

TALK OF THE TOWN

Born, Thursday, May 13, to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Kruger, a son.

Call up the Palace of Sweets for your ice cream and sherbets. Free delivery. 5-6-1f

L. A. Newton, special agent of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., was in the city yesterday on business.

General repair shop. All work first-class, promptly done. Back of Beal Bros., blacksmith shop, Wood Bros. 5-7-1f

Dr. James Withycombe and Prof. Lewis left yesterday for Hood River, Union and other points in Eastern Oregon.

FOR SALE—Thirty head of goats at a bargain; mostly nannies. J. B. Arrants, R. F. D. 2. Independent phone. Corvallis, Oregon. 5-10-2t

Rev. Gesselbracht, the Presbyterian minister at Albany, and family, and his sister, Mrs. Hall, of St. Louis, drove over here one day this week to visit friends.

Dr. Mentor Howard, A. P. Johnson and A. E. Wilkins have been named as delegates from the Odd Fellows Lodge here all of whom will attend the Grand Lodge at Albany next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and will be there during the entire session.

EXTRA SPECIAL

50 Dozen Ladies Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, 50c Doz.
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J. M. NOLAN & SON

Dr. M. M. Davis, of Eugene, and a former resident of Corvallis, was visiting friends in the city today.

Mrs. Schmitt and son, Lawrence, returned to Albany yesterday after a brief visit to friends here.

Extra Special Sale 5,000 yards Black Taffeta Ribbons at J. M. Nolan & Son Saturday morning.

The O. A. C. baseball team has gone to Eugene where Captain Moore's nine will play the U. of O. team today and tomorrow.

The biggest athletic event of the season will be the Track meet here next Monday, when the University of Idaho will contest with O. A. C. in fifteen events.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Swan, Miss Gertrude McBee and Vernon Lake went to Eugene today by auto to witness the track meet and baseball game, returning this evening.

Dr. Howard don't keep you in the anxious chair and make you lose your valuable time and punish you a half day for 15 minutes work. A mechanic can always do a piece of work first class in a reasonable time. 8tf

Mrs. Margaret Bates is wrestling with the chickenpox.

William Purdy went to Burns this morning to look after his homestead.

Johnny Martin, of Irish Bend was a Corvallis visitor today.

Tom Reed and Riley Mathena of Wren were in the city yesterday.

Sam Marotte and Sam Michael will be over Sunday visitors with friends at Eugene.

Mrs. Arthur Buchanan went to Eugene this morning for a ten days' visit with friends.

Manford Stites, a prominent citizen of Alsea, was looking after business matters in Corvallis today.

Mrs. Will Horning entertained friends yesterday afternoon in honor of her sister, Mrs. Burger, of Ellensburg, Washington.

Mrs. Will Horning and sister, Mrs. A. A. Burgan, are driving to Harrisburg today to visit a sister, Mrs. Rialto Weatherford.

Go to Dr. Howard for the best and most artistic dental work. Twenty-two karat gold crowns reinforced with 18 karat gold solder made and put on in one hour. 8tf

Rev. Bishop Galloway, of the M. E. Church south, died very suddenly at his home in Mississippi this week. He had arranged for a western tour this summer and was to speak at the Great League Convention at Seattle next month.

Washington street has been graded from Tenth street to the Woodcock tract. This is an excellent piece of work and has long needed attention. Last winter it was almost impassable and should have been dubbed mudhole avenue.

A. R. Lock has bought the lot at the corner of Sixth and Jackson streets. The little house is being moved to the rear and a new front or main building will take its place. When completed it will make a very neat home and it will be occupied by himself and family.

The dredger that has been working in the river near the ferry for several days removing the gravel bar, finished the job yesterday and started down the river this morning for other scenes of action. For some time this bar has been forming and seriously interfered with the manipulation of the ferry boat.

Some 65 or more young people enjoyed the festivities at the Presbyterian church last night. Speeches were made by Prof. J. B. Horner, Virgil E. Waters and others. Rev. J. R. N. Bell rendered a piano solo which was particularly pleasing to the assembled multitude. Dainty refreshments were served and all seemed delighted with the evening so pleasantly and profitably spent.

Narrowly Escaped Death

A. N. Wood, of Wood Bros. Machine Shop, met with an accident this morning which came near ending his life. He was cutting a rubber belt when the sharp knife slipped and penetrated his leg just below the groin, missing the main artery by the narrowest margin. The wound was a deep one and very painful, but Mr. Wood is most thankful that it did not result more seriously. Dr. Johnson was called and cauterized the cut to prevent any further complications.

Trunks and suit cases at O. J. Blackledge's. 4-2-1f

UPLIFT IN OKLAHOMA.

Popular Higher Education Planned by School Officers.

ESPECIALLY IN THE COUNTRY

Courses in School and at Home in Wide Variety of Subjects Intended to Benefit Persons in All Stages of Enlightenment—The Beautifying of Homes to Be Taught.

There is to be an educational uplift in Oklahoma if the state committee to promote the university extension movement should succeed in its plans. This committee is composed of the Rev. A. Grant Evans, president of Oklahoma university; A. C. Scott of Epworth university; J. W. Scruggs, president of Kingsfisher college; John D. Benedict of Muscogee, superintendent of schools in Oklahoma for the federal government; Henry Meler of the state university, L. P. Whitcomb of the Southwestern Normal school at Weatherford and E. D. Cameron, state superintendent of education. The committee lately outlined its plans and adopted a course of study.

Superintendent Cameron said the other day that the only further step was to finance the undertaking, which he believed could be easily done. It is probable that Professor Scruggs may be chosen as superintendent of the movement and his headquarters established in the office of the state superintendent of education at Guthrie.

The state committee is rich in plans and purposes to carry the opportunities and benefits of education and culture into all the homes of the state, especially in the rural communities. First a course of study will be provided that will enable boys and girls deprived of high school advantages to gain credits by home study that will give them entrance to the state university and to the agricultural and mechanical college.

In addition there will be a broader course for persons of all ages, even college graduates, whose credits for study will lead to a university extension diploma. Citizens of intellectual attainment in the state will be invited to deliver lectures covering the course of study. Students will be required to pay a nominal sum for the expense incurred in these lectures, and the different state educational institutions will be called upon for funds to support the movement. A superintendent will be employed at a fixed salary.

It is believed that students preparing for college may get valuable assistance by taking this course of study. The committee will try to put a library into every country school.

The state committee has adopted these subjects for the course of study: Agriculture in all its phases, domestic science, domestic art, commercial law, electrical engineering, history, economics, pedagogy and applied psychology, literature, bird and nature study, geography, sociology, scientific road building, home sanitation, tree planting and culture, music, astronomy, physiology and business administration.

The committee has a most comprehensive purpose in its selection of these different departments of study. In domestic art will be taught the making of beautiful homes and of beautiful home surroundings, that the monotony and depression of unlovely things may be taken away. In sociology an attempt will be made to revive the old fashioned debating society, where persons of all ages may meet in friendly discussion of all problems affecting good citizenship and good government.—Guthrie (Okla.) Cor. Kansas City Star.

PAYNE'S TARIFF JOKE.

He Hadn't Been Consulted About the Baseball Schedule.

Representative Sereno E. Payne, father of the new tariff bill, brought himself a joke the other day. It was on several newspaper men who, from force of habit rather than from any startling successes, appeal to him each day for information regarding developments in the tariff situation. Now that the bill is in the senate Mr. Payne contents himself with reading the news instead of making it. Recently, however, he seemed indignant when the correspondents approached.

"There is a certain schedule upon which I have not been consulted," he announced, "and I don't mind confessing that I am angry about it."

"What is it?" asked a mighty chorus. "The American league baseball schedule," answered Mr. Payne, and when he had recovered from his laugh he explained that the Washington team had gone away on a long trip just at the time when he was idle and could find time to go to the games. The newspaper men went sadly away, for instead of the expected "good story" they had only this dubious quib.

Giant Navel Orange.

Although large oranges have been shown in the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce the past few years, the largest Washington navel orange ever received by the chamber was exhibited a few days ago. L. C. Weathers of Riverside was the producer of the big orange, which weighed slightly more than three pounds and measured sixteen inches in circumference. A peculiar circumstance is attached to the growing of the orange. The other oranges on the tree were all small, and the giant was the only piece of fruit large enough to eat. The tree was a young one and was bearing only its second crop of oranges.

THE MYSTERY OF MARS.

Old but Unsolved Problem, Is There Animal Life on the Planet?

With a planet so old as Mars and so far along in the process of life extinction the conditions of life would be severe, and only a highly intellectual and scientifically developed race could endure and master them. The engineering skill and constructive capacity to control the annual floods from the poles, store the waters and build the thousands of miles of huge canals would require scientific knowledge beyond that possessed by us at the present time and financial resources in excess of those we have yet accumulated. The nation that finds the digging of a little ditch at Panama so great a task would be helpless in the face of such a problem as these thousands of miles of Martian canals, if, indeed, canals they be. Yet, in view of the greater life age of Mars, such higher intelligence would be natural in the regular process of development, assuming that it has ever been the abode of intellectual life.

Scientists are in the main in a receptive state on this subject. They are not ready to admit that the existence of life on that planet has been proved. They do not deny it, but call for greater proof than a plausible theory. Among others than scientists there is in the main a disposition not to accept the Martian human life theory or the theory of life on any of the thousands of spheres that wheel and glister in illimitable space. They seem to think that such a theory conflicts with religion and dwarfs man and his importance in the scheme of creation.

This seems to be a very narrow view to take, since it appears to set bounds upon the infinite power and creative desires of the Almighty, whose great scheme of mortal and immortal life is not necessarily confined to a single planet or the few billions of human beings who are born and die upon it. As to dwarfing the importance of man, a few billions more added to the billions on earth would make little difference. Man is at best a small and insignificant creature, but if all embracing wisdom, power and love takes solicitude note of him it would be limiting those infinite qualities to say that one planet must be his abiding place. Therefore the question of human intelligence on Mars or any other planet of the solar system or the other great systems in remote space should be purely and simply a scientific one, to be accepted as true only when proved, but not to be rejected through sentiment or for any other reason whatever except lack of proof.—St. Louis Star.

An Oriental Blessing.

A well known representative from China, who was a guest at a wedding in a capital city, was approached after the ceremony by the best man and jokingly asked to go over to the young couple and pronounce a parental blessing. The obliging dignitary complied with pleasure. Placing his hands on the blushing bride and shaking bridegroom, he said: "May every new year bless you with a man-child offspring until they shall number twenty-five in all. May these twenty-five man children offspring present you with twenty-five times twenty-five grandchildren, and may these grandchildren—"

But the little bride grew hysterical about this time, and the oriental blessing was ended amid the laughter of the guests.—Ladies' Home Journal.

A Cowboy Spider.

"Faking aside," said the nature student, "there is in New Zealand a cowboy spider. This creature throws a coil of web like a lasso over its prey's head, then adds more and more coils and when the prey is bound hand and foot devours it."

"There is a Borneo spider that in the spring days plays a fiddle. It is a common thing for a lovesick spider to dance before his girl, but this Borneo boy my drawing his arm across his tum produces a sweet, clear note. Whenever he sees a good looking young lady spider he stops and gives her a tune, hoping to win her by music."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Miners' Freedom From Cancer.

"Miners never have cancer. In thirty-five years' practice in a mining town I haven't had a single cancerous patient."

"And to what, doctor, do you impute this immunity?"

"Miners are singularly cleanly. They bathe every day. They rarely smoke. They are a temperate and regular set. Above all—"

The physician smiled grimly.

"Miners," he said, "die young. Cancer is an old age disease. And there really is the reason of the miner's cancerous immunity."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Not the Same.

"Excuse me," he said as he entered the public library at Pegantic, "but do you have any social registers here?"

"No, we haven't," said the librarian, with considerable hauteur. "This here buildin' is het up by steam, and we hain't got nothin' but radiators, and we don't allow no settin' around with your feet on to them neither. The nearest thing we got to a social registry in this town is the postoffice stove."—Lippincott's.

A Reminder.

Mamma—What are you doing with that string, Lola? Lola (aged five)—Tyin' it on my finger, mamma, so if I forget anything I'll be sure to 'member it.—Chicago News.

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