

## LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Who got away with the ice cream?  
C. V. Murphy was at Salem Friday.  
Monroe Shelley, of Portland, spent Sunday in the city.

Willard Wright, of Dallas, was in town Friday evening.

J. J. Higgins has been appointed postmaster for this place.

Druggist Belt and wife, of Dallas, passed through town Sunday.

George Kramer Sr. departed for the mines in Southern Oregon Tuesday.

Miss Ollie Morrow was visiting with her sister, Mrs. F. Austine, Sunday.

Mr. Ed Seifarth and sister, Miss Minnie, of Oakdale, were visiting in the city Sunday.

J. H. Moran is the busy deputy of Assessor Beckett, and is assessing Monmouth precinct.

B. L. Murphy, Hosea Davidson, Eld. Smith and F. R. Neal went on a fishing excursion Tuesday.

The band serenaded Prof. Waun and bride Friday evening. They arrived in town the first of last week.

Mr. F. T. N. Montle and family left this week for Olympia, Wash., where they will make their future home.

The band boys have received some new music and will soon be able to furnish some fine selections for our people.

Cook & Portwood have just received an invoice of goods which were freight delayed, and are offering them very cheap.

The county convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. commenced here Thursday evening. Proceedings will be given next week.

Ground & Frazer have the celebrated Osborne binder and mower and are selling them at greatly reduced prices. Also lawn mowers.

Charley Rohr started Monday for his home in Indianapolis, but returned Thursday and will defer his journey on account of ill health.

Miss Ida Haines is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Portwood, of this city. Miss Haine taught in one of the Portland schools last winter.

The roof of E. Bedwell's house had a hole burned about six feet square last week. It behooves people to keep an eye out for fire these days.

Eldon Haley, Cyrus Briggs, Byron Hunter, Misses Edith Hargrove, Sadie Briggs and Edith Percival went up to Falls City for a day's picnic Tuesday.

U. L. Frazer, Word Butler, Walter Hembree and Dwight Hoag returned Saturday from a fishing and hunting tour near Sweet Home in Lincoln county.

David Foulks, of Portland, who is an employee of the Oregonian, was visiting friends in Monmouth the first of the week. David was formerly a Monmouth boy.

The boys here should organize a base ball club and play with the nines of some of the neighboring towns. We understand that there is some doubt as to their ability to play ball.

One evening last week Mr. G. O. Graves had a party of friends at his home to enjoy the evening, after which he was to have served ice cream refreshments. They went to get the ice cream, when Lo and Behold! it had departed. Many are the conjectures as to who got away with the ice cream.

Some of the prominent prunegrowers of the country had been doubtful about the prune crop for some time, but an examination of the orchards now show the trees well laden and the prospects are much better. It is estimated that there will be three-fourths of a crop, which will make a large yield of prunes. The cold weather after the blooms appeared threatened to destroy the crop, but fortunately it is discovered that it did not. There is also a good crop of apples and pears, and taken all around, it is not a bad year for fruit in Oregon.

The summer normal school commenced here Monday with a very good attendance. The following students have already entered to take the course of study: Misses Myrtle Marsh, Ethel Bellinger, L. C. Parker, Vina Gilbert, Zula Myer, Nellie Thomas, Alice Jackson, Ella T. Maguire, Emma Coleman, Sadie Simonson, Alice Savage, Martha DeWitt, Maud Stout, Adona Cochrane, Alice Boydston, Libby Vaughn, Lydia Marple, and Messrs. E. E. Orton, W. T. Hoffman, C. W. Wester, W. J. Feemster and M. M. Freeman. Several additions to the roll are expected to arrive before the end of the week.

Krause's Headache Capsules—Warranted. For Sale By Shelley, Alexander & Co.

## Polk County Teachers' Institute.

The county institute held here the 5, 6, and 7 of this month was a success in every way, there being a good attendance from all parts of the county.

The work for each day was regular professional work, in which the principles of teaching the various subjects were dwelt upon primarily, and the methods of teaching them were treated secondarily, the teachers being permitted to form their own methods to a large extent.

On Wednesday afternoon the topic of geography by C. A. Simonton was ably discussed and very instructive.

J. N. Hart of Falls City, on Noons and Recesses, said that all recesses should be omitted and instead have two hours intermission at noon and dismiss school for the day at 3:30.

Wednesday evening the Professor Sebring's orchestra rendered some very beautiful selections, after which Rev. Poling sang a solo which was well received. The lecture by Prof. Getz was instructive and also interesting. Prof. Spillman made a few remarks on maps which were profitable to all. A vocal solo by Senator Doughty was rendered in his usual pleasing manner, when the audience adjourned for the evening.

Thursday afternoon Prof. Parker, of Ballston, took up the subject, Incentives to Study. This topic produced much enthusiasm and was ably discussed by a majority of the teachers. Very few thought corporal punishment was an incentive to study.

School Room Decorations, by Miss Lena Butler, was very beneficial, showing how every school room can be made attractive by only a few hours' work from the teacher.

Legal Status of the Teacher was well presented by J. C. McFarlane, which was beneficial to everyone.

Thursday evening the exercises commenced with a solo by Mrs. Spillman which received a hearty encore. The address by Professor Hitchcock on the quality of reading matter placed before the young people was good and some useful suggestions were made by him as to what the young people should read. After the address Professor Spillman gave an interesting talk on botany which showed how little is known of this subject by the majority of the people.

Can Country Schools Be Graded, by B. L. Murphy. In the discussion which followed this topic, it was stated that country schools should be graded, that it was necessary for the advancement of the pupil.

Object Lessons for Children, by Mrs. W. A. Wash, of Dallas, was a very good paper. She showed how children could learn more readily by using objects and also make the lesson more impressive.

Literature in Public Schools, by Loretta Smith, was ably presented and valuable suggestions made in that line.

Friday evening the programme commenced with a duet by Mrs. Spillman and Miss Inez Vaughn, which was very good and received much applause. This was followed by a beautiful vocal selection, by Mr. S. W. Doughty, which was good. Mrs. Tatham of Albany, then gave a lecture on kindergarten work. She illustrated her lecture with stereopticon views showing her pupils at their different work in the school. The vocal solo by Miss Ruth McDevitt was excellent and quite well rendered, and after the singing of the national song "America," by the audience the teachers' institute was adjourned.

Much credit is due County Superintendent Hutchinson and the professors at the normal for the success and systematic manner in which the institute was conducted.

## WHAT ADVERTISING WILL DO.

Allen C. Mason, one of the big millionaires of Tacoma, is under forty. Mason's wealth illustrates the value of newspaper advertising. Just ten years ago, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch, he was teaching school in Jacksonville, Ill. He borrowed \$3,000 for three years to come to Puget Sound, settled in Tacoma and went into the real estate and loan business. During five years his transactions amounted to more than \$3,000,000. He is now building a house in Tacoma which will cost \$125,000; has given the city a public library of 20,000 volumes, and owns all sorts of valuable property. He considers the newspapers one of the secrets of success. He put all his money at first into newspaper advertising. He started in by advertising his real estate in religious papers, spending at first \$100 a month and increasing until he spent \$500 a month in this way. Then he tried the big eastern dailies, and one Sunday he spent \$10,000, all that he had at the time, in putting two-page ads. in the big Sunday newspapers of New York, Boston and Philadelphia. The result was that the letters came in by the bushel, and half of them contained money, and Mr. Mason says he is still getting business from the advertising of that time.

## PAYING SOCIAL OBLIGATIONS.

Practical Hints to "Homeless" People Who Incur Debts of Hospitality.

Hospitality is one of the chiefest of the virtues, and every head of a household is supposed to understand perfectly what is meant by the word. The truly hospitable woman, whether she be so from nature or from principle, opens her house freely to her friends, entertains them to the best of her ability and cares not whether she be repaid in kind or not.

But there is a vast homeless element among us, especially in our cities and large towns. They live in hotels and boarding houses, and are always ready to accept invitations. Many of these unfortunate people—for everybody is unfortunate who has no home—possess limited means and can make only the simplest return for the favors which they receive. Flowers on occasion, a card at Easter or Christmas, these are all that they can afford, and from them these simple recognitions suffice.

On the other hand, many of them are well to do, if not wealthy. "What would you do," asked such a one of a woman to whom he was distantly related, and who had frequently invited him to her house, "if you, with your hospitable instincts, were living as I am, in a boarding house, and were unable to show in any way your appreciation of these charming attentions?"

The lady blushed and replied by some commonplace, but she could not help reflecting that if she were indeed situated as her friend was she would certainly find out some way of returning her obligations.

A. Any first class hotel a beautiful luncheon or dinner party may be given from \$2 to \$3 a plate upward. A box may be taken for a musicale or any other entertainment of a high order, and refreshments at a good restaurant may be served either before or after it. Sailing parties, picnics—dozens of ways may be found of returning obligations, if one really desires to do so.

There are plenty of women as well as "homeless" men who seem never to feel any burden of reciprocity for hospitalities received. To these almost the same means are open as to their brothers. Society allows a woman to rent a parlor at a hotel for an afternoon reception, if her home is in the suburbs where her friends cannot well come for a brief call, or if its limitations in the city are handicapping. But in these days, when the tea urn is recognized as the altar of hospitality, and when this simple shrine may be set up in an apartment of the tiniest dimensions, there is no excuse for any woman not to be "at home."

## Finding the Brooklyn Bridge.

As a Third Avenue elevated train was drawing up in the city hall station a young woman who had just risen asked a man sitting next to me, "Which, please, is the way to the Brooklyn bridge?"

"To your left," he replied, indicating the direction with his hand.

"Thank you," said the woman as she moved toward the door.

"But you don't go to the left to get there," the man added hastily.

"Not But how then?"

"To your right."

"But wouldn't that take me to?"

"I mean to say you go to the right out of the station, then to the right again and then to the left and then—well, the easiest way is to follow half the people from this train and they will take you to the bridge."

The young woman was half indignant, but she ventured to ask one more question, "Which half must I follow?"

"Oh, well, of course you should follow the Brooklyn half."

With a look of scorn the inquirer went on, leaving her informant blushing, and I sympathized with him, for there are no words in the language, even with a diagram, to describe the way from the cars to the bridge.

But the young woman got through all right. Everybody does.

## The Love of Books.

A certain housekeeper, who takes a just and noble view of books, almost frightened her parlor maid into spasms by the stern reprimand which she gave her on this subject. The poor maid had just let fall one of her mistress' favorite volumes. "Never!" she uttered in a deep and trembling voice, "never drop a book in my house again. I would almost as lief have you drop the baby."—New York Times.

## Louisiana's Oyster Crop.

Statistics for the year 1890 show that 180,000 barrels of oysters were fished in the state of Louisiana at a gross cost of \$250,000. They were sold for \$410,000, leaving a profit of \$160,000. In considering these figures it should be borne in mind that the industry is in its infancy.—Chicago Tribune.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

## Down Go The Rates!

The Union Pacific now lead with reduced rates to eastern points, and their through car arrangements, magnificently equipped Pullman and Tourist sleepers, free reclining chair car and fast time, makes it the best line to travel. Two trains leave from Portland daily at 8:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The rates are now within reach of all, and everybody should take advantage of them to visit the World's Fair and their friends in the east. Send for rates and schedules of trains, and do not purchase tickets until after consulting M. O. Potter Independence, or W. H. Hurlburt, Asst. Gen'l Pass. Agent, U. P. Portland Oregon.

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