

### LOCAL LORE.

—Ride a Rambler.  
 —New wheat 53.  
 —Allan Bates was a passenger for Portland Sunday.  
 —Bert Yates returned Saturday from attendance at the Carnival.  
 —Victor Spencer left Sunday for Portland. He expects to be absent two weeks.  
 —Mrs E R Lake and son left yesterday for a few days' visit in Portland.  
 —Mr and Mrs Harris, Miss Abbie Groshong and Dell Alexander, spent Sunday in Kings Valley.  
 —Charles Meyer of Albany, has been the guest at the Philie home for the past few days.  
 —Miss Gall Hare arrived Monday from Albany, and is the guest of friends.  
 —Miss Melvina Elgin joined the Linville-Elgin Wicks hopping party near Independence, Monday.  
 —Prof Covell and family arrived Saturday from a summer's sojourn in the Nye Creek cottage.  
 —Crook County Journal:—Miss Una Stewart expects to leave in a short time for Corvallis, where she will resume her studies at OAC.  
 —Mr and Mrs E Woodward and daughter left Friday for an outing at Newport. They are to be absent two weeks.  
 —Mrs James Schultz of Portland, arrived Saturday, and is the guest for a week of her sister, Miss Ellen J Chamberlin.  
 —Harold Strong has gone to Stanford for a course in law. Accompanied by his wife, he left Polk county for Palo Alto August 3rd.  
 —H K Cauthorn has purchased a small farm in Marion county, three miles east of Independence, and is moving there with his family to reside.  
 —Miss Adelade Greffoz, after a week's visit with Corvallis friends, returned to her home in Portland, Sunday. She was accompanied by Mrs E P Greffoz, who will spend a few days at the Carnival.  
 —A S Tavenor left Monday for Southern Oregon, on a trip of investigation and for an indefinite absence. He may return in a month and may not be back for a year. His farm near town is in charge of a renter.  
 —Five hundred head of stock sheep changed hands the other day at \$2.75 per head, not counting lambs. The latter went at \$1.50 per head. The sale was made by Dock Jackson and Henry Cauthorn to Baker & Hood, who have rented the stock farm of S W Jackson. Mr Baker is a son of Thomas Baker of Soap Creek, and Mr Hood is from the vicinity of Tangent.  
 —Robert Campbell, who came to Corvallis two years ago from North Dakota, says he is without words to express his thankfulness for the fact that he came to Oregon. He likes the country, the climate and the people, and is doing much to induce friends in the East to come to Webfoot to locate. A big boom, however, has struck North Dakota, and his 400 acre farm, sold before he came west at \$22.50 per acre, is now worth \$40 per acre.  
 —A meeting of the Firemen Saturday evening resulted in the selection of the following officers for the ensuing year: Chief Engineer, F P Sheagreen; assistant engineer, Chas Porter; president, Dr J A Harper; secretary, E E Rose; executive committee, H L Hall, E R Lake and C E Woodson; captain hose team number one, Carl Hodess; captain hose team number two, C H Woodcock; captain hook and ladder, Mack Hemphill; captain engine, Ed Smith; and treasurer, M P Morgan.  
 —A party of former Ohliolans but now old residents of Webfoot left Monday for a visit to their old homes in the East. They were Caspar Zierolf, who left Ohio for Oregon 31 years ago, and has not been East for a visit since his departure from there; and Mrs James Martin who has been a resident of Benton for even a longer period. Mrs Martin is accompanied by her son, John Martin. Mr Zierolf is to be absent two months, and the Martins a month or six weeks.  
 —The first edition of Oregon Literature, a book published a couple of years ago by Prof John B Horner, has been exhausted, and a second edition is to appear. Prof Horner is now collecting the material, and it is expected that the copy will go to the printer in about two weeks. The success of the first edition is to lead to an enlargement of the work, and it is expected that the new book will contain about 300 pages. The book has already been added by the State Board to the list for public school libraries, a recognition that ought to be a source of gratification to the author.  
 —A prairie fire raged for some time in the heart of Corvallis Saturday, and while it burned gave strenuous exercise and much concern to a number of people who sought to subdue it. The flames appeared shortly after noon in the tall grass of the street just south of Dr Pernot's residence, and burned with a roar and crackling that soon attracted attention. Passers-by and neighbors hurriedly attacked it, and by the time it had traversed half a block of the street the fire was under control. The origin is supposed to have been from the stump of a lighted cigar, and this is a reminder that smokers, in these dry days ought to be careful.

—Percy Clark expects to leave today for Portland, where he will spend the winter.  
 —Miss Lulu Young has been the guest of friends at Beuna Vista for the past week.  
 —Mrs Thomas Burnett of Albany, arrived Saturday, and is the guest of friends and relatives.  
 —Charles and William Johnson of OAC, arrived Saturday from a visit with relatives in Eastern Washington.  
 —Mrs Lura Campbell, one of the teachers, arrived Monday to be ready for the opening of the Corvallis public schools next Monday.  
 —Mrs B A Cathey of Corvallis, arrived this afternoon to be the guest of Mrs Dunbar until Monday, when she returns home.—Eugene Guard.  
 —R. J. Nichols and family are to become residents of Corvallis next Friday. They are to occupy the Blackledge house, south of the college campus.  
 —In answer to a telephone message Mrs Alex Campbell left Tuesday for Albany to be at the bedside of her daughter Mrs Will.  
 —A change of date is to be noted in the sewer notices published in other columns of this issue. The date for viewers meeting is now the 25th instead of the 21st as originally printed.  
 —The study of curl leaf in Italian prunes is the subject of a trip on which Prof Cordley has just started through Southern Oregon. He is to go as far south as Ashland. Much work on the disease has been done in the station laboratories, and it is hoped that ultimately the cause of the trouble may be discovered and a remedy applied.  
 —The proof reader in the TIMES office has encountered some funny things lately. One item as set by the printer, related that someone had a horse 16½ feet high. That wasn't quite so bad as another that solemnly stated that Sol King had exhibited Yellow Dent corn that measured 110 feet and 10 inches in length.  
 —Ed Clark leaves today for Baker City, where he will spend his vacation. He is accompanied by his mother Mrs Ruth Clark, and in Portland they will be joined by Mrs Glen Winslow of Newberg. They go to attend the wedding of Elmer Clark and Miss Privett which is to take place in Baker City on the 17th inst. Miss Privett is a daughter of the late W R Privett formerly of Corvallis, and a graduate of the Agricultural college. She was a visitor in Corvallis during the summer.  
 —The title to the well known J M Currier farm south of Corvallis is again vested in its old time owner. A few years ago, the place passed to the Arnold heirs, under a stipulation that Mr Currier might redeem it. Thursday, a deed was filed in the recorder's office, which, for a consideration of \$18,200 conveys the property back to J M Currier. The place comprises 1,549 acres and is one of the best in Benton. Its return to the family is a source of satisfaction to many friends.  
 —The experiment station is to make a test of hop drying in one of the yards of Marion county. It is generally believed that a large amount of the lupulin, which is the active principle and marketable asset of hops is lost in the process of drying. Profs Knisely and Phillips of the college, are to conduct the experiments with a view of determining how much of the lupulin is lost, and how the waste may be prevented. The chemist will conduct the scientific investigation, and Mr Phillips will manage the mechanical devices.  
 —Corvallis merchants did a thriving trade last week. Hop pickers enroute to the fields were in town in great numbers, buying supplies for the two weeks or more that they will be employed at the picking. Bacon, flour, sugar, overalls, gloves, shoes and other articles to eat and wear were in great demand. A bigger trade is expected later, when the returning pickers with pockets jingling with the fruits of their labor stop on the way home to buy supplies for the winter. It is a fine trade, because always cash, and merchants hail the hopping period with pleasure.  
 —Late Thursday evening John Rickard became the victim of an accident. He was driving home, and when just beyond the Oren House south of Mary's river bridge, a wheelman suddenly appeared in the road and frightened his horse. The animal wheeled suddenly and threw Mr Rickard violently out of the buggy. The horse became separated from the buggy and his appearance in town raised the alarm. Mr Rickard was subsequently found in the road, where he fell, in an unconscious condition. He was taken to the home of Mrs Horning, where, after a time he revived. Yesterday morning he was taken home and at last accounts was resting comfortably. His physician was not able to find broken bones, but it is feared that some internal injury has been sustained.

### THEIR OFFER MADE

#### Portland People Propose to Bring Mountain Water to Corvallis.

Monday night's council meeting was made important by the offer of Sidney Smyth, engineer, to bring mountain water into Corvallis. The local water company also made a proposition of lower rates and filtered Willamette river water, an account of which can be seen on another page. The offer of Engineer Smyth is on the basis of Portland rates, water to be brought from some of the mountain streams to the westward, and a franchise for a period of 50 years to be given by the city to the company. It is also provided that the city may at the end of 15 years, if desirable, purchase the plant; or it may do so at the end of 20 years, or at the end of any 5 years thereafter. In case of such purchase, the city chooses one arbitrator, and the company the other. If the latter cannot agree as to price, a third is called in by them and the decision of any two determines the price. The offer of Engineer Smyth is embodied in an ordinance granting the franchise and stipulating terms and conditions. This ordinance has been read the first and second time in the council, and is now ready for amendment, third reading and final vote. It has been referred to a committee consisting of Councilmen Henkle, Allen and Heckert and City Attorney Yates and Engineer Skelton. Mr Skelton declined to serve, but his declination was not accepted. The same is true of Councilmen Allen and Heckert. The committee is to consider the legal and other phases of the offer, and when a determination is reached, is to call a special meeting of the council for final consideration of the ordinance. The offer of the local water company was also referred to the same committee. Very little discussion met the introduction of the ordinance. The fact that it was on his table was mentioned by the police judge. Somebody made a motion that it be considered and the motion was adopted. The ordinance was read and then Councilman Allen said the matter was of tremendous importance not only to the present but succeeding generations. He proposed that the bill go over to the next regular meeting. Councilman Avery suggested that the delay would be too great, and proposed a special meeting a week or two hence. Councilman Creech thought a week time enough. The mayor said he didn't know whether the council had power to grant a franchise or not. He said also that the council had power to regulate rates, and wondered if a franchise would not destroy this power and interfere with rate regulation, making the granting of a franchise undesirable. Finally Councilman Henkle moved the reference of the ordinance to a committee for consideration and report at special meeting, and it prevailed. The committee is to meet to consider the ordinance next Monday night. The ordinance in full is as follows: Section 1.—That Sidney Smyth, his associates and assigns, hereinafter called the grantees, be and hereby granted the privilege of laying pipes and mains underground in and through the streets, alleys, and public property of the City of Corvallis, for the purpose of conveying into, through and throughout said city water for supplying the said city and the inhabitants thereof with the same, under the conditions and restrictions herein set forth. Section 2.—The said grantees shall never charge greater rates for water than are now charged for similar service by the City of Portland, and shall at all times supply water on equal terms and without discrimination to any applicant in said city who lays or provides a service pipe to any water main that is maintained by the said grantees in front of the premises of such applicant in any street or alley, upon such regulations as to the terms and conditions of making such connections and the use of water as may be established by said grantees alike for all inhabitants of said city. Section 3.—The said grantees shall begin work upon the construction of their water works within eighteen months after the date of approval of this ordinance, and shall complete the same sufficiently to begin supplying water to the inhabitants of said city within six months thereafter. Provided that a failure to comply with the requirements of this section shall operate as a forfeiture of all the rights and privileges granted by this ordinance and every part of it. Section 4.—Such a water works shall be of sufficient capacity to supply a good working pressure for fire extinguishing purposes to such, and to as many fire hydrants as the common council may designate and require, and the said fire

hydrants shall be supplied and established by said grantees at their own expense; and in consideration thereof the City of Corvallis shall pay to the said grantees therefor the sum of five dollars per month for each fire hydrant supplied: provided that the payment by the said city for such fire hydrant service shall entitle the said city to the use of water at the city hall and all city offices used exclusively for city purposes, without waste, free of charge; and provided further, that water from fire hydrants shall not be used for other than fire extinguishing purposes without the consent of the grantees. Section 5.—All mains or pipes for conducting water shall be laid not less than one foot below the grades of the streets as now or hereafter to be established, and whenever excavations or trenches are opened for laying mains or pipes in or through any street of said city, such excavations and trenches shall be refilled at the expense of the grantees without any unnecessary delay, and such street restored to as good condition as the same was in before such opening was made. Extensions to the system of mains and pipes may be made from time to time as the growth of the city may require. All water furnished or supplied through any such mains or pipes shall be good and wholesome mountain water obtained from other sources than the Willamette river. Section 6.—The City of Corvallis, having at this time great need of pure water under adequate pressure for fire and other purposes, and being unable at this time to construct and maintain its own water system, and as an inducement to the grantees to accept and act upon the provisions of this ordinance, does hereby limit the duration of the rights and privileges hereby granted to a period of fifty years from and after the said grantees begin supplying water through their said pipes and mains to the inhabitants of said city, and during said period the said grantees shall have and enjoy the sole and exclusive right and privilege of laying mains and pipes, in, under, and through the streets or alleys of said city; provided, however, and notwithstanding anything in this ordinance to the contrary, the said City of Corvallis does reserve to itself, the right, at the end of fifteen years after the commencing of said period hereinbefore named, to purchase the said water works, including all mains, pipes, reservoirs, dams, head works, lands, rights of way, and other property, personal and real, then owned and used by said grantees in connection with its business of supplying water to said city and to the inhabitants thereof, the price to be ascertained and fixed by appraisal by two disinterested arbitrators, one of whom shall be chosen by the common council of the City of Corvallis by resolution, and one by the said grantees, their successors or assigns; and in the case the arbitrators so chosen are unable to agree upon the valuation of any part of said property, they shall select a third disinterested arbitrator, and the decision of any two of them as to the valuation of any such part thereof, shall fix the price and valuation thereof, and on such appraisal the said city shall be privileged to purchase, at the price of valuation to be fixed and established, the whole of said properties, but not less than the whole without the consent of the grantees; and the acceptance by the grantees of the rights and privileges granted by this ordinance shall obligate and bind the grantees, their successors and assigns, to sell and deliver said properties to said City of Corvallis at the price and valuation established in accordance with this section; provided further, that in estimating the value of such properties, the value of the rights, privileges, or franchise granted by this ordinance shall not be included or considered; and provided further, that if the said city does not exercise its right to purchase said properties at the end of said period of fifteen years it shall have the right, at the expiration of any period of five years thereafter, to exercise a similar right to purchase, the price and valuation to be fixed and established in the manner hereinbefore set forth; and provided further, that the right to purchase shall in no case be exercised by the said city unless it shall, at least two years before the time for purchase, have notified the said grantees of its intention to purchase under the terms and conditions hereof. Section 7.—The parties named in section one of this ordinance shall file their acceptance of its conditions within thirty days after the approval hereof; otherwise this ordinance shall be null and void. To Sell or Let. On shares 300 good clean sheep. J. H. Edwar ds. Dusty.



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