

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Very smoky these days.
F. S. Barzee was in town this week.
A few students are already coming to town.

Frank Stanton, of Salem, was in the city Sunday.

E. E. Hewitt has the framework up for a neat cottage.

Miss Hala Rice is the guest of Miss Nell Hembree this week.

Mrs. Dr. Snooks, of Portland, is visiting with her brother, F. Anstine.

The threshing crews in this vicinity have threshed about all the grain in these parts.

Everybody come to the Odd Fellows' picnic here on Saturday, September 9. It is sure to be a success.

President P. L. Campbell and Mrs. T. F. Campbell departed last week for Union in Eastern Oregon.

A temperance lecture was delivered in the Christian church last Sunday by Mrs. Cox, of Newberg.

Mrs. Wm. Ragsdale and her daughter Cordia, of Corvallis, were visiting in the city the first of the week.

Ira Smith and wife, who have been sojourning at Newport for several weeks, returned home Saturday.

A Mrs. Smith and her daughter, of Eugene, have moved to town and the daughter will attend the Normal this winter.

Mr. G. Heinz, of Silverton, was in the city last week looking for a residence in which his folks can locate during the coming school year.

Dr. Doty will start the first of next week to Kansas City, where he goes to be doctored. We hope that he may come back permanently cured.

We publish in this issue a communication on the present condition of affairs, which is written by a resident of Polk county, and one who keeps in touch with the times.

At the council meeting on last Monday evening Powell street was ordered opened from Knox street to Monmouth avenue, and a new sidewalk was ordered built along Whitman street.

Prof. Powell and wife returned from a visit with relatives in Linn county Monday, and on Tuesday their son Burns arrived home from a lengthy visit with his aunt in Butte City, Mont.

Mrs. Ed Barnes and wife, of Albany, and Mrs. Wm. Gammon, of Pomeroy, Wash., were visiting with Prof. Dunn and family last Sunday. Mrs. Gammon took her departure for Pomeroy Monday.

A large number of the young people of our city went out to Dr. Parrish's brick yard last Thursday evening and saw the kiln burning and had a fine time playing on the smooth yard. The doctor has their thanks for the excellent time enjoyed.

Don't buy a blood-purifier because it is "cheap." The best—the Superior Medicine—Ayer's Sarsaparilla, is, in the end, the cheapest blood-purifier in the market. The ingredients of which it is composed are the most expensive and medicinally efficacious that can be obtained.

It is a year of odd names for men of sudden fame. Here is a list that suggests itself at a second's thought: Zimri Dwiggins, banker; Dahomey Dodds, warrior; Hoke Smith, journalist and statesman; Sylvester Penoyer, who told the president to "mind his own business"; Stanhope Sams, poet and statesman; Colonel Dodd Dismuke, statesman; Colonel Dink Botts, office seeker. And the year is not over.

The party going to Mount Hood from this city started last Tuesday evening, and consists of Professors Spillman and Shedd, Messrs. Hoffman and A. N. Fulkerson, and Misses Nettie Crosby and Ora Moorehead and Mrs. Nettie Wimberley, of Independence, besides others of the Normal class of '93 who will join them on the way, also our photographer. Mr. Lewis accompanied them and will no doubt have some beautiful views to display when they return. The class expect to find many interesting botanical and other specimens during their trip.

The standard gauge manages to get into town about three times a week, but it might as well not come at all from the amount of business it does. Our travelling public generally find some other way of conveyance when they want to go to any place, and their freight business is getting to be "small potatoes" as our people find other ways of transportation quite convenient. By the time the Southern Pacific Company have let several thousand dollars slip through their fingers from their poor manner of doing business maybe it will awake to realization of its losses and put on a daily train service for the accommodation of our people.

Some Foreign Mistakes About Americans

It is always to a certain degree amusing to note the ignorance prevalent in European countries concerning matters and things in the United States. My French almanac, for instance, sets forth as its prominent incident for the 11th of April that that was the date of the outbreak of the war between "the States of North America and the States of South America."

But still more astonishing is the advertisement of a life of Admiral Farragut by Messrs. Sampson, Low, Marston & Co., the London publishers, the work being declared to be "a biography, based on family papers, of the great 'Confederate' admiral," said advertisement appearing in The Athenaeum, that most serious and presumably accurate of English literary publications. — Philadelphia Telegraph.

The First Gold From California

On Monday, the 7th of May, 1849, there arrived in Boston the ship Sophia Walker, Captain Wiswell, from Valparaiso the 2d of March previous. She brought with her the first gold, in dust and bars, ever received in this city direct from California.

The whole amount was something more than \$80,000. Of this amount, Captain J. H. Spring, a passenger, lately the commander of the ship Huntress of New York, which was sold on the coast, had \$40,000 in dust on account of his owners, and the remainder went principally to Baltimore in other consignments. Three of the bars, however, valued at \$18,600, were taken to Philadelphia the following day to be converted into coin. — Boston Herald.

Both Satisfied.

Estella—What a lovely ball. I never enjoyed myself so much in all my life.

Gladys—Nor I.

Estella—I danced every dance and had a different partner each time.

Gladys—I sat out every dance and had the same partner all the evening!

—Exchange.

A wonderful hen is owned by a man in Waterloo. It is as expert as a cat in catching rats. It teases them awhile and then releases them. The owner of this remarkable fowl has observed that no rat ever comes the second time within reach of its claws.

Three miles an hour is about the average speed of the gulf stream. At certain places, however, it attains a speed of 51 miles an hour, the extraordinary rapidity of the current giving the surface the appearance of a sheet of fire.

Puttenham, in his "Arte of English Poesie," erected two pillars of poetry in honor of Queen Elizabeth. Each pillar consists of a base of lines in eight syllables, shafts of 4-syllable lines and a crown in the same meter as the base.

A Pressure of a Million Pounds.

Some interesting experiments were made at the Washington university with the largest hydraulic testing machine in the world. It can exert a pressure of 1,000,000 pounds. Timbers such as are used for pillars in large commercial buildings were crushed, not broken, lengthwise. A piece of timber capable of sustaining 8,000 persons was crushed like an eggshell when placed in the machine. The best brick piers 2 feet square, columns of granite a foot square, and sandstone 3 feet square are ground to powder with the greatest ease. The machine was designed by Professor J. B. Johnson, who occupies the chair of consulting engineer in the university, for the purpose of pursuing investigations being made by the government of the strength of the commercial woods grown in the United States. The specimens crushed form a part of an exhibit at the World's fair. — St. Louis Cor. Chicago Tribune.

A Case of "Hoodooing."

A young writing master from Denison commenced a writing class at Hawk Eye schoolhouse. A crowd of boys of the neighborhood procured a spool of thread, and unwinding what they needed attached one end to a nail under the eaves of the roof. Then, getting sufficient distance from the house to avoid detection, one began rubbing the string vigorously with a piece of rosin. A stampede ensued among the scholars. The young professor drew his pistol and fired three shots through the roof and ran from the house. The boys were arrested for "mischievous mischief" and the teacher for carrying a pistol. — Galveston News.

Not to Blame.

Stranger—What! You want me to pay you \$2 for such a short distance!

New York Cabby—Is it my fault the distance is so short! — Texas Siftings.



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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!

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Purely out of curiosity, we have counted the illustrations, some of them full page, in the current issue of The Cosmopolitan; says the Methodist Record of London England. They numbered 129; but if there were none the literary character of the magazine would amply justify its immense circulation. Some of the best known names in American literature appear in the list each month, besides English writers of such names, for example, as Sir Edwin Arnold. From every point of view, we regard the magazine as unique. You can get the Cosmopolitan and the West Side for \$3 a year.

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Of Interest to Sportsmen.

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