

LOCAL LORE.

—Sam Dolan of Albany, was the guest of friends Wednesday.

—Charles Elgin arrived by boat Thursday morning for a visit.

—Regular meeting of the Coffee Club next Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

—Miss Anna Samuels arrived yesterday, and is the guest of Mrs L F Wilson.

—The furniture establishment of Ford & Laws is to be removed to Portland.

—G W Smith, who arrived recently from Kansas wants to buy a 40-acre farm near Corvallis.

—F M McElfresh arrived from Salem by boat Thursday morning for a brief visit.

—Miss Lulu Thornton, formerly of Corvallis, is at the home of her sister near Stockton, California.

—Mrs L L Porter arrived from Oregon City by this morning's boat, and is a guest at the Spangler home.

—The College Y M C A will have an interesting service tomorrow afternoon. L M Boozer will speak to young men.

—William Cress has been appointed an appraiser in the estate of S A Hemphill, deceased, vice J M Cameron, removed.

—E R Bryson and Mrs Mary Bryson arrived Thursday morning from Eugene, where they were guests at the Bryson-Griffin wedding.

—Austin Skaggs filed with the county clerk Thursday a homestead entry on a quarter section of land about four miles north of Summit.

—Rev Hiram Gould left yesterday after a day's visit with relatives. He is now pastor of the Methodist church at Newberg, serving his second year.

—Rev L M Boozer will conduct services in the United Evangelical church tomorrow morning and evening. Sunday school and C E at the usual hours.

—Salem Journal—Ed Hutchens returned Monday evening to his home at Corvallis, but has not entirely recovered from his recent surgical operation at the Salem Hospital.

—Luke Thornton, who used to live in Corvallis, fell recently while working in the woolen mill at Oregon City and broke his knee cap. The injury is painful and slow of recovery. It may result in permanent lameness.

—A number of Woodmen of the World left yesterday afternoon to attend a function given by the lodge at Philomath last night. Among others was Prof Lake, who delivered an address.

—Col Frank Parker was in town Thursday, en route to his Elk City ranch. He wants to lease a part of the place to some man, who will do slasbing for the rental. By application to Morgan & Elgin, terms can be secured.

—Reports have been current that Ernest Avery had smallpox. He is employed in the telephone office. The force has been kept busy most of the time answering inquiries about him. Most of those who didn't telephone came down in person to ascertain. The boy coughed the other day, and that is the source of the reports.

—Real estate transfers filed for record are, E B Penland to G H Hoeman, 25 acres near Albany, \$2000; Coast Land & Livestock Company to I H Jackson, 14 acres near Wren, \$69 75; M J Wells and husband to Lucy J Yates, E W Hadley residence, property, \$3000; School District number 17 to W T Wyatt, one lot in Philomath, \$200; Oregon Agricultural company, limited, to C F Butler, 40 acres near Blodgett, \$100; C H Lee to Tillie Reed, block 11, Jobs addition to Corvallis, \$300.

—Salem Journal—A petition has been presented to Governor Geer for the pardon of E D Horner now serving a six years' sentence in the penitentiary for forging a promissory note on March 15th, 1899. He was sentenced from Lane county. The petition is signed by his father, E R Horner, H K Hines, A N Fisher, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate, and many other prominent Lane county citizens and presented by Hon J F Caples, ex-minister to Challi.

—Twenty guests, including music pupils and others, were entertained at the home of Miss Mary Cauthorn Wednesday evening. Besides parlor games, there was a musical program as follows: vocal solo, Helen Stelwer piano solo. Miss Finley; piano solo, Miss Danneman; piano duet, Miss Davis and Miss Cauthorn; baritone solo, Harold Martin; piano solo, Miss Herron; mandolin solo, Mrs Fred Buchanan; piano solo, Miss Cameron; In games, Miss Bossie Danneman won first, and Miss Finley second prizes. The evening was concluded with a luncheon.

—The 50th birthday of Samuel Bane was celebrated at the family home two miles southwest of Corvallis Tuesday evening. A large gathering of friends was present, and the evening was spent in various amusements and the discussion of a bountiful lunch. Those present were, Dr and Mrs Cathey, Mr and Mrs Blackledge, Mr and Mrs Swan, Mr and Mrs Schmidt, Mr and Mrs Farmer, Mr and Mrs Bell, Mr and Mrs Phillips, Mrs James Hayes, Rev E Moore, Misses Groshong, McFarland, Starr, Weldon, Starr, Alderson, Starr Sanderson, Hartley, Kester, and Messrs Colbert, Wilkinson and Hayes.

—Ed Crawford of Salem arrived yesterday for a brief visit with his parents.

—Miss Elsie Locke arrived yesterday from her home near Albany, and is the guest for a week of Miss Julia Randall.

—Mrs Mary Barclay is to arrive next week from a visit of several months with her daughter, Mrs W T Hewitt at Stockton, California.

—Two or three heavy wheat sales occurred yesterday. Among others reported, was one by James Herron of 3,000 bushels. The figure was not given out.

—James C Taylor has filed his inventory as executor of the estate of Leona McNulty. The estate comprises real property, \$650; personal \$837; total, \$987.

—About twenty five young people were entertained Thursday evening by Miss Rose Chipman in honor of her cousins, Misses Grace and Mabel Simpson of Portland.

—The revival meetings at the M E church are to continue over Sunday. Rev Smith is to be assisted next week by Rev L C Smith of Dallas. All are cordially invited to attend.

—Services at the Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow. The pastor, Frank L Moore, occupying the pulpit. Subject at 11 a m, "Isaiah's Call and Consecration;" at 7:30 p m, "Environments." Strangers welcome.

—Albany Democrat: Albany has two citizens ninety years or more of age. Pat Brennen leads at 93, almost 94, his birthday being the 18th of next month, with A W Gordon next Mr Gordon's 90th birthday being last week.

—Levi Oren and Miss Ella Johnson and her sister, Mrs J E Nichols, left Thursday for Kansas City, Missouri. With them was Archie Johnson, who is being taken to a mind specialist from whom a cure is hoped for. The specialist guarantees a cure or no pay.

—Young Rooney—Do you think two can live as cheap as one? Old Cassidy—What's th' idea? Young Rooney—Ol was t'inking av getting married. Old Cassidy—And what's "two" got to do with it you fule? Ye should figger on eight or ten me boy.

—An operation for the removal of a portion of a finger was performed on Mrs Willis Vidto Tuesday evening. A felon that appeared near the end of the forefinger on the right hand destroyed a portion of the bone, which had to be taken away. The removal was made at the joint.

—Stonelaying is in progress on Agricultural hall. The south wall has been completed up to the bottom of the first windows a height of about four feet. Considerable work has also been done on one of the side walls. A force of fifteen or twenty men is engaged, five or six of them in stone laying.

—A report was in circulation on the streets yesterday morning to the effect that two people had died in Albany, of smallpox. Telephonic inquiry developed the fact that the story was entirely groundless. A sure way now to start a sensation is to label any story "smallpox" and set it going. It will be sure to travel. The best way is to believe nothing on the subject until proofs are produced.

—The Knights of Pythias made the trip to Albany and return Wednesday night. They went by the steamer Leona, arriving home two or three hours after midnight. At Albany they joined with other knights in celebrating the 37th anniversary of the order. At an open meeting, J F Yates and G W Denman made speeches and at the banquet Robert Johnson and others broke records. The trip was made home in an hour and a half.

—The children of the primary grade of the public school are to go on an excursion up the Willametta this morning. They will be accompanied by their teacher, Miss Curria, and will go via the steamer Leona. The boat is going to Finley's warehouse and the captain has kindly invited the school children to be his guests for the trip. The Leona is to leave the O R & N dock about 9:30, and will arrive on the return trip some time during the afternoon.

—The steamer Ruth left Portland for Corvallis yesterday morning. The trip is the first the boat has made since she was hauled off the snag at Corvallis and taken to Portland. That was on the 7th of January. She has been put through a thorough course of repairs, and is now in fine condition for service. Among other improvements is the fact that in the changes made she is of considerable lighter draught than formerly. The repairs and the work of getting the Ruth off the snag at Corvallis are estimated to have cost \$12,000 or \$15,000. The original cost of the boat was \$35,000.

Chickens Wanted.

Highest price paid for healthy young hens and pullets. Deliver at my home two miles west of Corvallis, or at E B Horning's store.

Samuel Bane.

At Cost.

Mr Ford of the firm of Ford & Laws has just returned from Portland where he bought out the firm of J T Wilson, auctioneers, to which city they will move at once, closing out their goods here at cost.

A HUNDRED THERE

Their First Trial—Meet Again Next Week—The Choral Singers.

The first practice by local singers for the May Festival occurred in the college chapel Tuesday evening. Ninety seven singers were present. After preliminary testing of voices to determine which part singers should join, a few simple choruses brought the voices together. There was plenty of tone, plenty of will, and volume and power showed better with every fresh trial.

After that, the first four choruses of the "Messiah" were undertaken. After many efforts at each passage, more or less successful, confidence was gradually established between conductor, chorus and accompanist, and before the evening ended, each of the four choruses was sung through without stoppage or break. A great result from an inexperienced choir.

Next Tuesday evening, practice will again take place in the college chapel at 7:30. After a short time it is hoped to avail of the kindness of the council and firemen to hold practices in the city hall. Mr Nash said Wednesday that it is plain that there is ample material for a splendid Festival chorus, well worthy of the great occasion promised. A thing now essential is for every one who expects to join the chorus to do so at once.

After all, the long delay in the arrival of the books is not without its compensation. By reason of the fact that they came by freight, instead of express, the cost of the set of three is reduced to a dollar, which is a remarkably low figure. Every singer should secure a set at once. They can be procured from Prof. John Fulton, secretary of the union.

THEIR SYMPTOMS

The Spell is on, by Day and by Night Local Theatrical People.

There are several persons in town now in attention thoroughly engrossed with things theatrical. The quick nervous start and deep guttural accents of the double villain, or the wild laughter of the lunatic, in their forgetfulness they sometimes manifest in the common, every day affairs of life. By day and by night, in several well known homes the spell works and more than one person is said to have been unceremoniously kicked out of bed by this unconscious working of the drama on the bed-laying.

The condition is the result of preparation for production of "The Wife," to be presented at the Opera house by local amateurs on Friday evening, March 7th. The rehearsals have been in progress for more than two weeks. The drill on the various parts is proceeding regularly every day and the progress so far, is most encouraging. The play is said to be the best the local dramatic organization has ever produced, not even excepting "My Friend From India."

SUES FOR DIVORCE

Cruel and Inhuman Treatment and Non-Support are the Grounds.

Lucinda Evans has sued her husband, M G Evans, for divorce. The complaint has been filed with the county clerk. It alleges that Mr and Mrs Evans were married in June 1893, and sets forth cruel and inhuman treatment and non-support as the grounds for action. The plaintiff has resided with her mother since the early part of 1900, during a portion of which time defendant has been studying medicine in the East. There are three children. Plaintiff asks for the custody of the children, for a dissolution of the marriage bonds and for costs and disbursements of the proceeding.

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.

HOW THEY PAY

And What They Say—Tax Collections and the Rebate—Some Dislike the Law.

Of 84 persons who had paid taxes up to noon Thursday, all but two gathered in the rebate. The two only paid half the amount of their taxes, and accordingly could get nothing in the way of premium. They will have, however, until the first Monday in October to pay the remainder. The amount of taxes received by the sheriff up to noon Thursday was over \$3,000, an amount unusually large in comparison with the time the sheriff has had the books.

The indications now are that the bulk of the tax money will be paid in by March 15th, which is the last day of the limit for getting the rebate. Thursday Sheriff Burnett in response to a request for it, sent to Wade Malone at Alsea store, a complete list of the tax payers in Alsea. It is presumed from the request that the taxpayers of that realm are making arrangements to pay in time to claim the premium. The sheriff has also received from the Southern Pacific, the Oregon & California, and the Corvallis & Eastern railroads, requests for exact information concerning the amount of each company's taxes. The letters say it is the intention to pay the tax in time to get the draw down.

More than one taxpayer registers a kick at the law as he stands at the counter inquiring the amount of his taxes. One said Thursday that it was a fine thing for the moneyed men but that it fell otherwise on some of the other class. Every farmer cannot, at this season of the year, he said, gather together enough money to pay his taxes. If he cannot, he gets no rebate. If he cannot pay any of it, until after the first Monday in April, then he has a penalty to pay, besides interest. The tendency, he concluded is to shift the burden of taxes to those least able to bear it.

AN EMPTY CABIN

On Prairie Mountain—Provisions There but no Tenant—Where is he?

People in that section speculate some over facts surrounding a lonely cabin that stands on Prairie Mountain in the southwestern portion of Benton county. There are thousands of acres of open land on the top of Prairie Mountain. The open land comprises two prairies separated by a deep canon, one of which is known as Belknap, and the other as Woolridge prairies.

In Woolridge prairie stands the cabin in question. It is ten or fifteen miles to the home of the nearest settler. It is reached by a trail from Inman's mill. Inside the cabin now are sugar, coffee, flour and other provisions sufficient to last a man weeks or months, besides blankets and other conveniences for human comfort. On the door is the legend, "Go in and make yourself at home."

There is no tenant in this cabin. A man went in there last November. He took along the provisions. A German near Inman's mill saw him go in, but never saw him come out. Several parties have recently been in the cabin, and all they have found is a solemn stillness, the legend and the provisions described above.

Nobody knows what became of the man. It is supposed that he came from Eugene, and is it deemed possible that he has returned there or gone elsewhere. Some believed that he went in there to locate timber or on some other errand of the sort, and that having completed his work, he has gone away, leaving his provisions to whomsoever may carry them off. Whether it is this; that is the explanation, or that something has befallen the stranger, is a riddle that the future perhaps may unravel.

Arrived This Week

- Ladie's Fine Shoes
Wash Dress Fabrics
Silk Organdies
Wool Dress Goods
Silks, Satins & Velvets
Men's Furnishings
New arrivals semi-weekly

Hodson & Callahan

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
Ladies Shoes
Capes and Jackets
Mackintoshes
Lace Curtains
Underwear
Ginghams
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.

EXTRAORDINARY PRICES

GROCERIES

FOR CASH, COMMENCING Monday, February 24, 1902 Lasting through the entire week, ending Saturday March 1st.

Our stock is limited in the following lines. Better come early.

Table with 2 columns of grocery items and prices. Items include magic yeast, yeast foam, fig prune cereal, postum cereal, papers A & H sode, papers A. B. coffee, papers Lion coffee, lbs good bulk coffee, lbs dried apples, lbs dried prunes, bars silk soap, lbs D. G. Sugar, 2 1/2 lb can Atcatraz tomatoes, our choice apricots, golden star peaches, yellow Crawford padd, lb can standard tomatoes, corn, Palo Alto peaches, Ruby peas.

The above is limited as we cant get any more of them this season. When you see it in our ad, its so.

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