LOCAL ITEMS AND CITY NEWS

Gleaned From Various Sources and Condensed.

Had the grip yet?

Wouldn't a little rain be a desirable change?

The two children and mother-in-law of Henry Smith, are quite ill.

L. A. Wentz, of Portland, was tuning the organ at the M. E. church, Wednesday.

The dance given by the M. A. W. band, at Bickner's hall, Tuesday evening, was a most pleasant and successful affair.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Collette is seriously ill of pneumonia. There is strong hope for her recovery.

Two Jersey Cows for Sale—Are just coming in; two and three years old. John Grady, corner John and Crawford streets.

Oliver Bryant, who has been quite sick the past week, from coming in contact with poison oak, is reported much better.

Parties from Portland were in town yesterday looking up a location for a foundry. There will be more about this new enterprise next week.

A switch engine left the O. R. & N. track near Jobes' mill Monday. Before it could be gotten on the rails an engine had to be brought from Portland.

A force of men are at work clearing the 60-acre Brazee tract, recently purchased by the Title Guarantee company. The tract will soon be placed upon the market.

John Poff, since parting with the hirsute appendage on his upper lip, is said to resemble the lamented President McKinley, a truly good man but not strikingly handsome.

The Ladies Civic Improvement League will meet in regular session at the residence of Mrs. W. C. Walker, next Tuesday afternoon. All members are requested to be present.

Fred Koerner is about finishing the work of enlarging and otherwise improving the elegant residence of M. L. Holbrook, on Willamette Heights, Portland.

Recognizing the prevalence of grip, Dr. Hensel offers the people of St. Johns an absolutely free treatment at his office, in the Cochran block, on Sunday, from 1 to 2 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Parker, foreman of the veneer factory, is contemplating the erection of a factory of his own, for the purpose of manufacturing Davis' patent cracker box cover, a St. Johns invention of high practical merit.

The Ladies of the Holy Cross parish will give a supper and social in St. Johns at some date before the advent of Lent. As it will be their first entertainment in the town proper a large attendance is anticipated.

We are pleased to hear that Wm. Davis of North Dakota, has decided to locate in St. Johns, Mrs. Davis having arrived the first of the week. Mr. Davis is employed at carpenter work with Suiter & Davis.

The Mt. Tabor Improvement club is making desperate efforts to have their beautiful suburb annexed to Portland. It seems to us the club might employ its energies to greater advantage by laboring to keep out.

Considerable sickness is reported throughout the district. The extreme changes in the weather is responsible. The weather is exceedingly variable, much more so than ordinary. The usual conditions at this season is rain.

Complaints are numerous of petty thefts being committed throughout the city. Carpenters tools seem to be special objects for the perpetrators. A number of valuable tools have been taken from buildings. It would be advisable to see that all valuables are put under lock and key as soon as possible.

The meanest sneak thief we have heard of for some time, was the one who entered the Evangelical church a few nights ago and stole the "birthday" contribution box, containing a snug sum in pennies which the children had deposited on their respective birthdays. Home talent is suspe,ted, and it is hoped the guilty parties will be arrested before long.

The Oliphant Sisters entertained a large audience at the M. E. church, Monday evening, with a sacred concert. Their singing was excellent, and their talk was intensely interesting. Every available seat was taken and standing room was at a premium. These ladies promise another entertainment in St. Johns Wednesdcy evening of next week at the same piace.

George Lumsden, the well known division superintendent of street railways, has resined his position and will go to Spokane, where he will enter the employ of a Spokane company. Mr. Lumsden was very popular, and Sunday evening the employes of the west side division presented him with a beautiful diamond ring as a testimonial of the high esteem in which he was held. Mr. Lumsden has been connected with the street railways of Portland for eighteen years.

Did you get a valentine?

Have you been skating yet?

A lodge of Maccabees is one of the next proposed new organizations contemplated in this city.

Did you see that man walking haughtily down the street? He is a plumber, and is king just at present.

The Chicago rooming house will be open next week. Mr. Hinman is fitting things up in good shape to accommodate the public.

Mrs. L. F. Chase is securing quite a large list of applicants for a new lodge of Modern Brotherhood of America, a fraternal insurance order.

P. J. Wrinkle has quite a collection of Indian flint arrowheads. These arrowheads, as all old residents know, can be found in considerable quantities about a mile below St. Johns.

The first railroad locomotive ever run in Oregon will form an interesting exhibit in the transportation building at the Lewis and Clark exposition. The locomotive is the property of David Hewes of San Francisco, who has had it for thirty years.

A prize of $100 is offered by I. N. Fleischner, chairman of the committee of the Lewis and Clark exposition for the best ballad written on the subject of the "Trail,". The subject may be treated either in its historical aspect, as relating to the Lewis and Clark trail which the hardy explorers followed on their trip to the Pacific, or the "Trail of 1905".

J. N. Railton arrived in St. Johns, Tuesday from his ranch near Wilhoit Springs. Mr. Railton met with quite a serious accident while driving along a county road with his wife and family, when the horse shied and backed over an embankment, overturning the cart, spilling the occupants out. Mr. Railton's shoulder was dislocated but the wife and babe escaped unhurt.

When the cars pulled out carrying the bridal couple, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Tuesday afternoon, the motorman gave several blasts of the whistle in honor of the event. A horse, attached to the St. Johns' Grocery Co. delivery wagon took fright and started off pell-mell up the railroad track, the driver after them. The animal was overtaken a few blocks away. The wagon was uninjured.

The versatile Miss Shepard is arranging for a novel "railway" social to be given March 6, under the auspices of the Junior League, of the M. E. church, Miss Shepard, directing. The social promises to be unique and something entirely out of the ordinary. Further particulars will follow next week. In the meantime, buy an excursion ticket if you have a chance, and you will be well entertained.

Mrs. M. L. Rowlands, assisted by her daughter, Miss Amy, entertained a number of her friends, Saturday evening. Card games and music were the features of the evening, and light refreshments were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Learned, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Callsin, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shepard, Miss Eva Braasch and Mr. Marsh, of Skamokawa.

St. Johns seems to be a regular Mecca for fraternal insurance orders. Four are already in existence and two more are contemplated. If fraternal insurance is the object, it would seem a reasonable proposition, that the existing organizations might be made stronger and less expensive than the organization of more. This lodge business seems to be the prevailing fad, however, and if people see fit to bear the expense, it is their business.

The landlady of one of St. Johns popular hotels was alarmed by some one going up the hotel stairs at midnight a few nights ago, and thinking it was morning, arose and dressed, built a fire, awakened the family and proceeded to get breakfast. When the disturbed and irritated members of her household told her the time of the night, she was much crestfallen and tried to pledge them to secrecy, but somehow it leaked out and got into print.

Deeds and Contracts.

The Review has printed and keeps in stock the latest and most perfect forms of deeds and contracts, which may be purchased at the office at prices less than is usually charged for such blank forms.

He Will Tell Them All About It.

Capt. and Mrs. A. A. Bridges, of Fort Worth, Texas, who have been spending the winter at University Park, paid St. Johns a visit Wednesday and took in all the mills, factories and new buildings. They expect to return to Texas in a few days.

"If I were not so old a man," said Mr. Bridges, "I would come to the Peninsula to live. But when a man reaches sixty-seven years, he is too old to break home ties. But this is a great country and a great climate, and I'll tell them so. If I was twenty years younger I would come here and farm. Yes sir, this is a great farming country, and I'll tell them that too."

The captain was on the confederate side during the civil war and commanded a company of 153 men. He participated in a number of historical engagemenls such as Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Chancellorville, etc., and can tell as thrilling a war story as any yet.

"Ever wounded, Captain?" asked the reporter.

"Yes sir," replied the gallant captain; "once or twice, but I'm not ashamed of my wounds; they are all in front, sir, all in front."

A Trial Rnn.

A mare attached to one of the delivery wagons of the West Coast Laundry company was so tickled over a new set of shoes put on by by Blacksmith Rowland yesterday that she started away from the shop on a run to give them a trial. The wind blew so hard that it stopped her when Jersey street was reached. But she leered off and taking a a new track ran quartering to the wind and succeeded in getting up sufficient speed to overturn the vehicle, smashing the bed and top of the wagon into kindling wood. The mare escaped uninjured.

Social Session Tonight.

Willumbia Assembly, No. 300, United Artisans, will hold an open session at Bickner's hall this Friday evening. A splendid program has been arranged, some excellent talent from Portland having been secured. Everybody is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. No admission fee will be charged, and refreshments will be free. If you want to spend a pleasant evening, be there. The Artisans are artists at entertaining.

The Cold Snap.

Last Friday and Saturday were cold days—for Oregon—and low temperature, so unusual, made the webfooters' teeth chatter. Great inconvenience was caused by the freezing of water pipes and Saturday morning St. Johns was most avowedly a "a dry city!"

C. R. Organ informs us that on the morning of February 10, 1903, the thermometer registered ten degrees above zero, while Saturday morning it showed 14 degrees above. These two mornings were the coldest of the season, and the coldest during seven years. Mr. Organ has been a close observer of the weather.

I. O. O. F. Propose Organizing.

A large meeting of members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows met at the city hall Monday evening for the purpose of taking steps to establish a lodge in St. Johns. The matter was discussed generally, when the charter list was opened for signatures. About fifteen of those members present signed, and several non-members petitioned to be initiated into the mysteries of the order. It is probable the charter list will contain about forty names. When the lodge is instituted a large number of applicants is anticipated. There is lots of room for such an institution here, as there are about one hundred members of the order residing in this locality.

A New Car.

The Portland Consolidated is running one of their new cars on the St. Johns line. It is built on most modern lines, equipped with all the latest appliances for safety and ease of handling. It is convertable from a closed to an open car. A beautiful painting adorns the front and rear windows, representing a railway track wiih Mt. Hood in the back ground. On the ties of the track is painted the names of all the suburban points reached by the line. No, not all either, the peninsula and St. Johns are prominent by their absence. This omission was noticed by many of our citizens, and they wonder if it is only an oversight or whether the importance of this district is so insignificant as to make it unworthy. We dont know to be sure. The car is a handsome one, anyway.

CITY BUILDING SIGHT.

The Council Committee Decide Upon a Site.

The committee appointed by the council to investigate and report back to the council an eligible site for city buildings and fire hall have agreed upon the property belonging to Joseph Engles, on Jersey street, two blocks from Burlington. The property consists of about 29,000 square feet, or six 50x100 foot lots, is fenced, has cistern, a comfortable five-room cottage, cellar, wood house and chicken house. It is conveniently located, but has a a frontage on only one street, Jersey. The price this property is held at is $2,200, and is regarded as quite reasonable. The buildings are not suitable for permanent quarters, but may be use, temporarily. The recommendation of the committtee meets with general approval, so far as we can learn. The report of the committee will come before a special meeting of the council to be held soon.

Burglars Can Look Elsewhere.

The Acme lumber company has the following notice now attached to the safe:

NOTICE TO SAFE BLOWERS.

There is no money in this safe. It has been blowed open. Our money is all in the bank.

Mail Schedule

Mail arrives at St. Johns at 7:45 a. m., and 1:15 p. m.

Leaves at 10:15 a. m., and 4:50 p. m.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Guy Shaddock is down with the grip.

L. C. Slater spent last Sunday in Newberg, Or., visiting his brother.

H. H. Carey of Sellwood, was in the city Tuesday, attending the wedding.

Mrs. Carrie Flitcheraft, of Chicago is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Peterson.

R. P. Shepard and R. Shepard made a business trip to Forest Grove this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eggman, of Skamokawa, are visiting with the family of Otis Learned.

W. V. Jobes returned yesterday from a ten-days' business trip to San Francisco.

J. V. Jobes has been in San Francisco on a business trip this week. He returned today.

F. J. Koerner, St. Johns' hustling contractor, is suffering from grip, but is still able to be about.

Chas. Wood, a prominent capitalist of Saginaw, Mich., has been in the city this week viewing out the promising points for the future.

John King, a prominent lumberman from St. Paul, Minn., was looking for a business location in our city, the first of the week.

Fred Hamilton, assessor of Stevens county, Wash., was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Hamilton shipped a lot of cottonwood logs to the Cone mill.

Rev. E. E. McVicker is spending a couple of weeks at Troutdale, where he is holding revival services. He comes home over Sunday to take charge of his regular Sunday services.

Aslak Aslakson, a merchant and wife of Cambia, Minn., Peter Hanson, a miller of Cottage Grove, Or., Ed. Johnson and daughter, of LaCenter, Wash., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Peterson this week.

Wm. Stow and wife of Frankfort, Michigan, are in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Couch. They have been stopping in Redland, Cal., for a few months, but express themselves as liking Oregon better than the country south, and they will probably remain.

Messrs Walter Speed and G. A. Flanders formerly of Wisconsin but now residing at Sellwood was in the city Saturday looking around. Mr. Speed is an old newspaper man having for several years been editor and publiser of a paper at Chiteck, Wisconsin.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Seventh Day Adventist—Sabbath school at 10 a. m.; regular service at 11 a. m. every Sabbath; prayer meeting Wednesday evening. E. D. Hurlbert, elder.

Congregational Services will be held at Bickner's Hall every Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Sunday school at 2:30.

M. E. Church—Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; Sunday school 10 a. m.; class meeting 12 m.; prayer meeting Thursday evening 7:30 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Sunday; Junior League, 2:30 p. m. Sunday.

United Evangelical Church—Preaching every Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m.; Jr. K. L. C. E., 2:30 p. m.; Sr. K. L. C. E., 6:45 p. m.; prayer meeting, Thursday 7:30 p. m. W. F. Johnson, class leader; E. E. McVicker, pastor.