

LOCAL LORE.

—Mrs Taylor Porter has been visiting Lebanon friends since Saturday.

—The Ladies afternoon reading club was entertained yesterday at the home of Miss Bertha Davis.

—Wallis Nash arrived yesterday to conduct last night the practice of local singers for the May Festival.

—Mr and Mrs G A Nichols of Minneapolis, are guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Charles Colbert.

—Percival Nash, lately returned from Dawson, is at the Rock Creek farm. He passed through Corvallis Friday.

—Saturday and Sunday were days warm enough for summer. On the first the thermometer went up to 66 and on Sunday to 68.

—Mrs John Wells arrived Monday from Idaho, where she went three weeks ago on account of the illness and death of her son.

—Mrs Gustin, president of the Rebekah assembly of the state is to visit the local lodge of the order on Thursday of next week.

—Marsh Simpson of Elk City passed through town yesterday enroute to Folk County for a visit with his venerable mother, who is 86 years old.

—After an extended visit with her grandmother, Mrs Mary King, Miss Lissle Wood left by yesterday's boat for her home near Colfax, Washington.

—Mr and Mrs W Westfall, who recently sold out and left Corvallis, have settled at Blaine, Washington. Mrs Mae Elliott, their daughter, is employed in Portland.

—The Fischer Flouring mills have been shut down several days on account of high water in the Willamette. The stage yesterday morning was 10 feet, and the river was still rising slowly.

—G F Rice, who arrived several weeks ago with his family, and later bought the interest and lease of O V Hurt on the Thompson place a mile south of town, has secured from the owners confirmation of his lease, and yesterday moved to the farm.

—The singing of Prof Glenn and the piano playing of Arthur Frazer in the concert by the University of Oregon Glee Club at the opera house Monday night, were very fine, and the numbers highly appreciated. A large audience was present.

—The George Horning house has been the scene of multiplied removals the last day or two. W B Kiger and family moved out of it Sunday. After that Blacksmith Baker moved in. His lease failed to hold. Then he moved out yesterday. O V Hurt moved in, and he hopes to continue to hold the fort. Mr Baker moved in the house on a misunderstanding.

—New real estate transfers filed for record are, L V Flint and wife M L Barnett, 60 acres near Monroe \$800; Samuel Munn to Mary J Pugh two lots in Wilkins addition, \$1; E E Wilson to Macauley Porter, two lots in Avery's addition, \$100; E T Elliott to E E Brinner, three and one half acres near Monroe, \$700; The United States to J O Lasker, 160 acres in Biodeget.

—A very pleasant heart party was given by Miss Grace Gatch Friday evening. The house was decorated throughout with hearts and the same idea was carried effectively through the various amusements of the evening. First prizes were taken by Miss Sarah Jacobs and E E Wilson, and boobies by Miss Martha Fischer and Prof Shaw.

—A two nights' engagement is announced for the Opera house the latter part of the week by the Carrie Stanley Company. The bill for Friday night is "A False Friend," and for Saturday night, "A Lion's Heart." The company is working northward from California, and the newspapers where it has appeared, speak well of the performances.

—Boscoe Bryson arrived Saturday. With his brother and mother he left yesterday, for Eugene. At 10 o'clock today, he will be united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Griffin of that city. The wedding will be a quiet affair. The young couple will take the first train out of Eugene for Portland, where the honeymoon will be spent. Afterward they go to Pendleton, where Mr Bryson is deputy district attorney and a practicing lawyer in the office of Mr Haley, the leading lawyer of Pendleton.

—Bad luck struck the Monroe flouring mills Saturday morning. Shortly before seven o'clock the dam by the mill site went out. The dam was in the Long Tom, which was then at a high stage of water. It furnished the motive power for the mill. As the construction of a new dam by the mill site in the winter time will be attended with difficulty if not impossibility, it is supposed here that a temporary steam arrangement will be provided. The loss by the going out of the dam is said to be \$1000.

—There was memorial service at the Methodist church Sunday in honor of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. The sermon was by Pastor Moore. Lincoln's Gettysburg speech was read, and its sentiment held up and interpreted as a creed for men to follow. The life and work of the man was offered as a foundation for educational work now conducted by the church among the blacks in the south, which is set out as a continuation of the work Lincoln laid down, and statistics were presented, showing the extent and character of educational facilities afforded by the church for negro children. A collection was taken for use of the Methodist educational society in continuing the work.

—Wheat 53.

—Eggs 20.

—Mrs Sarah Moore left Saturday for a visit at Prineville.

—John E Shaveland the Wren merchant was in town Tuesday.

—Miss Klecker leaves today for Portland, after a two weeks' visit.

—Miss Rosalie Greffoz is expected Friday for a brief visit with Corvallis friends.

—J H Wilson and family are house-keeping in the house of Mrs Wright. The removal occurred Friday.

—Mrs Rialto Weatherford arrived Saturday from Harrisburg, on a visit to relatives.

—A number of his young friends were entertained Friday night at the home of Roy Bell.

—Ernest Fuller arrived Saturday from New Whatcom, Washington, on a brief visit with his sister, Mrs Humbert.

—Miss Rova McFarland, late student at OAC, arrived Monday from Albany, and is a guest at the home of Mr and Mrs Bane.

—W P Lafferty arrived Friday from a month's visit East. Much of the time was spent at Trenton, Missouri. He has been confined to his room with illness a portion of the time since arrival.

—The first shipment of Lincoln county stone for Agricultural hall arrived Sunday. There were sixteen cars. The stone comes from the Bevens quarry. The shipment was by special train.

—W B Kiger and family are now residents of Lion county. They left Sunday to occupy the farm recently purchased five miles west of Lebanon. The family have many friends in Benton who regret the removal into another neighborhood.

—A woman, not a thousand miles from Corvallis was, without a doubt the most flurried female, last Sunday in seven counties, when she discovered, after coming out of church, that her brand her hat was adorned with a tag whereupon was inscribed the legend: "Reduced to \$2.75."

—Before adjournment, last week's fruit growers convention adopted resolutions, thanking the college people for facilities afforded, and requesting the authorities of the institution to hold a similar convention next winter, recommending that three days instead of two be devoted to the work.

—Mrs Kuykendall, grand president of the Native Daughters, is now on a tour of the state and paid an official visit Saturday to the local Cabin. A good attendance of members was present, and after the regular business had been disposed of tea was served in the lodge room at four o'clock.

—Among the hundreds who attended the local oratorical contest Friday night was Col E Hofer, editor of the Salem Journal. Speaking of the efforts of the orators, he said that as a whole they were the best that he had ever heard on similar occasion. The literary excellence of the various orations, he regarded as especially noticeable.

—The Evening Journal is the name of a new daily paper to be started in Portland about March 1st. Its promoters say it is to have a perfecting press with a capacity of 24,000 per hour and type-setting machines and other modern facilities. So many Portland newspapers ventures have gone to the same old beyond, that this new one will be watched with some interest.

—The Oregon exhibit at Charleston has already produced results. John L Townsend of South Carolina has written Peterson & Robinson asking for information about Benton county. He wants, he says, to sell out there, and he hopes to be able soon to do so. Then he expects to settle either in Oregon or Washington, with a preference for the former state. His capital is \$25,000.

—The members of Sorosis literary society gave a theatre party Monday night to Miss Gertrude Ewing in recognition of her work in behalf of the society in the local oratorical contest. After the party left the Opera house, refreshments were served by the society at the home of Edna Irvine where three souvenir spoons, appropriately engraved, were presented the guest of honor.

—Both Corvallis creameries are running at full blast. The new Kaupisch enterprise is now turning out 225 to 250 pounds of butter per day. H W Kaupisch is travelling through various neighborhoods in the vicinity, endeavoring to arrange for a larger milk supply, the output of the works being far short of the amount necessary to meet the demand for butter. The price now paid for butter fat is 25 1/2.

—An Irish priest had labored hard with one of his flock to induce him to give up whiskey, "I tell you Michael," said the priest, "whiskey is your worst enemy and you should keep as far away from it as you can." "My enemy is it, father?" responded Michael, "and it was your reverence's self that was tollin' us in the pulpit only last Sunday to love our enemies!" "So I was, Michael, rejoined the priest "but I didn't tell you to swallow them."

—Ladies, we have just received new silk gaudies for evening wear in all the latest shades.

Nolan & Callahan,

PAYING TAXES

Sheriff Burnett has the Books—Many tax Payers After the Rebate.

They are paying taxes at the sheriff's office. Sheriff Burnett received the books Monday morning. For the past two weeks Clerk Waters has worked nights in order to get the books into the sheriff's hands at the earliest possible date. Though a few days behind his usual record, the books, as a result, go to the sheriff in Benton earlier probably than any other county in the state.

As was expected, many taxpayers are after the rebate. A three per cent drawback of the tax money passing in over the counter is Balm of Gilead for the old taxpayers. Also for the young ones. It is a ray of cheer in an atmosphere that usually, is wholly melancholy. A gleam of satisfaction is always noticeable as the drawback is handed over to the taxpayers.

About 25 paid taxes the first day, though but few knew the sheriff had the books. It is probable that the next few weeks will see lively times at the sheriff's office. To get the rebate, taxes must be paid by March 15th. After that there will be no discount for cash. By the first Monday in April half the taxes must be paid, or a ten per cent penalty and 12 per cent interest from the first Monday in April to date of payment will be exacted. This is a provision of the new law.

HER FALSE TEETH

Dropped out and Scared the Siwashes —A Pioneer Incident.

The housewives of Oregon in the early pioneer days when settlements were sparse and Indians abundant had many an experience of which the details now read like romance. The tale here told is said to have happened while Washington was still a part of Oregon territory.

While a settler was absent from home a number of Indians, without asking permission entered the young orchard and began to gather apples. With display of grit, characteristic of all pioneer women the wife went out and told the Indians to leave. They paid no attention to her protests, and without concern, went on filling their baskets.

It so happened that the lady had false teeth. She knew the awe in which the Indians always stood of anything smacking of the supernatural. As she watched the precious apples rapidly disappearing, she determined upon a stratagem. Walking into the midst of the Indians, she dropped her teeth into her hands. The natives gazed for a moment in amazement, held a hasty consultation, poured the apples out on the ground and hurried off. The narrator says that they never looked back as they moved, and that they never again molested the brave settler's wife, whom they thereafter held in reverence and awe.

WASN'T BAD.

January Weather—Nine Days Were Clear and Seventeen Were Cloudy.

January in Benton was not a bad month as to climate. The mean high temperature was 48; mean low 30.5; the average, 40.9. The highest was 58 on the 3d and 6th; the lowest, 11 above zero on the 24th.

The rainfall for the month was 3.37. The greatest rainfall in 24 hours was 1.03 inches, on the 5th. The total snow fall for the month was .38 of an inch. Of days on which .01 of an inch of rain fell there were 14; of clear days, nine; of days partly cloudy, five, and seventeen were cloudy. Worse Januaries have been seen in Webfoot. The figures are from the weather office at the college.

Hair Dresser.

Mrs C A Spaulding from the East has moved to Corvallis, and is prepared to do all kinds of hair work. Combing, rooted and made as nice as cut hair.

Dying switches a specialty. I deal with farmers and accept all kinds of produce. Corner of 7th & Jefferson streets near Episcopal church.

Dr. W. H. HOLT

Osteopathic Physician.

If you are in any way afflicted with rheumatism, catarrh, constipation, heart stomach, liver, kidney, or female trouble call and see me at my office on South Main street. Consultation and examination free. Phone 235.

For Sale.

A fine residence property located on the corner of 3rd & Monroe streets in Corvallis. Three residences, lot 100 x 100 feet. This is a fine location and near the business center of the city.

Mrs J MASON, Corvallis, Oregon.

WHAT EACH SCORED

The College Orators—Their Papers and Delivery as Marked by Each Judge.

To pass upon the comparative excellence of the orations from the standpoint of composition in the local contest Friday night there were three judges. A week before the contest each of these judges received a copy of each oration, and in the sanctity and quietude of his own fireside worked out his view of the relative merits of each. These judges were, Wallis Nash, Prof. John Fulton and Rev. Humbert.

The night of the contest there were three judges on delivery. Each noted the gesticulation, enunciation, use of voice and rhetorical effect of each speaker, and while the music went on after the contest they retired and made up their verdict. These judges were E. R. Bryson, Judge McFadden and Rev. Frank L. Moore.

To arrive at the general average of each orator, the place, whether 1st, 2nd, or 5th and so on, by each of the six judges to each of the orators was noted, and the figures representing each of these places were added together. The orator whose markings for place aggregated the smallest number got first place. The findings of each judge for the various orators and each of the latter's general average appears below:

Orator	Composition	Delivery	Total	Place
Smith	1	3	4	4
Tartar	5	1	6	1
Abbe	2	4	6	2
Johnson	4	2	6	3
Ewing	3	3	6	4
St Germain	6	0	6	5
MacLean	6	0	6	6

DAMAGED WOOLS

By Use of Sheep Dip—A Solution That Doesn't Injure the Fibre.

By resolution, the northwest fruit growers association held recently at Helena Montana, requested the Agricultural college to continue investigations undertaken last year with reference to the effect of sheep dips on the wool fibre. The action of the association is the result of a demonstration by Prof. Pernot of the damage done wools by use of lime and sulphur dips of too strong a solution. Magnified pictures of the wool strand show dark spots of a burnt appearance. Where the damage is very large it can be detected by the ease with which the strand can be broken. The request of the association is for further investigation not only of the lime and sulphur, but of all dips.

The lime and sulphur dip is recommended as the best by the department of agriculture at Washington. The strength of the solution, however, so recommended, is eight pounds of lime and 24 pounds of sulphur to 100 gallons of water. The solution should be boiled until it becomes clear, and then besiphoned off of the sediment which settles in the bottom of the vessel. Thus used the damage to the wool fibre by its use amounts to little or nothing. It is only in the stronger solutions, of which there is much use that the wool fiber suffers injury.

GOING TO ALBANY

An Excursion—Leaves by Boat—Knights of Pythias.

The Knights of Pythias make a trip to Albany tonight. They go by the steamer Leona, which will leave the O R & N dock at six o'clock. The leaving time for the return will be at such time as the Knights determine later.

The occasion of the trip is a function given by Albany Knights in honor of the 38th anniversary of the order, and to which lodges in various towns are invited. The C & E asked the Knights \$75 for a train to Albany for the trip. The boat costs \$25, leaves when desired and returns as ordered.

All Knights of Pythias, whether members of the local lodge or not and regardless of whether they have received special notice, are urged to be at the dock at six tonight, and to join in the excursion.

Caution.

Barrett Lyceum will not be open for services on Sunday, Feb 23rd, and all persons who attended the Lyceum Feb. 9, will do well to keep watch of themselves for the next ten days. Those who are not in good health should remain at home for the good of themselves and community, until they are sure they are not going to have the dreaded disease.

DR. L. V. FLINT.

Oak and Cedar

Posts at City Lumber Yards, 7:30
Cor back old Hotel Corvallis.

FEBRUARY

Bargain Counter

AT

S. L. Klines

During our Big January Sale and stock taking we have accumulated a great many odds and ends of various lines of goods, which we are going to close out at just **Half Price or 50 cents on the dollar.**

This Includes:

Dress Goods	Lace Curtains
Ladies Shoes	Underwear
Capes and Jackets	Ginghams
Mackintoshes	Outing flannels

This is truly a bargain counter. Come and look them over. If there is anything you can use price is no object to us.

S. L. Klines, The White House.

Miller's Cut Prices!

We realize that you have put confidence in what we have had to say in regard to the cut prices of broken lots in merchandise. Our prices have met with an immediate and hearty response from all.

We expect to hold this confidence for ever more, and to gain more of your valuable trade with each succeeding sale that we are going to make during the year 1902. Watch this space as it will save you money.

Gilt Edge Shoe Bargains!

For our week commencing Monday February 17th we will put on sale all our Odds and Ends in Ladies and Childrens Shoes. There are 297 pairs of them. Some of them are last fall's styles only narrow in width; we will put them on sale Feb 17th for one week only, at actual cost. They are all down stairs. We have a few late spring styles that we are going to sell during this sale at 10 per cent reduction. Remember this sale will only last one week; commencing Friday Feb 17th and ending Saturday Feb 22nd. **When you see it in our ad, its so.**

F. L. MILLER, Corvallis, Or.

P. S. New goods to arrive this week in Ginghams, Calicos and Percales.

They Are Coming Every Day

People to buy our 20 cent grade of coffee. Many of our customers say it is better and richer in flavor than any 25 cent grade on the market.

We Want Your Trade

For our stock of groceries is complete in every particular. We have the largest and best line of goods in our city. If you are not a regular customer, now will be a good time to give us a trial order.

Hodes' Grocery.