

LOCAL BRIEFS

J. L. Kruse, of Stafford, was in the city Tuesday. H. J. Koch, of Healdland, was in Oregon City Wednesday. George Brown, of Elwood, was in the city Wednesday. Fred Ellingson, of Stafford, was in Oregon City Saturday. John Hart, of Handy, was a visitor to Oregon City Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Corlie, of Carus, was in Oregon City Saturday. J. W. Rupert, of Oak Grove, was in the city the first of the week. E. Small, of Healdland, was in Oregon City, the first of the week. H. Gebhardt, of Stafford, was in Oregon City the first of the week. W. E. Ellwood, of Healdland, was in Oregon City the first of the week. H. E. Cross has gone to Molalla to remain a week or ten days on business. Peter Glad, of Boring, formerly of Marion county, was in Oregon City Monday. John Harrington, of Beaver Creek, was a business visitor in Oregon City Monday. Sheridan and Miss Ethel Lilly, of Stone, was in Oregon City the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Robbins, of Stone, were in Oregon City the latter part of the week. Mrs. A. H. Baker, of Carus, is in the city visiting her son, L. O. Baker. Mrs. Baker arrived Monday. J. Zoschanski, a prominent dairyman of Healdland, was in Oregon City the latter part of the week. J. Shenefield, of Jennings Lodge, who was injured by a jitney Tuesday, is improving and will soon recover. Mrs. Louisa Schaber, of Willamette, underwent an operation at the Oregon City hospital Tuesday morning. The three children of Smith Turner, underwent slight operations at the Oregon City hospital Friday morning. The baby daughter of A. B. Babcock, of Beaver Creek, underwent a slight operation at the Oregon City hospital Wednesday. Floyd Rindfleisch, the seven-year-old son of Carl Rindfleisch, who lives on the Molalla road, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Oregon City hospital Tuesday. Dr. A. L. Heattie, of the Oregon Commission company, is in Harvick, Tillamook county, for a week or 10 days. Dr. Heattie has a ranch there and has gone to look after his farm. Lyle Woolley, who was arrested at his home on Boring last week with his father, was sent to the state reform school Wednesday by County Judge Anderson. Winifred Woolley, his sister, was left in the custody of Mrs. Church, court matron.

LOUISE WEBER AND BERT STAATS WED

TWO WEEKS AFTER MARRIAGE. WEDDING AT KALAMA BECOMES KNOWN. Bert J. Staats, formerly deputy sheriff and now connected with the firm of Wilson & Cooke, was married April 24 at Kalama, Wash., to Miss Louise Weber, bookkeeper of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and a daughter of J. Weber of this city. The story leaked out Saturday, two weeks after the wedding. Mr. Staats said that he and his bride had intended to keep the matter secret for some time to come. Mr. and Mrs. Staats, accompanied by Mrs. Conkle, a mutual friend, slipped quietly away to Kalama and were married. They will live at Sixth and John Adams streets. Mrs. Staats came here 14 years ago from Eugene. She is a graduate of McLaughlin Institute. The bridegroom came here 14 years ago from the east, having resided in Iowa and Illinois. He has been secretary of the Democratic county central committee and was a committee clerk during the last session of the legislature.

PERCY CAUFIELD IS ELECTED DELEGATE

LOCAL BANKER WILL SPEND FULL WEEK AT SAN FRANCISCO EXPOSITION. Percy P. Caufield has been elected one of nine delegates to represent the American Institute of Banking, with headquarters at Portland, at the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco. The party will leave Portland the third week in August and will spend seven days at the fair. Mr. Caufield is a member of the institute and was chosen one out of a membership of 260 employees. He is receiving the largest number of votes. He has lived here all his life, graduating from the local school. He has been in the Bank of Oregon City for the last seven years.

\$100 Reward, \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Catarrh Cure for constipation.

COUNTY WINS 4 IMPORTANT CASES HERE IN 1 DAY

DEMURRER AGAINST CANBY IN ROAD TAX SUIT SUSTAINED -SHERMANS LOSE. COURT UPHOLDS ACTION OF FRUIT INSPECTOR STANDISH. Forceful Spraying of Yokum's Orchard at Garfield is Approved by the Court—DeFord Loses Out in Demurrer.

No less than four cases in the circuit court were won by the county Monday. District Attorney Hedges represented the county in every action. The suit of the city of Canby for road tax was practically ruled out of court when a demurrer filed by the county was sustained. This case was one of the actions brought by a number of Clackamas county towns in an effort to secure all the road tax collected in the city boundaries. On the grounds that the county cannot be sued for injuries received by an employee under such circumstances as in the DeFord suit for \$25,000, District Attorney Hedges secured the dismissal of that case. Charles DeFord was injured at the Barton gravel pit and last week filed a suit for \$25,000. The action of Fruit Inspector Standish and A. G. Ames in spraying the orchard of E. W. Yokum in the Garfield district despite the violent protests of the farmer was upheld by the court. Yokum filed a suit against Standish and Ames and District Attorney Hedges, representing the defendants, filed an answer, quoting the state law which gives the fruit inspector the right to spray trees. E. W. Bartlett, representing Yokum, then filed a demurrer to the answer which was overruled by Judge Campbell. The decision of the court is considered the death blow to the suit. The conviction of Sherman Brothers of Molalla in the justice court here on a charge of having deer meat in their possession was sustained when a demurrer, filed by the defendants, was overruled. Judge Grant B. Dimick, attorney for Sherman Brothers, attempted to show that the state law against the possession of deer meat in closed seasons has been repealed, but District Attorney Hedges produced another section of the game code covering the point.

GLADSTONE BAPTISTS ORGANIZE AND BUILD

FIFTY MEMBERS WILL LEAVE LOCAL CHURCH FOR NEW BODY. Fifty members are going out from the First Baptist church of Oregon City to form a new church in Gladstone. They have called Rev. Thomas Broomfield of Aberdeen, Wash., one of the best workers on the coast, to their pastorate, and Mr. Broomfield and family have arrived to take up their work. The basement for the new building, an edifice 40 by 60 feet, has been excavated, and the building will commence at once, and will be rushed to completion. Five thousand dollars has already been subscribed, and it is expected that the edifice will be completed free of debt. It will have a full size basement for Bible school work, with audience room upstairs. The Gladstone church will also take over one or two of the missions now conducted by the Oregon City church, presumably Damascus or Logan and Redlands, or both. This will free the hands of Rev. E. A. Smith to take up other points which have been asking for his help. Rev. Thomas Broomfield, the new pastor, has worked in Minnesota. He has held several important pastorates there, his latest being Hemidji and Parker's Prairie. His work has been uniformly successful, and when he left Minnesota to go to Aberdeen, Wash., and Minnesota Baptist State convention departed from its usual custom, and gave him a vote of thanks for his efficient service in the state, and of regret that he should leave their bounds. Mr. Broomfield speaks both morning and evening today.

LUTHERIAN PASTOR HERE IS REAPPOINTED

Rev. F. Welvestick, pastor of the German-Lutheran church here, has been assigned to the Oregon City church for the sixth time by Bishop Bowman, of Pennsylvania. The conference of the church closed in Portland Sunday. Under the leadership of Rev. Welvestick, the German-Lutheran church here has shown considerable growth. The parsonage will be remodeled at once. The church is located on the corner of Eighth and Madison streets.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

In The Social Whirl

Current Happenings of Interest in and About Oregon City. THE engagement of Miss Nettie Swafford to Bernard N. Hicks was announced Monday evening at a gathering at her home when the fiftyish class and a few additional guests called en masse and surprised the bride-elect with a miscellaneous shower. The marriage of Miss Swafford and Mr. Hicks will be an event in society in the near future. During the evening's gaieties Miss Morelia Hickman sang in a charming manner and Miss Sadys Evelyn Ford delighted those present with a number of piano selections. Twenty-one guests were seated for refreshments, among them were Misses Geneva Young, Ivy Ford, Wilma Myers, Rose Updegrave, Sadys Evelyn Ford, Mabel Myers, Florence White, Anna Myers, Kathleen Harrison, Mildred Bowman, Mina McDonald, Elva Blandhard, Belle Gray, Morelia Hickman, Marion White and Pauline Hicks, Mrs. George E. Swafford, Mrs. Georgia Keitrum, Mrs. R. H. Cox and Mrs. Alice Baily French. Miss Swafford was the recipient of many pretty and useful gifts.

QUIET, but pretty wedding was solemnized Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock when Miss Elsie Watts and C. L. St. Clair were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Osborne, 724 Monroe street. Rev. J. R. Landsborough of the First Presbyterian church performed the ceremony. The couple was unattended. The bride was given in marriage by her father, J. W. Watts. She wore a neat tailored suit and large white hat and carried an arm bouquet of roses. Mrs. St. Clair is well known in this city where she has resided the past three years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts of the Logan district. Mr. St. Clair has been in this city two years and is connected with the Crown-Willamette Paper company as chief engineer. Following the wedding ceremony a reception was held, 24 guests being present. Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair have left for San Francisco for a two weeks' honeymoon and upon their return will make their home in this city.

Mrs. E. P. Rands Entertains Bridge Club. As hostess for the Wednesday Bridge club, Mrs. E. P. Rands entertained Wednesday afternoon in a delightful manner. High score in cards fell to Mrs. L. A. Morris who was given club honors. Mrs. H. S. Mount was given second prize and Mrs. H. A. Vernet won guest's honors. Mrs. Rands served refreshments to those sharing the hospitality of her home who were: Mesdames E. E. Brodie, H. L. Clark, Lena Charman, E. J. Daulton, V. P. Edwards, O. W. Eastham, J. R. Humphrey, C. G. Huntley, C. B. Harding, of Portland, L. E. Jones, C. D. Latourette, Nella B. Lawrence, W. R. Lorus, H. S. Mount, L. A. Morris, Theo. Osmond, L. L. Porter, A. A. Price, Geo. L. Swafford, Livy Stipp, W. H. Tipton, H. A. Vernet, W. Warner, J. R. Walker, and Misses Nell Caufield, Bessie Daulton and Cis R. Pratt.

Plans Made for Mt. Pleasant Show. The members of the Mt. Pleasant Rose society met in the assembly room of the Mt. Pleasant school Monday evening and furthered plans for the second annual rose show to be held in the Mt. Pleasant Commercial club rooms. Another meeting will be held next Monday and at this time the date will be set for the show, perhaps the latter part of this month as roses in this vicinity are early. Ribbons are awarded for the best display of roses.

Henry Doete and Katie Young Wed. Henry Doete, of Wilsonville, and Katie Young, of Portland, were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Franz Fitzko at Canemah Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Kraxberger. Only relatives and intimate friends attended. Following a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Doete will make their home in the Wilsonville district.

Oak Grove Club Will Meet Today. The Woman's Social Service club of Oak Grove and vicinity will meet with Mrs. Skutson of Milwaukee at 1 o'clock today. After luncheon there will be a business meeting and the following program: "Laws for Working Women and Children," Mrs. Mathews; "The Hypocrites," (Jones) Mrs. Taylor; "Selections from Lowell," Mrs. Toates.

Social Notes. Flowers and messages of congratulations are finding their way to the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Thompson Meldrum, upon the arrival May 6 of their second son, John William, named for its paternal grandfather, John William Meldrum, residing at Meldrum station.

ELKS PLAN TRIP TO SALEM SATURDAY

A large party of Oregon City Elks will join the Elk special train from Portland Saturday when the Salem lodge will be assisted in initiating a class. The train will pass through Oregon City at 7 o'clock Saturday night. The train will be an Elk special in every sense of the term. The conductors, engineer, firemen and brakemen will all be members of the lodge. In fact, only Elks will be allowed on the train. The local lodge has sent out notices of the event to all members. The last smoker this season will be held Friday night at the temple, here. An elaborate program has been prepared.

MAY 17 IS DATE OF ELECTION FOR NEW UNION HIGH

PETITIONS SIGNED IN CLACKAMAS, JENNINGS LODGE, GLADSTONE AND PARKPLACE. MORE SIGNATURES SECURED THAN IS REQUIRED BY SCHOOL LAW. Majority of Members of Four Boards Favor Consolidation of Districts for Union High School Purposes.

Upon presentation of petitions from Clackamas, Jennings Lodge, Parkplace and Gladstone, school districts asking for a consolidated union high school district, the district boundary board Thursday called a special election in each of said school districts to be held on May 17. At this time the question of consolidating the four districts for high school purposes will be presented to the voters. All of the petitions contained more names than required by law. The sites set forth in the petitions is to be at the northwest corner of Gladstone park at the junction of the county and Outfield roads and is a beautiful three-acre tract which has been donated to the union school districts by H. E. Cross. Geographically the site is approximately in the center of the four districts and also lies in the center of the population of the four districts sought to be combined. A majority of the members of the school board in each of the districts are strongly in favor of the consolidation and believe that the time is now ripe to merge the different localities in one big high school district. Should election carry about 50 or 70 pupils will probably attend the high school the first year. The petitions were presented to the district boards by E. P. Dedman, chairman of the Clackamas board, E. L. Pope, chairman of the Parkplace board, and J. N. Sievers and T. A. Burke, of Gladstone. In presenting their proposition to the court it was shown that the four districts sought to be united have an assessed valuation of almost a million five hundred thousand dollars which is ample to build and maintain a standardized school on a small levy. Following the election if the districts are consolidated a bond issue election will probably be held to provide funds in the erection of a schoolhouse. The election on May 17, however, is simply for the purpose of consolidating the four districts into a union high school district.

PAPER MILL VISITED BY PORTLAND PUPILS

CHILDREN, AFTER INSPECTION OF PLANT, WILL WRITE ON PAPER-MAKING. A hundred students of the Irvington school, Portland, came to Oregon City Wednesday afternoon on a special car and were conducted through the plant of the Hawley Pulp & Paper company. The party was led by Principal Brown of the Irvington school. They were conducted through the paper plant by Willard Hawley. The request that the pupils be allowed to go through the plant was made by E. H. Woodward, of the Woodard-Clarke company of Portland. Each pupil will write an essay on the trip through the plant. The best essay will be printed in the Enterprise.

JUSTICE OF PEACE AT OSWEGO RESIGNS

S. L. Davidson, for many years justice of the peace at Oswego, presented his resignation to the county court Wednesday. Mr. Davidson has been named postmaster at Oswego and owing to the law which prohibits a postmaster from holding an elective office, is forced to resign. He was named postmaster following a competitive examination in which there were eight contestants. The county court will appoint a justice to succeed Mr. Davidson, probably before the end of this week.

CONSCIENCE PROMPTS BOY TO TELL TRUTH

"I didn't tell you the truth before and it has bothered me. I'll tell you the truth now." These were the words of George Brown, 16, as he stepped on the witness stand before County Judge Anderson and told of looting several houses in the Elwood district near Estacada with Mat Jagmin. The boy had been taken before Judge Anderson several days ago and changed his testimony in several particulars. Brown made what he said was a complete confession. Jagmin is the elder of the two and, Brown said, directed the robberies. Jagmin is held in the county jail, pending a grand jury investigation. Brown was left with his father. It is probable that the boy will be released from the charge.

THOSE LOST ON LUSITANIA VICTIMS OF THEIR OWN INDISCRETION SAYS SPEAKER AT MEETING OF VEREIN

The Deutsche Verein held the regular monthly meeting in the pavilion at Schoerr's Grove Sunday. It was decided that the Verein give a picnic July 4, and the following committee of arrangements was appointed: Gustav Schoerr, H. W. Strubig, D. M. Kiemen, R. Petzold and Carl Schandi. The following program was rendered: Opening address, President Schoerr, song, "Wacht am Rhein," Verein; address, Vice President Kiemen; song, "Deutschland," Verein; address, Richard Adam, of Portland; song, "Schleswig-Holstein," Verein; address, Charles Melke, of Seattle, chief Yoeman, U. R. N.; song, "Where is the German Fatherland?" Verein; closing address, President Schoerr; song, "Frucht auf Mein Volk, die Pflanzen Zeiden Rauschen," Verein. President Schoerr in his opening address said he deplored the loss of the lives of so many passengers on the Lusitania through the destruction of that vessel off the Irish coast by a German torpedo boat. "The lost ones were unfortunately the victims of their own indiscretion," he said. "The doomed ship was an English vessel, displaying the English flag, and carrying men and munitions of war for the British army. She was attacked on British waters, within the war zone, by a war vessel of a nation at war with England and her allies, and that the passengers had been duly warned by the German consul at New York of the danger of taking passage on the ship." He severely scored ex-President Roosevelt for classing the German nation as a robber on the land and a pirate on the sea and England as a champion of liberty and national rights. "When in her history, since the Norman conquest of the year 1066, gave her her her into the power of the most aggressive and grasping aristocracy of Europe, has England been content with any boundary that providence assigned her?" he asked. "She tried to annex France from the year 1676 until 1457. Her aggression on Wales began under the Saxon regime in the year 790 and ended by the conquest of that principality in 1282. England's aggression on Scotland commenced in the year 1100 and kept on until the English army was annihilated by the Scottish king, Robert Bruce, at Bannockburn in 1314. Later on, in the days of James First of England, Scotland was betrayed into England's hands by a corrupt parliament, and the conquest of Scotland was completed, when the patriot Scots, under Claverhouse, were crushed at the battle of Killcrankie. "Her conquest of Ireland commenced in 1169 and its is not finished yet, because the spirit of liberty lives in the hearts of the men and women of the Emerald Isle. "With India, Burma, Egypt, Zulu, Persia and the Fransvaal country bleeding under her feet, England the bully of the world, is not exactly the right country to take the stand for the liberty and the rights of any nation." At the close of the program a German dinner was served to all, after which a pleasant hour was passed in music and songs.

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS HEAR OF CIVIL WAR

MEMBERS OF MEADE POST AND RELIEF CORPS PAY ANNUAL VISIT. The members of Meade post No. 2 and Relief corps paid their annual visit to the high school Wednesday morning. There were 24 of them expressive of hope and patriotism and an inspiration to the younger generation of boys and girls who greeted them 250 strong. After a short program consisting of song, "The Flag of the Free," "The Old Red, White and Blue," by the school quartet, and a violin solo, the visitors gave an instructive program of martial music and speeches, among which were selections by the drum corps, addresses by the veterans and women of the corps. Comrade Grant reviewed army life and activities. Commander Clyde spoke of the purposes of the annual visit. Comrade Moore spoke eloquently of the patriotism of the men and the activities and sacrifices of the war; and Comrade Harding of the recognition of the soldiers by the schools and the reciprocal consideration extended. For the Relief corps Mrs. Clyde reviewed experiences of her girlhood and incidents of patriotism and war. Mrs. Maddocks reviewed the history of the flag and Comrade Kellogg paid a tribute to the flag. The high school student body poured forth their enthusiasm in three cheers for the Grand Army of the Republic to which the veterans responded with three cheers.

JENNINGS LODGE MAN IS HIT BY JITNEY

Earl D. Van Auken, Jr., driving a jitney between Oregon City and Mountain View, ran into and knocked down and seriously injured J. Shenefield, 74, of Jennings Lodge, at the corner of Eighth and Main Tuesday morning. Mr. Shenefield was carried to the office of Drs. Mount and a cut in the head dressed. He was taken to the Oregon City hospital. His skull is fractured and he has several broken ribs. The jitney was coming down the street on the cartrack just as Shenefield was crossing the street and although the jitney driver gave notice of his approach, the old man did not hear the auto coming. When Van Auken saw that Shenefield did not see the auto he tried to stop but the car slid on the wet tracks and knocked Shenefield down and ran over him.

FARMER OF BEAVER CREEK SEEKS DIVORCE

Mrs. Belvia L. Force is made defendant in a divorce action brought by Fred W. Force, a farmer in the Beaver Creek district. The general charge is cruel and inhuman treatment. Mr. Force charges that his wife told their son, George, that his father has consumption and that he must not go near him. He further charges that his wife once pointed a gun at him and that one fall when the harvest season was at its height, she left the farm for Portland without his knowledge or consent. They were married in Oregon City May 7, 1907. George C. Brownell and Charles T. Sievers appear for Mr. Force. Other divorce suits brought Monday are Edward A. MacLean against Josephine MacLean, charge desertion; Josephine D. Reynolds against John C. Reynolds, charge desertion, and Mary H. Miller against Fred G. Miller, of Portland, charge cruel and inhuman treatment.

U. S. ENGINEER HERE TO WORK ON LOCKS

Robert McDermott, an inspector for the United States army engineering department, arrived in Oregon City Friday from Duluth, Minn. He is accompanied by his wife and daughter and has secured the LaForest house while stationed here. It is understood that Mr. McDermott will begin preliminary work at once on the locks. Reconstruction will begin as soon as possible and extend over a period of three or four years.

DR. MORRIS ELECTED MAIN TRUNK BY WIRES

COMMITTEE OF FIVE NAMED TO ORGANIZE LOCAL MARCHING CLUB. Dr. L. A. Morris, one of the founders of the Live Wires of the Commercial club, was chosen by a unanimous vote on Tuesday to be the Main trunk line of that organization. Dr. L. C. Pickens was elected sub-trunk; A. C. Howland, transmission wire, and H. L. Kelly, guy wire. The election passed with the smoothness of an old time political convention. Routine reports were made absent the recent free locks celebration, and the approaching Booster Day and Rose Show celebration on May 22, and C. H. Wiekie, of the United States navy, made a brief plea for the naval militia. The Live Wires named a committee, consisting of E. R. Brown, E. Kenneth Stanton, E. E. Brodie, M. D. Latourette and H. A. Swafford, to proceed with the organization of a uniformed marching club, and to report at next week's meeting.

PAPER COMPANY TO BUILD WAREHOUSE

A new warehouse will be constructed here by the Hawley Pulp Paper company on the south side of Fourth street between Main and Water streets. The property is at present occupied by the Selling and Bollach residences. The structure will be 67 by 110 feet and will be built of galvanized iron. It will be one story high and have a basement. Construction will be begun at once. The structure will be 67 by 110 feet and will be built of galvanized iron. It will be one story high and have a basement. Construction will be begun at once. The structure will be 67 by 110 feet and will be built of galvanized iron. It will be one story high and have a basement. Construction will be begun at once.

NEW ROAD WANTED IN COLTON DISTRICT

Petition for a road that, the petitioners claim, will shorten the route from Oregon City to Colton, five miles has been filed with the county court. The petition asks for a cut-off over the Beraman hill in the Timber Grove country. The proposed road would be about a mile in length. The road would shorten the route between Colton and Clarks and bring within touch of the residents of the latter district, the schools of Colton while the Coltonites could more easily buy grain and supplies from Clarks. Supervisor Wettlaufer, who circulated the petition, secured 52 names. The county court has the matter under advisement.

TWO ARRESTED FOR ELWOOD ROBBERIES

Following a remarkable series of house robberies in the Elwood district near Estacada, Matt Jagmin and George Brown were arrested Thursday by Deputy Sheriff Ames and the former, who is 22 years old, was placed in the county jail. Brown, who is 15 years of age, was released until he is called before the juvenile court today. Reports of a number of house robberies have been received here from the Elwood district. In a majority of cases, the houses robbed were unoccupied at the time the crime was committed. In the anthracite region of Pennsylvania there is a church for every thousand inhabitants; over 20 sects are represented.

PAPER OUTPUT IS CUT 15 PER CENT

MILLS ARE RUNNING AT SLIGHTLY LESS THAN NORMAL OUTPUT. News paper manufacturers throughout the country are today running their mills only 15 per cent below their full production, and are convinced that by fall conditions will have returned to normal, estimates the Editor and Publisher. The manufacturers were particularly hard hit by the war because of the number of foreign newspapers which suspended publication, since they could get no paper to print on, and also because of the decrease in the number of pages printed by American papers, due to their loss of advertising. It is claimed that the tariff has had a disastrous effect on the sale of news paper. For the last eight months of 1914 there were 216,754 tons of news print and cheap book paper imported from foreign countries, with a value of \$5,455,614. This is a serious burden for one comparatively small industry to bear and the manufacturers are apparently justified in looking forward to better things, when, with all these handicaps, they can still run their mills at such a smaller percentage than their usual output. Increases in freight rates on paper from New England points to New York and adjacent places, in less than carload lots, have just been authorized by the Interstate Commerce commission. The increases range from 6 to 12 cents per 100 pounds. The commission says that the railroads asserted and the protestants admitted that the present rates from New England points to New York on the traffic involved were abnormally low. The increases were proposed a year ago by the substitution of class rates for commodity rates. The new rates become effective May 25.

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COUNTY STATISTICS. McSPORRAN-MIELKE—Christina McSporrans and C. H. Mielke secured a marriage license from County Clerk Harrington Monday. LEE-PAYCER—Irene Stea Lee, 17, and Frank F. Paycer, of Oregon City, secured a marriage license Wednesday. BORN to the wife of William P. Daniels, of Beaver Creek, a daughter, May 5.