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## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Five telephones have been installed in Gladstone.

Services are held at the Presbyterian church each night this week, except Saturday.

J. U. Campbell has received his commission as Captain of Co. A. Third regiment, O. N. G.

Judge T. F. Ryan has been appointed a delegate to the National good roads convention, which meets in St. Louis April 27th.

The members of Warner Grange, post will give a mask ball at the hall at New Era on the evening of Saturday April 18th. The public are invited.

Captain John Graham of this city, and Wm. Knight, of Canby, have been named as grand jurors in the United States court and must report in Portland April 27th.

Albert Walter and Miss Edith Hoskins were married at the home of the bride, on the 20th inst., at 1:30 p. m. Rev. Frank Mixell of the Presbyterian church officiated.

The Portland General Electric Company is replacing the 1000 volt wire along Main street with a 2000 volt wire. Taller poles are also being erected in the place of the old ones.

Last week James Dickey visited the town for the first time in five months. The Republican convention brought him. Life in Molalla must have many charms more alluring than urban life.

Sixteen hundred sacks of wheat came down from Corvallis Sunday for the Portland Flouring mills on the steamer, Ruth, and seventy-five tons of flour was loaded on board and taken to Portland.

The swarm of Greeks working on the railway track for \$1.10 a day, take good care that they do not earn any more than they get. The realism of house-keeping in a box car seems to fit their taste.

J. W. Wallace, an old and respected citizen of Highland, died at his home Monday from diseases incident to old age. He was 88 years old. The remains were buried at Highland cemetery Wednesday.

All correspondents who are out of stationery are requested to notify us just as soon as they conveniently can. We will have paper printed for each of our correspondents this week and will send it out to them on application.

William Delose Bowers died at his home in Canemah last Sunday at the age of 65 years. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church Tuesday at 2 p. m., after which the remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery.

A suit for divorce has been filed in the Circuit court by Florence May Broyles against her husband, William Broyles. She alleges cruel and inhuman treatment. She asks to be restored to her maiden name, Florence May Mullen.

The Kansas City wagon bridge has been closed to traffic, it having dropped several inches in the center, caused by rotting timbers. The bridge was built more than ten years ago and has never been repaired, and now it will cost the city a nice little sum.

After two of the most beautiful winter months, February and March, ever experienced in the Willamette valley by even the proverbial "oldest inhabitant," April has started in like a roaring lion and we are likely to get some of the bad weather we didn't get earlier.

Mrs. George W. Grace gave a silhouette party to a few of her intimate friends Friday evening of last week. Rev. Frank Mixell captured the first prize. Dainty refreshments were served and a general good time was enjoyed. Those present were Rev. Frank Mixell and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scott, Miss Fairclough, Miss Westover and Mrs. Westover.

Dr. Roberts, of Eagle Creek, died at the St. Vincent's hospital in Portland last Monday as the result of an operation. He was 68 years of age and the leading practitioner in that part of the county. Funeral services were held under the auspices of the Meade Post Wednesday, after which the remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery.

Mining deals amounting to \$692,000 have been filed at the court house by the Northern Light Mining company. Eleven claims in the Northern Light and Bonanza quartz lode, are included in the transfers. These mines are situated six miles above the mouth of the Salmon river. The claims were purchased by the company from a number of prominent persons in that section of the country at good round figures.

W. D. Bowers died at his home in Canemah Sunday night at the age of 65 years. The cause of his demise was dropsy. He was a Civil war veteran, having enlisted in the regular army at the age of 21 years, and served four years fighting for the flag. At the time of his discharge from service he had attained the honors of a first lieutenant. Mr. Bowers was a native son of New York, and emigrated to Oregon about fourteen years ago. Mr. Bowers had been a steadfast member of the Baptist church for the past forty years. A wife and several children survive him. Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church, Rev. J. H. Beaven officiating, after which the remains were taken in charge by the Meade Post, assisted by the Women's Relief Corps and the Sola Circle, W. O. W., and laid to rest in the city cemetery.

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

For Sale or Exchange.

Three houses and lots in Oregon City. All rented. Will trade for residence or business property in Washington or California. Will assume mortgage or pay difference. What have you to exchange?

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Wanted Wood.

50 cords at Schrader's Bakery.

## SOURCE OF WEALTH

CLACKAMAS COUNTY HOLDS ENORMOUS DEPOSITS OF FINE BITUMINOUS COAL.

Great Veins Have Been Discovered in the Cascade of Finest Quality.

No county in the world probably holds within its borders a richer deposit of mineral wealth than old Clackamas. In addition to her wonderful water power, her swift flowing rivers, her magnificent forests and endless agricultural resources she has mineral wealth so abundant that half of the world could be enriched from her untouched mines. Last week there was uncovered near Table Rock by F. O. Barstow a vein of bituminous coal as fine as can be found in the land. The vein is from six to ten feet thick and has every indication of being permanent and lasting. The coal is of the very finest grade of bituminous coals and will run over ninety-five per cent pure carbon and will evidently make fine coking coal. This discovery was followed up by Mr. Barstow and on Monday he filed on a claim of 160 acres and will as soon as he gets his title in shape take proper steps to develop his claim. It seems from many indications cropping out that miles and miles of the foothill of the Cascade mountains are underlaid with this fine body of coal. Being so near to the city of Portland and so near to the great ports of the Northwest where all of the great steamers and warships that play around the Horn and across the blue waters of the Pacific the time will no doubt soon come when this coal will find an abundant and ready market at a fair price and then one of the greatest industries of the Pacific Northwest will come into life. Clackamas county will yet wake from her lethargy and be what she ought to be, the leading county on the Pacific coast.

Rastus Smith's Literary Partnership With a North Carolina Senator.

Rastus Smith, the young man from this city who is studying at McMinnville College with the object of becoming a Baptist preacher, has got himself into a bushel of trouble. When his oration or essay came out a few days ago, which gave him the medal in the annual intercollegiate oratorical contest, his friends wondered. It was a remarkable production for a person of his years and opportunities for culture. But Rabbi Wise of Portland, noted its resemblance to the lecture of Senator Zebulon Baird Vance on "The Scattered Nation" and the "deadly parallel" revealed that a large portion of Smith's address had been cribbed from the first part of it, in short that if all which emanated from Vance were eliminated from Smith's oration it would remain a nearly fleshless skeleton. The intercollegiate association, being worthy, has convicted the transgressor of "gross and culpable carelessness," and barred McMinnville college from participation in the next annual contest. All this academic rumpus gives Rastus a great deal of advertising of a kind not enviable.

Financial Statement of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Month ending, March 1st, 1903.	
Cash on hand March 1, 1903.....	\$ 49
RECEIPTS.	
Locker rent.....	2 50
Memberships.....	30 50
Subscriptions and sustaining members.....	73 30
Educational and music class fees.....	5 00
Towels.....	5 50
	\$119 29

DISBURSEMENTS.	
Salaries.....	\$24 05
Lights.....	10 30
Laundry.....	1 65
Water.....	1 25
Interest on notes outstanding.....	14 80
Recording.....	1 20
Printing.....	1 50
Expense of basket ball team to Salem.....	10 71
Stamps.....	40
Magazine.....	1 50
Soap.....	25
Matches.....	65
Cash on hand, March 31st, 1903.....	\$51 49
	\$119 29

INDEBTEDNESS MARCH 31, 1903.

General Secretary's salary for March.....	\$50 00
Portland General Electric Company.....	8 80
E. L. Johnson (laundry).....	1 85
	\$60 65
Minus Cash on hand.....	51 49
Actual indebtedness.....	9 16
W. H. BRACH General Secretary	

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One hundred and sixty acres of desirable land in the heart for the stock range seven miles east of Molalla corners. Three acres cultivation all level and easily cleared. A bargain for the right man. Will sell cheap and want to close at once. For particulars call on or write W. M. Smith, Curus, Oregon.

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There's nothing like doing a thing thoroughly. Of all the Salves you ever heard of, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best. It sweeps away and cures Burns, Cuts, Bolls, Ulcers, Skin Eruptions and Piles. It's only 25c, and guaranteed to give satisfaction by Geo. A. Harding, Druggist.

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## PERSONALS

Col. P. F. Morey, of Oswego, was in the city on Monday.

Mrs. Thomas Knowles is quite ill at her home in this city.

Miss Elvelyn Dempster has recovered from an attack of lagrippe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Teeling, of St. John's visited relatives in this city Sunday.

Miss Annie Mooney, of Clackamas, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fisher Sunday.

Mrs. Peter Wing, of New Era, was the pleasant guest of Mrs. E. W. Scott this week.

The new picket fence sets off Howard Brownell's house in Goose Flat to advantage.

Mrs. Mike Grosse returned Monday evening from a visit to her sister's at Woodburn.

Hamilton & Purcell have reopened the liquor house on the corner opposite the Courier office.

About two weeks from now Mr. Lovett's ice plant will be in readiness for freezing water.

Mrs. Charles Bradley, of Hillsboro, was visiting Mrs. Charles Parker, of this city, last week.

W. E. Straight, of Currinsville, an old and jolly bachelor was in Oregon City visiting friends Saturday and Sunday.

Charles Kelly is gradually recovering from his severe attack of rheumatism. Illness has robbed his cheeks of the glow of health.

Fred Meindl is teaching at Nehalem, Columbia county. His wife accompanied him to the breezy seacoast school district and they are keeping house.

J. W. Cole, who for two weeks has been hibernating around the Golden Gate and basking in the sunshine of San Francisco returned home on Monday evening. He reports a delightful time and says that he saw all of the sights of that modern Babylon.

Mrs. Barnette and Miss Nora Barnette, of Athena, Oregon, the latter grand warden of the Rebecca Assembly of Oregon, were the guests last week of Mrs. W. H. Howell. Mrs. Barnette is doing some work for the propagation of the Rebecca order in this state a large for women that is rapidly becoming the most popular of any in the state.

On Monday afternoon J. A. Yates spilled some of the best red blood in the state at the end of the woodpile opposite the rear of Mr. Roos' saloon. Yates is from Yamhill. He got full. He cursed and raved and insulted and for that Henry Rooslicked him and his father sided. Yates should stick to Yamhill booze. This place is too lively for men of his calibre.

H. Grimm, of Macksburg, was in Oregon City on Monday last attending to business and meeting old friends. Mr. Grimm is a native of Hamburg, Germany, migrated to America in 1864, and has been in Oregon for the last 15 years and in Clackamas county for the last four years. Mr. Grimm in politics is now a Socialist and says that he expects to vote that ticket from this time on. He is tired of seeing the county robbed year after year and the tax rate become higher with each returning season. His neighborhood is a strong Socialist locality and may in the next election show a Socialist majority. Mr. Grimm likes Oregon as a state and a good place in which to live.

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 Charman & Co.



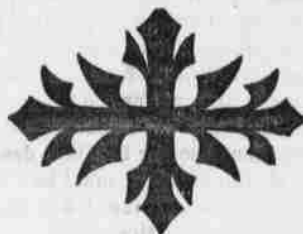
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