delightful weather. In nearly two weeks there has been but on day of rain, and even then the roads did not become heavy.

A large number of Odd Fellows from the east are expected to pass through here to-morrow morning. They will stop a short time in Portland.

N. R. Doty, living fifteen miles south of Salem, is among the number who voted for old Tippe in 1840 and will do the same as near as he can this year.

The penitentiary convict, O'Brien, who recently became so charmed with his own whiffing as to refuse to cease, is now improving. Out door work brings him around all right again.

Among our new advertisers to-day are the "White Corner" and Willis & Chamberlin. The former have an unusually fine line of dry goods, etc., while the latter offer some fine bargains in realty.

Salem's Chinese laundrymen have all entered into a combine and raised the price. Being great imitators and having learned of the white men's oil and other trusts these importations from the flowery kingdom formed a pool.

Granaries along the Willamette river are already groaning under their heavy weight of wheat, stored in waiting for river navigation to begin. The railroads are already doing much toward bearing off the great crop, but the boats will have much to do.

PERSONALS.

D. H. Lafollett went to Sheridan this morning, on a business trip.

Judge McArthur, U. S. district attorney arrived in the city yesterday.

T. B. Grim, of Oakland and C. H. Robbins, of Philadelphia, are at the Chemekete.

Mrs. J. B. Abergast goes to Portland to-morrow and will remain for the Mechanics' fair.

Isaac Stevens of near Gervais, is in the city to-day. He left that country in a flourishing condition.

Dr. W. H. Byrd and H. S. Jordan were called to the Santiam mines yesterday evening, where Mr. Jordan's father is lying quite ill.

Still in Court.

The latest in the Osborne cases is that John Osborne is anxious to gain possession of two children now with Mrs. Osborne, but for whom he is the duly appointed guardian. He brought habeas corpus proceedings to get hold of them this morning but the case was dismissed and new developments are hourly awaited.

Supplementary Articles.

Articles of incorporation (supplementary) were filed with the secretary of state to-day by the Farmers and Merchants insurance company of Albany, Oregon, increasing the capital stock of that incorporation from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

Of Good Intention.

Edmond H. Lane was yesterday granted papers which admit him to full citizenship in the United States.

DR. GILBERT VS. THE MERCURY.

Two Libel Suits Against the Sunday Mercury.

On his return from Portland last night Marshal Ross was accompanied by H. O. Rosenfeld and A. A. Rosenthal, respectively editor and business manager of the Portland Sunday Mercury, whom he had under arrest under charge of criminal libel. Dr. Gilbert, one of Salem's popular physicians, having preferred the charges.

Occasionally for some months Dr. Gilbert has had many malicious slurs and annoying attacks made against him through the medium of the Mercury. Their frequent occurrences admonished him that he could no longer permit them to pass unnoticed. Having paid no attention to the first innuendoes, supposing they would cease when the instigator's spleen had been sufficiently vented, he took no action in the matter. But at last, driven to desperation by the repeated thrusts upon his character as a man and a physician, he preferred charges against the managers.

The Mercury's article upon which the first suit was instituted charged Dr. Gilbert with being here under an assumed name; with having been a lawyer in Wisconsin some years ago; with having left between two days with another man's wife; with edgering her afterwards; with being a quack; with being a bill; and on several statements of a similar nature.

The defendants are held under heavy bond to appear before grand jury.

An Absent Salemite.

We are permitted to make the following extracts from a letter written by Mr. Wm. Cornell of Salem, who has been making a tour of the eastern states since July 1st, and at present is at Alexandria, Ohio:

"Politics is a live subject in these parts, and there will be a heavy vote polled this fall. It is everywhere talked about, and in almost every large town and city the likenesses of the respective candidates of the two leading political parties are printed on canvas and stretched across some street for the gaze of passers by--for their admiration or disgust.

"A good many amusing stories are told, and I will furnish one which occurred in my hearing. Just as the train was pulling out of Washington a few days ago this colloquy between two democrats: One said--'I was born a democrat and have always voted the democratic ticket and when the war broke out I shouldered my musket and fought for the Union; and here I have a crippled arm to show for it. I voted for Cleveland, but I did not know at the time that he was only a hangman and not fit for a president, and if I get forgiven for that I will not do the like again. I am going to vote for Ben Harrison. I live in West Virginia, and that state is going to go republican.' He then wound up by saying that every flock of sheep on the hilltops of Western Virginia was crying ba-a-a at Cleveland."

An Eminent's Opinion.

Rev. Robert Nourse, the eminent Washington, D. C., divine who lectures to-night at the opera house, is quartered during his stay in the city at the Monroe. His impressions of Salem and vicinity may be looked upon with a marked degree of interest, as he is an able man and a great traveler. In speaking of Salem to one of our citizens he expressed much surprise at the city's marvelous growth and enterprise. Evidently he had not been prepared to see such a pleasant and attractive city. The fact is, all who come to Salem are thoroughly delighted with her many natural and cultivated charms. Really the whole valley presents a wealth of scenery such as is equaled by but few and excelled by no region on earth. When our vast and undeveloped resources are considered the Willamette valley stands without a peer.

Some Hops Too Dry.

G. W. Bentley, a prominent hop grower and resident of Silverton, told a JOURNAL man this morning that the crop of hops in that vicinity had about all been cared for. Some few, he said, had become too dry before they could be gathered and would not be picked. A few hundred boxes will cover the loss. The harvest this year is heavy beyond expectation, while the supply of pickers ran short through the whole season. Picking will continue until about the middle of next week.

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THE GREAT PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

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The excursion season on the O. P. is over, and fares are once more as high as ever.

Hogs are hogs in Albany. Ham is worth 17 cents a pound, and bacon proportionally high.

The state papers quite generally speak of the state fair as having been more of a success than usual.

Since the completion of her railway bridge a car can leave Portland for nearly any point in the United States.

Albany has a \$5,000 damage case on her hands. It grows out of the sever accident in which Dr. E. A. McAllister was injured.

During the past year 78,226,892 pounds and \$5,547 gallons of goods and liquors have passed through the Portland custom house.

Linn county has 100 school districts aggregating 5,612 pupils. The school fund apportionment amounts to \$11,554.60, or \$2.05 per capita.

September is nearly over and the season just begun. Oysters are in excellent condition and lovers of the bivalve are now enjoying them in the usual style.

Crook county gents, who relish a little fun and worship at the shrine of fortune's fickle goddess, are investing liberally in tickets of the Louisiana lottery.

A wagon road is being built from Tillamook, by the way of Wilson's river, across the coast range to Forest Grove. A route has been adopted upon which the elevations are said to be much less than on any other roads into Tillamook valley.

The Albany Democrat thinks there is a big future for the Santiam country, and says: "Several miners are there working up their claims, but very little gold or silver is being taken out. At present the mines as a paying investment, are a thing of the future."

That the Union Pacific Company intends to build a line from Huntington through Southeastern Oregon into Northern California is very evident; that it will be of great benefit to this state cannot be doubted. Especially Baker, Crook, Lake, Grant and Klamath counties--which are rich in resources, the products of which the world will always have a market for--will be especially developed by such a line.

Capt. Willard Young, inspector of the improvement in progress at Yaquina, reports everything in excellent condition, and says there will be no extensions of the jetty made this year, and all that will be done will be in the way of strengthening what has already been put in. The work of placing the stone has already begun, and right near is located as fine a stone quarry as anyone could wish for. The jetty is built out 3,000 feet, and will be completed by next fall. He has recommended the building of a jetty on the north side of the entrance to Yaquina bay, but has not yet heard anything from Washington concerning it. Capt. Young is now at Coos bay looking over the ground there.

Could Praise be Higher?

"I have heard Beecher, Phillips, Gough, and other great orators both living and dead, but without exception I say that this lecture of Mr. Nourse's on 'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde' is the greatest thing I ever saw on the platform, and it is the first time I ever saw or heard of the finest dramatic talent being consecrated to the highest moral purpose."--Rev. J. A. Hamilton, D. D., Mich.

Will Stay Awake.

A. J. Moffat, late of Nebraska, this morning bought ten acres, lying three and a half miles northwest of Salem. He will go extensively into the poultry business, beginning at once the erection of the necessary houses, etc.

Fire at McNigsville.

McMinville had a destructive fire early this morning but extent of damages is not learned. It was in the business part of town.

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