

THE DAILY GAZETTE-TIMES

VOL. I. NO. 106

CORVALLIS, BENTON COUNTY, OREGON, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1909

PRICE FIVE CENTS

CORVALLIS HAS WOULD-BE SUICIDE CHIEF WELLS IN ROLE OF LIFE-SAVER

MAN WRITES LETTER TO GAZETTE-TIMES ANNOUNCING CONTEMPLATED DEPARTURE; CHIEF GETS IT.

FINDS DESPONDENT MAN WITH CARBOLIC ACID AT HIS SIDE

Chief Pleads With Man and Induces Him to Forego His Contemplated Demise—Citizen Was Despondent At Departure of Wife From His Bed and Board and Concluded to Shuffle Off—Chief Wells Appears in the Nick of Time and Finally Reunites Separated Couple.

Corvallis, Sept. 2, '09.
Editor GAZETTE-TIMES:
This is to give you a good item. If you will come around to my boarding place in the morning, you will find me dead. I have a bottle of carbolic acid and expect that to finish me. Please tell 'em I don't want any flowers. I haven't been used to flowers in life and I can't use them when I'm dead.

Despondently,

Such is the text of a letter that did not reach this paper last night as intended. Instead of reaching its proper destination, the boy who was to deliver the communication here, carried it to Chief J. D. Wells—and that spoiled the whole thing. That official got a rustle on, searched for three hours, finally located the despondent, and after a strenuous effort convinced him that he ought to wait and let the state hang him at some convenient time. Thus has a good story gone wrong.

Ready for the Job

When Wells found the would-be suicide, he was at his boarding place preparing for bed, and on the chair beside the bed stood a four-ounce bottle of carbolic acid, amply sufficient to burn the lining out of a cast-iron stove. He frankly admitted that he expected to shuffle off in a few minutes and he begged the chief to let him carry out his purpose. But Mr. Wells, appreciating the present depleted condition of the city treasury, disliked the idea of Corvallis having to bury anything or anybody just at this time, so

he brought all his persuasive powers into play.

Wife Had Left Him

He found out that the man's wife had left him because of his drunkenness and indisposition to provide, and she had successfully hidden herself. He felt that life without her was not worth living—and, besides, this city being "dry" made it too difficult to get his fluid diet regularly—hence his disposition to shuffle off this mortal coil. As it happened, this city's premier sleuth knew where the man's wife had hidden herself, and suggested that if the would-be suicide would sign a pledge to keep straight and provide for his better half, he could probably effect a reconciliation.

Chief Solves Problem

The despondent man put the carbolic acid in Chief Wells' pocket, threw his arm around his neck and kissed him on each cheek, a proceeding that made the official sorry he had interfered, but since the matter had gone so far he resolved to reunite the erring soul with the woman he professed to care for. That act was accomplished this morning, Chief Wells being assured by the woman that she would live with her husband if he would keep sober. She has been and is still ill. They are newcomers to Corvallis, the husband being a laborer and fairly industrious, but unfortunate in being within the power of the rum fiend. The names are not used simply that these reunited people may not be particularly embarrassed or inconvenienced.

Wells as a life-saver and peace-maker is entitled to a medal from the Carnegie hero fund.

HAVE FAITH IN COOK'S STORY

Few of the Scientists Express Doubt of Discovery of North Pole.

M. Lemesoff, librarian of the Geographical Society and an authority on polar questions, said yesterday that while the society had not received direct news of Dr. Cook's explorations, he saw nothing to doubt in the report of the expedition, especially considering the personality of Dr. Cook.

"We have known the navigator," he said, "for several years. He is a man of rare energy and much experience in Arctic and Antarctic exploration.

"Exploring the pole is of greatest scientific interest from magnetic, meteorological and geographical points of view. It is impossible to imagine the terrible difficulties that are to be surmounted. This exploit, if confirmed, is one of the most wonderful and epoch-making of humanity."

Belgians Enthusiastic

Belgian newspapers comment with enthusiasm on Dr. Cook's achievement. They recall how he came to join the Belgian expedition to the South Pole. On the very day the Doctor was notified to join the party, he cabled from New York, asking if by chance there was a vacant place aboard the Belgica. Instructions were immediately sent to him to join the ship at Rio Janeiro.

Dr. Cook's assistance on that expedition was most valuable, not only as a physician, but as a photographer and scientist. He was the life of the party and worked wonders in cheering up the Belgians time after time, when their courage failed.

Will Now Find South Pole

William L. E. Cook, a brother of the explorer, states that Dr. Cook will now devote his energies to discovering the South Pole.

Anthony Fiala commander of the Ziegler expedition of 1903-05, agreed with Mr. Bradley in placing confidence in the reports of Dr. Cook's success.

"Dr. Cook says he has discovered land in the Far North," he said. "If the land is there, others will find it and verify it or his story will be branded as false."

Proof Can be Offered.

What proofs would Dr. Cook be able to bring back with him to substantiate his claim to the discovery of the North Pole? This question was submitted to a number of distinguished British scientists, who had attended the convention of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. They all agree that the only evidence Dr. Cook could have would be his astronomical notes.

A good deal of confidence was expressed by the visitors in the genuineness of the reports from the American explorer. Colonel Sir Duncan Johnstone, president of the geographical section, said it would be easy to prove if the Pole had been reached by studying the observations made. It would be impossible for observations to be faked so as to deceive scientists, he said.

Wanted—Young man about 25, with \$250, as partner in good paying business; Experience not necessary, but must be a hustler. For information inquire at the Gazette-Times office.

CORVALLIS IS POORLY LIGHTED

City Gets Electricity at Low Rate, But Uses Little Of It.

The state of this city's finances make it not worth while to urge better lighting, but it may be observed that Corvallis, which gets electricity at a rate lower than that accorded any town in the valley, uses less electricity for lighting purposes than any other city of its size in Oregon. Corvallis gets exactly the same rate accorded Portland, which uses a tremendous lot of juice—a rate twenty-five per cent lower than that at Albany, Eugene, Independence, Salem, etc.

This city has a total of twenty arc lights, and about forty incandescents. There are probably 150 street intersections in this city, so it will be seen that the supply of street lights is wholly inadequate. Washington street, the direct route from the Union Station to Second street, has one arc light on it, and that is directly at the station. Jefferson, the street used by the hacks and most pedestrians, has one arc light between Main street and the station. From the fact that all the stores close at six, and that few, very few, lights are left burning, Second street, Corvallis, after night is one of the darkest business streets in any of the towns supplied with electric lights. All of which is a rather remarkable condition in a place having a comparatively cheap rate. A profusion of lights in the business houses is not a necessity and wholly a matter of choice with the business men, but sooner or later the city proper should have more arc lights. Roseburg, Albany and Eugene are beautifying their main streets by displacing arc lights and putting in clusters of ornamental iron poles.

MERCHANTS WILL RUN BIG EXCURSION TO LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR

APPEAL TO GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT M'MURRAY ANSWERED FAVORABLY AND CONVENIENCE IS SECURED.

SPECIAL TRAIN AND \$1.50 RATE FOR BENTON COUNTY DAY

Tickets Are Now in Hands of Merchants and Are Offered For Sale—Prospective Excursionists Urged to Send in Orders At Once—Merchants Hope to Make a Big Showing at Toledo on the 10th—Practically Entire Day Will Be Spent at the Fair—A Good Time Assured.

All aboard for Toledo and the Lincoln County Fair, Sept. 10. Next Friday is Benton County Day, and for this occasion the Retail Merchants' Association of Corvallis has secured a special excursion train and a special round trip rate of \$1.50. The train will leave Corvallis about 7 or 8 a. m. and on the return trip will leave Toledo about 6 or 7 p. m., thus making it possible for excursionists to spend practically the entire day at the fair.

Get Tickets Now

Those who desire to go to Toledo on Benton County Day should purchase their tickets immediately. The Merchants Association has bought and paid for 100 tickets and these are now for sale at the various stores. Call on your merchant or phone him and have him reserve a ticket for you. No arrangement for the sale of excursion tickets any other way has been made, so it is necessary to purchase of the merchants. It is not now known that excursion tickets will be for sale at the station on the 10th, no such arrangement having been made. This is a

special train secured by the merchants and it will be run by them.

For Benefit of Farmers.

For the benefit of out-of-town people who may desire to have tickets reserved, a certain number have been placed at this office. If they will phone for a ticket will be laid aside for them—and charged up to them of course.

Make Big Day.

The merchants of Corvallis hope to make a good showing at Toledo on the 10th. They appreciate the spirit of the Lincoln county people in setting aside one day for Benton and they desire to show that appreciation in a substantial way. The Lincoln County fair will be well worth the while of any visitor, the displays arranged for being very superior. The people of these two counties can well afford to fraternize, hence the advisability of a large excursion next Friday. Get your tickets of your merchant, NOW.

A cement walk and curb has been laid around the Bates property at the corner of 7th and Van Buren.

A wireless telegraph station is being installed at Newport.

Palace Theater

Friday and Saturday

The Two Hoyts

In a one act comedy entitled "Burlesque Magic" And a turn called "Paper Tearing" a new vaudeville feature. Mr. Hoyt will recite "The Face Upon the Bar-room Floor" and "The Drunkard's Dream."

New Motion Pictures

"Mine At Last"

A pretty love scene with a happy ending.

"Wearybones Seeks Rest And Gets It"

A clever comedy depicting the trying experiences of a tramp who is afflicted with a chronic desire to sleep.

"The Turning Point"

A powerful temperance story, with beautiful stage effects and convincing acting. A picture the audience will talk about.

"Stripping a Forest In Winter"

Original, picturesque and realistic. A film that shows true to life an important industry.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE

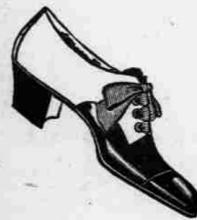
The partnership of Johnson and Johnson, owners of the Toggery, Corvallis, Oregon, has been this day dissolved, R. C. Herron having acquired the interests of J. C. Johnson and B. W. Johnson in the business, which will be hereafter conducted by C. V. Johnson and R. C. Herron, under the firm name of Johnson & Herron. The latter firm assumes and the liabilities of the business.

JOHNSON & JOHNSON,
JOHNSON & HERRON
Corvallis, Ore., Sept. 1, 1909 9-3-10t

LANE'S PRUNE CROP

Register:—The Eugene Fruit Growers' association had a crew of 25 girls packing green prunes for shipments east, at the cannery, yesterday, and they packed quite a number, but as it takes 1000 boxes for a carload and the prunes are coming in slowly it may not last of in. The prunes are large and of good quality, but the crop is light. Mr. Holt thinks about five carloads will be shipped out in this manner.

.. SHOE SPECIAL ..



Ladies' Tan and Chocolate Oxfords in Vici Kid and Russia Calf with the new Rugby and Fifth avenue toe. These Oxfords sell regular for \$3.50. Special Saturday, \$1.98 SEE WINDOW DISPLAY

LADIES' TAN HOSE

A Regular 75-cent quality, handsomely embroidered, in light and dark shades. Saturday special, 39 Cents

Men's Odd Pants. In this lot you will find grey stripe and both dark and light colors. They sold regular for \$4.00 and \$5.00. SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY \$2.45

New Local Views Post Cards, Saturday 1c Each

WHITE SEWING MACHINES NUFF SAID



New STANDARD PATTERNS For September