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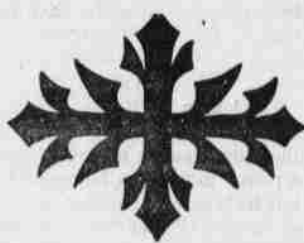
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## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

The Lenten season closes April 12, All the new lines at the Fair Store. Easter Sunday falls on April 12 this year.

Beatie & Beatie, Dentists, Weinhard, Building, rooms 16, 17 and 18.

For embroidery, lace and buttons, call at the Fair Store.

A marriage license has been issued to H. A. Thiesseu, of Milwaukie, and Miss Mildred Gower.

The game of ball advertised to be played between the teamsters and clerks last Sunday did not come off on account of the rain.

A suit for divorce has been filed by Royal Holcomb against his wife, Grace M. Holcomb. He alleges cruel and inhuman treatment.

Ambrose Bailey died at Los Angeles, Cal., last Saturday. He was formerly a hotel proprietor here and is a brother of Mrs. J. W. Norris.

Born, to the wife of Mr. J. de la Fontaine of Alameda, Calif., a fine ten-pound boy. Mrs. de la Fontaine formerly lived in Oregon City.

The annual ball of the Knights and Ladies of Security will be held in the Willamette hall this evening. The music will be furnished by Turney's orchestra.

Save Portland car fare and spend your money at home by trading at the Fair Store.

The postponed game of baseball between the teamsters and clerks, will be played off at the Willamette ball park next Sunday afternoon, if the weather will permit. The boys are practicing daily and the game will be a hummer.

The various roadmasters of the county are collecting the three dollar poll tax in pursuance of the new law. All males between 21 and 60 years of age liable for this tax in cash. The tax can be wiped out, however, by two days' work on the county road.

About fifteen member of the Textile workers of this city went to Sellwood last Saturday and organized a Textile union among the employees of the Sellwood Woolen mills. There are thirty charter members and many more promised. There will be another meeting next Saturday.

Friday evening, March 27, an entertainment was given at the Willamette hall for the benefit of the Eastham school library, entitled "An Evening in Ireland." The house was crowded with the elite of Oregon City who were truly appreciative of the excellent program rendered. The proceeds amounted to \$50.

F. J. Montgomery, a local hotel keeper, is enthusiastic over the idea of having an old time southern colored religious gathering in Oregon City. In view of the fact that there are only two colored people in Oregon City the audience, so far as Oregon City is concerned, will have to come from the whites.

F. L. Storrs, a carpenter employed by Johnson & Andrews on the Methodist church, fell from a scaffolding last Saturday morning and was seriously hurt. The plank upon which he was standing gave way and he fell about ten feet. The ligaments of the shoulder blade were torn loose and he was otherwise badly hurt.

Oregon City fishermen have complained that sawdust is being dumped into the Willamette river from the paper mills in such a manner as to render seining impossible. The matter will be brought before the fish warden in time to be investigated before the salmon fishing season begins, April 15.

The open season for trout fishing began Wednesday, April 1, and numerous disciples of Isaac Walton have been whipping the streams near town for the speckled beauties since. Clackamas county has a dozen or more of the finest trout streams in the world and some great catches will no doubt be recorded before another week has passed.

A large number of Greeks who have been employed on the O. W. P. & R. Co's, right of way by Springwater, quit work last Friday and passed through Oregon City on their way to Portland. On being questioned as to why they had quit work, they said "no navy." None of them could talk English. There are a number of Greeks at work there yet.

Old Mr. Dickelman, deputy street superintendent, let one of his prisoners escape Monday morning. He had two hobs out cleaning the streets, each under a ten day's sentence, when one of them made a "bake" towards Canemah. The officer shut the other prisoner up and then hunted up his superior officer and started in pursuit, but the hobo had made good his escape.

Terry McGovern was defeated in a fist encounter in San Francisco Tuesday evening by "Young Corbett." In an eleven round go. The returns from the fight were received at Cole's saloon in special bulletins, and a large crowd of sports gathered there to hear the bulletins read. Very little Oregon City money changed hands as the sporting element in this city was inclined to back McGovern and they could find no takers.

The following epitome of the verbal instructions of Aida Overton Walker, to her "cake walk" class in Gotham, cannot but interest the lovers of this darkey dance everywhere: "Keep the shoulders well back, let them swing easily, always bend from the hips, smile to enjoy it. Go slowly and easily; don't walk, bound or jump. A little flirtation is requisite, but don't flourish handkerchiefs.

Deputy Assessor, F. J. Nelson, has received notice from the Bureau of Navigation, in Washington City, that he is entitled to a bronze medal for meritorious service on the battleship Oregon, in the battle of Santiago. He served 19 months on the Oregon and received an honorable discharge at Manila. There are three others Clackamas county boys who served on the Oregon. They are Charles Boylan, Arthur Quinn and C. H. Williams. The bronze medals are made from the Spanish guns captured off the coast of Cuba.

The sacred concert given by the Methodist church in Oregon City last Sunday evening attracted a large congregation. The concert was held in the Woodmen's hall and there was hardly standing room. Miss Mary Case sang two solos, which were very much appreciated by a large audience present. Chas. Blum also treated the congregation to a fine solo, while Miss Smith, of Portland, contributed to the entertainment with a vocal selection which was much appreciated. Miss Echo Sampson accompanied the soloists on the piano.

The latest shirt-waist patterns at the Fair Store.

Edward Nelson, of Highland, has sold his farm of 120 acres to Wm. Davis of Rock Springs, Wyoming. Mr. Nelson will move to Oregon City and resides here at the present. Mr. Davis has taken possession of the ranch and will farm it this year. His family has not arrived from Wyoming as yet but will join him at Highland in a couple of weeks. This is another good addition to the population of Oregon City and Clackamas county. Mr. Davis did what all well advised new comers into this county does, subscribed for the Courier for one year and is thus started off in good shape.

Mrs. William Galloway, of this city, has been honored with an important commission from the Women's Committee of the Lewis & Clark Fair. She will be in charge of the new clubs being started over the state, these having for their object the promotion and welfare of the 1905 fair. These clubs are expected to add greatly to the successful opening and operation of the big fair. Mrs. Galloway will go to every part of the state on her mission, and she expects to have completed the greater part of the work by the time a state convention will be held May 20. One of the objects to be accomplished by this meeting of delegates it is expected to secure the erection of a Women's Building at the Fair ground.

## PERSONALS

George Winsett, of Eagle Creek, was in Oregon City Sunday.

Miss Ella Dempster visited friends in Portland a few days last week.

Rev. Frank H. Mixsell has returned from a short trip to Boise, Idaho.

Rea Norris has returned to Eugene after a short visit with his folks here.

Mrs. George Blanchard, of New Era, was visiting friends in this city Monday.

Miss Anetta Gleason closed a seven months' term of school at Jones' Mill Friday.

Chas. Pembroke, of near Atkins mill was in town the first of the week on business.

John Dickelman is suffering from a severe case of typhoid fever at his home on Ninth St.

Miss Lois Ford has accepted a position as teacher of the Springbrook school for the ensuing term.

August Kruger, one of Logan's prominent citizens, was in town Monday mixing with the boys.

John Kabourek, of Macksburg, was in Oregon City Tuesday. Mr. Kabourek is a native of Bohemia.

Miss Mary Case left Tuesday morning for New York City where she will complete her musical education.

O. W. Eastham who went to Roseburg last week to prove up on his timber claim, returned home Saturday.

Judge Thomas A. McBride held a one day's term of the Circuit court Saturday but no business of any consequence was done.

Howard and Jack Latourette, two Oregon City boys who are students of Eugene college, are home for the Easter holidays.

C. Schuebel left Tuesday for Buckner Creek for a few days' fishing trip. He was accompanied by his brother, Gus Schuebel.

Charles Welsh and William Buckley both of Highland left on last Monday for Prineville, Oregon where they expect to take up homesteads.

H. E. Werner, of Willamette Falls, has sold his property on the West Side to Mr. Clansy, the well known and popular boss at the Crown Paper mill for \$300 cash. He has bought the place for renting.

H. J. Roake, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Oregon City for the past several days, left Monday morning for San Francisco, where he will resume his duties as midshipman on board the Independence.

Mrs. H. C. Stevens left Sunday evening for San Francisco for the bedside of her son, Harry Stevens, who has been stricken with paralysis. The stroke followed a serious attack of diphtheria. Mr. Stevens had been ill for several months.

Willard Morse, for several years a clerk in the drugstore of G. A. Harding, and who has been a student in the University of Oregon for the past six months, was in the city last Friday and Saturday. Saturday he left for the Dallas where he will take a position in a drugstore.

Miss Florence Westover, the sister of the editors of the Courier arrived in Oregon City Saturday evening from Kentucky, after a ten days lay over at Seattle where she stopped to visit. Miss Westover is out on a visit and may or may not return to Kentucky this fall.

Mr. S. W. Thornton will leave this week for North Yakima, in the State of Washington, where he expects to make his future home. His cousin, J. C. Thornton, went to that part of the country some months ago and is just recovering from severe attack of typhoid fever.

J. W. Cole, more commonly called Wallace, one of the best fellows in the world, left on the night train Saturday for San Francisco where he will spend the next few weeks taking "sun baths" and showing the Angels just what an Oregonian looks like any way. Mr. Cole has earned his vacation and we hope he will have a good time.

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## BEWARE OF FAKIRS.

Chicago Portrait Company Playing a Dangerous Game.

There are all sorts of schemes and all sorts of schemers who resort "to ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" in endeavoring to extort money from an unsuspecting public, and Clackamas county, in the state of Oregon has been a regular mecca for these swindlers, who seek to fleece honest people out of hard earned coin, for a good many months past. Among recent attempts of this sort the pastel portrait business is probably as bad as the worst. A few days ago a sleek looking agent for "The Chicago Portrait Company, called at the home of a prominent lady in Gladstone. He talked glibly and put up as good a "spiel" as the average fakir, but the lady had nothing in the portrait line that needed enlarging and she told the agent so. The agent was not to be put off with a simple and emphatic "no," and persisted that she ought to have the picture of her little girl enlarged. He actually went into rhapsodies over the photo, and finally, after seeing that he could get no orders from that source, told the lady that he would take the picture and have it enlarged at the Company's own expense, just as an advertisement.

The lady demurred. She was afraid that if he took the picture she would never get it back, and refused to allow the agent to take it. In the meantime the agent had picked up the picture and put it in his pocket, and was walking out the door. The lady protested, pleaded almost with tears in her eyes, but the wily scoundrel simply laughed at her and carried the picture away with him.

A few days later her husband received a notice from alleged Chicago Portrait Company, saying that they had his order taken by Mr. A. W. Maxwell, agent, for a pastel photo, 16x20, and that the cost of the same would be \$3.69. They also offered to sell him a frame for the picture at a "very reasonable" price. What the husband said is probably not printable, but he is looking for the agent who took the order, and it is a safe conclusion that if he runs across him there will be something doing. The gentleman will not pay for the pastel and if the photo is not returned to him in good order, will likely institute a suit against the Chicago Portrait Company.

## Harry French Burned Out.

On Saturday evening at 2 o'clock, Harry French left his residence on the Abernethy, accompanied by his wife and little daughter, and went up town to spend the evening. Mrs. French, in company with her sister, took the motor car for Sellwood to visit her parents. Suddenly, at about 10 o'clock, fire broke out in Mr. French's house and blazing up fiercely, entirely consumed it with all its contents, furniture, carpets, provisions and other valuables, in short, everything. The loss is a severe one to the family, as they saved nothing except the clothes they wore, and had no insurance.

## Saved the Loved Ones.

Mrs. Mary A. Vliet, Newcastle, Colo., writes: "I believe Ballard's Horehound Syrup is superior to any other cough medicine, and will do all that is claimed for it, and it is so pleasant to take. My little girl wants to take it when she has no need for it." Ballard's Horehound Syrup is the great cure for all pulmonary ailments. 25c, 50c and \$1 at Chasman & Co.



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F. C. GADKE