

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Frank Mukey went to Albany Monday.

C. H. Hong, of Suver, was in town Monday.

Mrs. W. E. Dutton was in town Monday.

Dr. Parrish's brickyard is in running order now.

R. M. Smith went to Salem on business, Friday.

C. A. Ball is in the city visiting his mother this week.

Prof. and J. L. Murphy went to Dallas Monday on business.

The plasterers are at work on Mulkey & Hale's new brick.

T. J. Jackson, of this place, made a visit to Corvallis Monday.

Sarvis, the piano man, of Salem, was doing our town Wednesday.

Mrs. Harvey Guthrie and family visited relatives in town Friday.

Mr. Bond, of Forest Grove, is visiting friends in town this week.

Miss Edna Skinner, of Salem, was visiting at Mrs. Stout's Sunday.

John Smith and wife, of Bridgeport, were visiting in town last week.

A number of the young people took in the excursion to Albany Sunday.

Mrs. Vance, of Albany, is visiting with Mrs. T. J. Campbell, this week.

More new stables are being built at the Talmage track for the race horses.

Mulkey & Hale will move into their new brick the 1st of next month.

Mrs. McCulloch recently made some improvements on her property in this city.

W. R. Baldras has put on a street sprinkler which was very much needed here.

Photographer C. C. Lewis will be pleased to see you at any time this week.

Mrs. Prof. Spillman has been quite sick for the past two weeks, but is now better.

F. Anstines furniture and wall paper etc., is unequalled anywhere in the country.

We noticed some very beautiful fields of wheat in the Luckiamute valley last Saturday.

The section boys wore smiling faces Wednesday, on account of the appearance of the pay car.

People are already coming to town in anticipation of the commencement exercises at the normal.

The C. W. R. M. met Sunday afternoon and appointed their delegates to the Turner convention.

Mrs. Cox, of this place, has gone to Lincoln county where Mr. Cox is fixing to run a stock ranch.

Mrs. Tatham and Mrs. Vance, of Albany, were visiting Mrs. T. J. Campbell, of this place, this week.

The school at Cushman will continue another month under the efficient leadership of Miss Nora Miser.

Cook & Portwood have just received a large stock of very fine ladies' shoes also a stock of fat babies' shoes.

The sermon by Rev. Smith to the young people on the subject of "Success in Life" was a good one, and all profited by it.

The Corvallis carriage factory made an assignment last week. It will be but a short time till work is begun again.

Miss Mary Coats, who has been teaching in Douglas county during the past few months, returned home last week.

James Storms, a graduate of the Agricultural college of Corvallis, this spring, was visiting in this city and at Dallas, Saturday.

Limon Damon of Independence, can sell you at very reasonable rates some of the finest lots in Monmouth, don't neglect seeing him at once.

The water company are extending their mains on Monmouth avenue this week. It will be but a short time till they have their mains all over town.

Loring Bedwell of this place, who went to the Southern Oregon mines last month returned home Monday but without a sack of yellow metal.

The bridge carpenters of the narrow gauge have built a new bridge and have widened the grade south of town, which looks like we will have a standard gauge road here before a great while.

Jeu Hawk, the Chinese preacher, of Portland, gave a lecture here Tuesday evening on Chinese religions and their manners and customs. He had a very good audience and all were well entertained by his talk. Jeu Hawk recently

made a visit to San Francisco where he entered the matrimonial state. His wife did not accompany him on his trip here but remained in Portland.

Normal Notes.

Mr. Yoder, of Clackamas county, a student of last year, is visiting the school this week.

Elder J. N. Smith led the devotional exercises in chapel Monday morning.

Mrs. Tatham, of Albany, who lectured in Independence last Friday evening, visited chapel Monday morning and gave us a very interesting talk on kindergarten work.

The Christian Endeavor Society will hold their consecration meeting next Sunday evening instead of the following Sunday as it will be the last time many of the students will be able to.

Earl Weatherford and Ed. Smith, of Eastern Oregon came down Wednesday to attend the commencement exercises.

Roy Gill, of Seilo, is visiting school this week.

The Man the Printer Loves.

There is a man the printer loves, and he is wondrous wise; when he writes the printer man he dotheth all his i's. And when he's dotted them, with carefulness and ease, he punctuates each paragraph and crosses all his t's. Upon one side alone he writes, and never rolls his leaves, and from the man of ink a smile and mark "insert" receives.

and when a question he doth ask—taught wisely he hath been—he doth the goodly stamp enclose for postage back again. He gives the place from which he writes—the address the printer needs, and plainly writes his honored name, so that runneth reads. He writes revises, reads, corrects and rewrites all again and keeps one safe and sends one to the printer man. And thus by taking little pains at trifling care and cost, assures himself his manuscript will not be burned or lost. So let those who long to write, take pattern by this man, with jet black ink and paper white, do just the best they can, and then the printer man shall know and bless them as his friends all through life's journey as they go until that journey ends—Ex.

There are about 500 acres of strawberries in the vicinity of Salem this year that will be in full bearing.

It is said that in New York City there are 8400 saloons, and which if placed side by side they would form a street nearly 50 miles long.

Indianapolis laundry girls own a co-operative plant worth \$15,000 and do a business of \$320 a week.

The present and prospective high stage of water in the Columbia is delaying the great industry of potato culture on the bottom lands, and it is thought potato growers in Oregon will realize good prices for this year's crop next winter.

One Frank Woods, of Dallas, assaulted A. K. Percival, general agent for the Singer Sewing Machine company at Salem. Woods is agent at Dallas and got on a spree Memorial day. He had a team at the livery stable belonging to the company. Percival forbid him to take the team out, when he drew off and hit Percival, who turned him over to an officer. He was tried in the recorder's court and fined \$10.00 and costs.

Among Live Business Men.

F. R. Neale, the butcher, keeps a well stocked meat market.

Otho Williams, the Dallas tailor, is an expert cutter, and insures his work to be first-class.

Drop in at the Elite and see how neat, with stock complete, and fruit so sweet, cigars hard to beat, all things are there.

John Howell, the contractor, invites your inspection of his house plans and estimates.

When you want to take your girl out riding, or your picnic party out to the Falls call on Fisher & Edgar for teams.

Cook & Portwood are selling shoes not only by the pair, but by the score. They are a stylish fit, and fit is style.

When you want to settle down to live, buy a lot or buy a farm through J. H. Moran, the dealer.

Chas. N. Woods, the shoemaker, will tell you a little secret about shoes if you will ask him.

Dr. Parrish has his office near the Polk Co. Bank, at his residence on the corner of Pine street.

Dr. J. M. Keene, of Salem, is a graduate of one of the largest eastern colleges.

C. H. Morris, the jeweler, keeps a well selected stock of goods and by selling at such reasonable prices, has been doing a fine business.

The Polk Co. Bank is ably presided over by J. H. Hawley president, and Ira C. Powell as cashier.

L. D. Jones, the barber, is always ready to serve "the next."

Smith & Jordan are recognizing the fact that prices are what tell and as a consequence they are selling their goods at very close prices.

Dr. J. M. Crowley has his office at his residence on Main street near College.

Craven & Fulkerson keep all kinds of lumber shingles and lath constantly on hand.

C. C. Lewis has the reputation of doing good work, and his photographs give satisfaction.

J. Jordan, of the Monmouth hotel, is wanting to secure a first class man to manage his hotel business.

The Misses Cooledge have opened a dressmaking establishment and a stock of millinery in Monmouth, and invite the patronage of the public.

Dr. D. M. Doty, the dentist, resides in Monmouth, and is a permanent fixture. Call at his office when in need of work.

Charley Taylor, who keeps the neat fruit emporium, and candy stand, invites you to call and try his fine cigars.

C. L. Hawley, at the Normal book store, is continually receiving something new, and his trade is increasing daily.

Ground & Frazer, the hardware men, are also dealers in agricultural machinery, and have their warehouse full of farming implements.

The Freak of a Bullet.

There used to be a hotel clerk in St. James, La., who had a remarkable story of the freak of a bullet. He told it with great warmth and with such an air of truth that it would be hard to believe that he had fabricated it. The story, about the way he used to tell it, was this:

"I got my memory back and a bullet on the tongue in a jiffy. Yes, sir, a jiffy. Look right there between my eyes. See that scar? That's where the bullet went in. I don't know how far in it went, but I know that it didn't come out; at least it didn't for a long time. Well, I went ahead about my work with a bullet in my brain, and I felt pretty queer all the time.

"I didn't seem to have much memory, and sometimes I felt pretty queer and heard queer kinds of noises. One day I sat down to breakfast. I'd been feeling better for some time past. I had begun to remember things. So I was just sitting down at breakfast, remembering things and eating buckwheat cakes with syrup when I felt something plump down on my tongue.

"There goes that blamed eyetooth," said I.

"What's the matter, William?" said my wife.

"Eyetooth dropped out, I reckon," said I.

"Then I brought the eyetooth down between my teeth and took it out with my fingers. Well, sir, it wasn't no eyetooth at all, but a bullet. You bet I was surprised. It was the same bullet that had gone in between my eyes."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A BALLAD OF TREES AND THE MASTER.

Into the woods my Master went. Clean forsoot, forsoot, into the woods my Master came. Forsoot with love and shame. But the olives they were not blind to him. The little gray leaves were kind to him. The thorn tree had a mind to him. When into the woods he came.

Out of the woods my Master went. And he was well content. Out of the woods my Master came. Content with death and shame. When death and shame would woo him last. From under the trees they drew him last. 'Twas on a tree they slew him last. When out of the woods he came.

Explanation of a Sword Trick.

A trick in which a sword is apparently passed through a person's abdomen is explained as follows: The sword employed is a thin, flexible, dull blade. The prestidigitator, whose body the sword will simply pass around, but not pierce, carries concealed beneath his vest a sheath that consists of a hollow tube, semi-circular in shape, the two extremities of which are bent in contrary direc-

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