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## LOCAL BRIEFS

C. B. Jamison, of the Molalla country, spent the fore part of the week in this city.  
Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Hawley, of Estacada, spent the fore part of the week in the county seat.  
Mrs. Gilbert Cotton, who has spent several weeks near Molalla, left Thursday morning for Astoria where she lives.  
Mrs. James Marshall, of Seattle, Wash., is visiting her brother, Charles Y. Olson, who lives in the Highland district.  
Mrs. A. J. Allen returned to her home Sunday after being confined in the Oregon City hospital for the last week following an operation.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Day, of Portland, who have been spending a week with relatives in the Colton country have returned to their home.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bornton, of the western part of the county, were in town Friday to arrange for a trip to San Francisco during the spring.  
Helena Morris, the seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Morris, of Aurora, is seriously ill at the home of Mrs. W. H. Samson of this city.  
William Jenkins, who lives on the South End road, was taken to the local hospital Wednesday where he underwent an operation on an injured foot.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Henderson and their daughter, Miss Ruth Henderson, of Clarke county, Wash., are spending a few days with relatives in the Colton district.  
J. E. Jack suddenly became ill while at work Tuesday morning at his office in the court house and was forced to go home. He is suffering from an attack of lumbago.  
Mrs. Sadie Ward, who lives in the Stafford district, is planning an extensive trip through the east during the spring months. She was in town Monday morning.  
Vern Roake, who, by an attack of pneumonia, was forced to leave his studies at the Oregon Agricultural college about a week ago and come to his home in this city, is much better.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Ingles, of the Stafford country, were in Oregon City Wednesday. They will leave the latter part of the week for Seattle, where they will visit relatives.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kerlee, who have been touring in California, have stopped in Oregon City for a few days on their trip north from that state, to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jones.  
Mrs. Henry Kerbs underwent a serious operation at the Oregon City hospital Wednesday morning. According to reports late that evening she is improving. Her home is at Clackamas Heights.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holhurst, who have lived in Marion county a short way south of Aurora for the past 10 years, passed through Oregon City Monday on their way to Seattle where they will spend several weeks with their son, Robert Holhurst.

## BIG CROWD GREET'S DECLAMATION CONTEST

EVERY SEAT IS TAKEN AT HIGH SCHOOL—SAMUEL McLARTY WINS FIRST PRIZE

A crowd so large that every seat in both the lower floor and the balcony was filled and the aisles were full of persons standing, greeted the declamation and oratorical contest of the Clackamas county school league Saturday evening at the high school.  
As originally planned the papers, which formed the literary contest, were to have been returned from the teachers in Portland, who acted as judges, in time to announce the winners Saturday evening, but the papers did not arrive. The program was opened by a vocal solo by Miss Mary Confer. This was followed by a song by the students of the eight grade of the Barclay school.  
Clinton Griffin, a student in the Oregon City High school delivered an oration, taking for his subject the modern trend of American life. In the declamation contest, Samuel McLarty won the first prize with "My Sister's Best Friend," and Ruth Ketchum second with "Rienvis Romanus."  
The programme follows:  
Vocal solo.....Mary Confer  
Song.....Harley Eighth Grade  
Oratorical Contest.....Clinton Griffin, O. C. H. S.  
Song.....Eastham Eighth Grade  
Declamation Contest.....Eastham school contestants—  
"Rienvis Romanus".....Ruth Ketchum  
"You Put no Flowers on My Father's Grave".....Myrtle Swallow  
"Love of Country".....Sophia Muller  
Barclay school contestants—  
"Maud Miller".....Gladys January  
"The Wedding Pie".....Clyde Schuebel  
"My Sister's Best Friend".....Samuel McLarty  
Violin solo.....Harless Ely

## SECOND SPELLING BEE WON BY GIRL

ELNA ASPLUND, AGE 14, BEST SPELLER IN FOUR SCHOOLS—STUDENTS HOLD FAIR

At the third of the scheduled spelling bees in Clackamas county, which was held at Colton Friday, Elna Asplund, age 14, years, outspelled the students of the four school districts which took part. The four best spellers of the Bee Hill, Colton, Cedarvale, and James schools took part in the final contest which decided the champion of that subdivision. Many attend the contest.  
After the spelling bee, the students of the Colton school held a school fair. Prizes were offered by the merchants of the town for the best exhibits of birdhouses, bread, and general carpentry work. Oscar Trigar won the first prize on birdhouses. In the bread making contest, in the white bread division, Eskel Reyhand won first prize and Doris Deynhard second and in the rye bread bread, Elna Asplund first and Hennie Anderson second. Eskel Reyhand won first prize in the carpentry work display with a lampstand and George Dhooghe the second with a bungalow.  
County School Superintendent J. E. Calavan and Supervisor Brenton Vedder gave short addresses on school matters. The bee and fair was in charge of Supervisor H. N. James.  
A fair exchange beats six unfair ones.

## HUTCHINSON SECURES VERDICT OVER COBB

LONG DRAWN OUT CASE OVER HORSE IN CANBY IS BEFORE CIRCUIT COURT

At least one of the suits in the well known "horse" case was settled Friday in the circuit court when the jury awarded Hutchinson a verdict against Cobb for either the return of the horse or its value which the jury placed at \$200.  
Early in the fall the Canby Mercantile company turned over to its attorney, Cobb, a bill against Hutchinson, amounting to less than one hundred dollars. Cobb, it is claimed, went to Hutchinson and, acting as his own constable, foreclosed on Hutchinson's horse. The animal was taken by a livery stable in Canby owned by a man named Shearer and kept there until the case was settled.  
The case was taken before Justice Knight, of Canby, several times for settlement, but each time was postponed or appealed to the circuit court. In the meantime Shearer was receiving no money for the boarding of the horse as he obtained judgement and sold the animal. The horse has been sold several times since it passed from Shearer's hands and its present owner is not known.  
One of the two points which were appealed from the justice court to the higher court was tried today. It charged that Cobb took illegal possession of the horse on the grounds that the law provides that every man is entitled to a team free from garnishment.

## WATER SITUATION TAKES NEW TURN

DR. PICKENS SUGGESTS THAT WEST LINN OWN ITS OWN WATER SYSTEM

THREE SOURCES WITHIN THREE MILES

Matter of Lighting Suspension Bridge Brought up at Improvement Club Meeting and Money Subscribed

That if Oregon City and West Linn could not come to an agreement over the water situation, West Linn has three possible sources of pure water within a radius of three miles with the statement of Dr. L. L. Pickens, chairman of the water committee of the West Side Improvement club, at a meeting of the club Thursday evening at the West Linn city hall.  
Mr. Pickens told of the action of the West Linn council at the meeting Wednesday evening in appointing a committee to come to an agreement with the Oregon City officials, and outlined to the club the history of the case in a general way from the beginning.  
Best Water System.  
He believes that in case Oregon City and West Linn can come to no agreement, the best thing for the latter city to do is to build a system of its own. Three sources of pure water are within three miles of West Linn according to Mr. Pickens. Although he did not tell the three sources to which he referred, it is thought that they are the Williams springs, a spring near the Tualatin river near Yamette, and a well between Willamette and West Linn.  
It is thought that each of these could furnish enough pure water for West Linn at least for several years to come. The water from the Williams springs is at the present time used by the town of Willamette. The cost of any of these projects compared with a co-operative plant with Oregon City has not been estimated, but the prevailing opinion is that due to the nearness of the source of supply, the cost would be less.  
Would Light Bridge.  
The matter of lighting the suspension bridge was brought up at the meeting and \$60 subscribed toward installing the lights. The Portland Railway Light and Power company offered to furnish the electricity to light the bridge provided that some reliable organization would agree to replace the worn-out globes and attend to them. The proposition was taken before the county court by the Live Wires of the Oregon City Commercial club but the commissioners refused to take any action at the time.  
It is estimated that the lights would cost \$90. The improvement club voted \$20 toward the sum and those present at the meeting estimated that the remainder can be secured in Oregon City.  
Submit City Hall Plans.  
Plans were submitted for the new city hall. It is probable that the council at the next meeting will take some step toward the issuing of bonds for the construction of the building.  
The good road bond issue and the advantage of good roads was the subject for a talk by Judge Grant B. Dimick. He told of the advantage to the farmer to the merchant and to the county in general of well surfaced highways.  
J. W. Draper reported on the proposed pavements of the county road in the center of West Linn. Ira Lytle read the findings of the committee on the high school and grounds for the building.

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Judge G. B. Dimick, who wore a green ribbon, unconsciously inspired the ventriloquist to produce the following dialogue, between two childish voices outside the door:  
"Come in little girl and speak a piece."  
"I'm afraid," was the answer.  
"Afraid of what?"  
"I'm afraid of that fellow with the green ribbon," the voice replied.  
"What are you afraid of him for?"  
"I'm afraid he's after me."  
"What makes you think he's after you?"  
"Because he's running for governor."  
Judge Dimick, when introduced by the president, gave a vigorous speech touching on the value of Oregon livestock and the opportunity that raising it offered every boy who was not afraid of hard work. He believed every boy entitled to an education, but there is no education like a purpose in life and the will to accomplish it.  
Rev. George N. Edwards made a few remarks on the moral effect of playing fair and doing honest work.  
T. J. Garry, a former president of the brotherhood, told of his enjoyment in teaching in the Trades Schools of Portland.  
Mr. Plummer spoke again, taking a timely interest in the occasion and suggesting the obtaining of proper playgrounds at the earliest opportunity. Mention was made of the tennis courts about to be laid out in library park and on the high school grounds, but the main contention by all who spoke seemed to be the need of a large field for baseball, basketball and football.  
C. S. Noble suggested a place that would be most suitable if certain streets were vacated that are not likely to be needed.  
The boys were called on to respond Albert Roake, Wendell Smith, Everett Dye and Delia Draper of Bolton. All made appropriate remarks, emphasizing the feeling of the young people that somewhere within the city a place should be set aside as an athletic ground and declaring the willingness of the boys to work to improve it.

## TWO NEW SCHOOLS; PLAN FOR WEST LINN

EACH BUILDING WOULD BE ONE STORY HIGH WITH BASEMENT—COST \$12,000 EACH

A plan to build two new school houses, each costing about \$12,000, and to tear down the two buildings now in use met with instant favor at a night meeting in West Linn Monday night.  
The plan is to construct the buildings each of one story but with a high basement. The foundations will be concrete and the second story probably of frame but this has not been definitely decided. Each building will be about 65 by 65 feet and will have four rooms and a hall. At first it was planned to repair the present buildings and to build an addition to one but at the meeting the greater number present were in favor of constructing two new schools. The matter will be brought before the district again when the tax would be fixed for their construction. By refusing to vote the tax the matter could be killed.  
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## TWO ASK FOR DIVORCES

Charging cruel and inhuman treatment, Delia P. January has filed a complaint asking for a divorce from George P. January. They were married November 8, 1898, and have one child, a daughter, age 13 years. The mother asks for the custody of her child. Lizzie W. Diamond has filed a divorce complaint against H. P. Diamond. She asks for the custody of their 18 month old daughter and \$40 a month alimony.

## CHILD BURIED

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nevitt, who was born March 6 and died March 10, was buried at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Mountain View cemetery.

## QUEEN INCUBATORS and BROODERS AT FACTORY PRICES



## OREGON COMMISSION CO.

Western Agents 11th and Main Sts., Oregon City  
ILLES GIVEN SIX MONTHS IN JAIL  
WEST SIDE ROAD TO BE REBUILT  
PLEADS GUILTY SATURDAY BEFORE CIRCUIT COURT ON ASSAULT CHARGE  
WAS TO HAVE BEEN TRIED APRIL 20  
Charge of Assault With Dangerous Weapon Dropped—Was Indicted by Last Grand Jury on Two Counts  
E. E. (Blackie) Illes was taken before the circuit court Saturday morning, plead guilty on the charge of assault and battery, one of the charges placed against him by the last grand jury, and was sentenced to six months in the county jail.  
Illes is alleged to have been the instigator of the Oswego riots last summer. He, with 12 others, was taken before the grand jury and indicted for rioting, but was let out on bail until the circuit court met. He jumped bail and fled to Texas where he was located by the local officials shortly afterwards. Illes fought extradition through the highest court in Texas and was not brought in Oregon City until the first part of February.  
During the time Illes was in Texas the trial of the 12 other alleged conspirators was held and each of them placed all the blame on Illes with the result that they were acquitted. When Illes was returned to Oregon he was taken before the last session of the grand jury and two charges were returned against him: one assault and battery and the other assault with a dangerous weapon. The charge of rioting was dropped, the local officials believing that a conviction could not be secured on such a charge when only one was implicated.  
The case had been set for April 20 and a number of subpoenas had been sent out for union men to appear at the trial.  
WILLIAM NICKELL, OF MILWAUKIE, PLUNGES INTO LAKE AT ISLAND STATION  
MILWAUKIE, Ore., Mar. 12.—(Special)—Despondent over ill health, William Nickell left the barber shop at Milwaukie where he was employed as swapper, gave the keys of the place to the proprietor, J. E. Matthews, walked to Kellogg lake, about a quarter of a mile distant, and plunged in at about 10 o'clock Thursday morning. He was seen struggling in the water by J. T. Kannold, who called to S. H. Borland, and the two pulled the man to the shore. Dr. W. R. Taylor was called and worked over the body for an hour and a half without success. Coroner W. J. Wilson, of this city, was notified shortly afterward and arrived at Milwaukie about 1 o'clock.  
An inquest was held in the afternoon at Island Station and the verdict was "death by drowning with suicidal intent." The body was taken to the morgue at Oregon City where it is held until the local authorities can receive word from relatives.  
The man, as nearly as could be learned Thursday evening, is a native of Medford and has relatives there. Charles Nickell, former editor of a Medford newspaper is thought to have been his brother.  
FINE SUSPENDED WHEN YOUTH SAYS HE WILL STOP USE OF TOBACCO  
On the promise that he will stop the use of tobacco and reform his habit of life in general, the fine of \$20, which was imposed against Earl Horton in the justice court Tuesday was suspended.  
Horton, who is 19 years of age, was arrested and charged with giving tobacco to Everett Richardson, age 14 years, and to Neil James, age 15 years. No charge was filed against the two boys in the case although the law provides penalty not only for persons who give or sell tobacco to minors, but also for minors who are caught with tobacco in their possession.  
District Attorney Hedges and Juvenile Officer Frost started Tuesday that they will use everything in their power to stamp out the tobacco habit among school boys.  
Every flirt is her own punishment.

## CONTRACT LET FOR OATFIELD ROAD

Coast Bridge Company Will Construct Eagle Creek Bridge This Summer—Cost Will be \$4,300  
The improvement of the west side road from Oregon City south to Oswego either by crushed rock or cement gravel will probably be done during the spring months, according to one of the county commissioners in an unofficial statement Friday