

LOCAL LORE.

(Advertisements in this column charged for at the rate of 15 cents per line.)

—Mrs Jones of Amity, arrived Wednesday, and is the guest for a few days of her sister, Mrs Gillespie.

—Lee Henkle left yesterday for Pendleton, for a visit with relatives. He is to be absent a week.

—The Cauthorn Hall boys are to entertain the Alpha Hall girls and a number of the literary societies this evening.

—Mrs Ruth Clark is to leave the first of the coming week for an extended visit with her daughter at Newberg.

—Mrs S E Baldwin, who owns property in Jobs addition, left Wednesday for Portland to spend the winter with a son and daughter.

—The First Spiritual Union of Corvallis, will hold services at Barret Lyceum on Sunday at 3 p.m. All friends cordially invited.

—Forty five hogs were butchered by C E Dinges the other day. The work was done at the Smith & Hout slaughter house. The hogs are to be made into bacon.

—Newly elected officers of the Eastern Star lodge are, Clara Fisher, matron; Dr Harper, patron; Lilly Groves, associate matron; Mrs Callahan, secretary; Mrs Carter, treasurer; Mrs Skelton, conductress; Mrs Lafferty, associate conductress.

—The engagement of the Clara Mathes theatrical company, which was to have played at the Opera House all next week, has been cancelled. Instead, "Pickings From Puck" is billed for next Thursday night.

—The new dam put in by the Fischer mill people on Marys river has had a severe test during the high water. Tuesday the river was so full that the river below the dam was as high as above, and August Fischer made the trip over it in a small boat. The only way that the presence of the dam could be told was by a gentle swell in the water immediately over it.

—The following officers for the ensuing year were elected by the Degree of Honor lodge, at their last regular meeting. Past chief of honor, Mrs Dora Watters; chief of honor, Mrs Eva Tucker; lady of honor, Mrs Nellie Beckwith; chief of ceremonies, Mrs Ethel Harris; recorder, Miss Lela Tucker; financier, Mrs Mary Sheasgreen; receiver, Mrs Julia Hornlog; usher, Miss Avalyn Barnhart; inside watch, Mrs Cynthia Jackson; outside watch, Taylor Porter.

—Two and three fourths acres of land in the suburbs of Corvallis was sold Wednesday by W A Wells to Ben Martin. The price paid was \$275 or \$100 per acre. The land consists of the north half of block 22 in Wells & McElroys addition, and lies east across the road from the B W Johnson orchard.

—Emil Zels, formerly of Corvallis, is running a soda works and ice depot at Copper City, California. Copper City is a mining town in the vicinity of Redding, and the business of Mr Zels is in connection with the big ice works of John and Ed Zels at the latter point.

—Recent news from James Taylor relates that he is at Davisville, California, and that he is improved in health. He wrote that thousands of people, all suffering with consumption were there, some even in tents, and that the train each day carried off one or more corpses of those who had succumbed to the disease. The environments were not to Mr Taylor's liking, and he left the place and returned to California, where he may remain all winter, and where Mrs Taylor may join him later on.

—Hops continue to be quoted at 25 cents, with a weaker demand abroad. The crop is said to have passed almost entirely into the hands of speculators. The question of what price will be next year—whether high or low, is one over which growers speculate. In some localities, the reports are that many new yards will be set out as a result of the high prices of this year. As two years are required to bear well, the general estimate is that the investment is a bad one.

—The "Foot Social" to have been given Thursday evening by the Woodmen of the World, was postponed to a near future but indefinite date. It is said that the postponement was occasioned by the sparse attendance from various causes, among which were the inclement weather and a number of counter attractions. It is possible, too, that the plan of entertainment was not generally understood. The name is proficely suggestive and doubtless many ladies and gentlemen who might have attended, did not care to do so without inside information as to what was in store for them. The plan, as nearly as can be discovered in advance is something like this: A curtain is hung so that its lower edge falls nearly to the floor. Behind the screen the attending ladies are ranged with their feet exposed in the space between the curtain and the floor. Each pair of "tooteles" is sold at auction to the gentlemen, and the successful bidder secures the privilege of participating in a luncheon provided by the owner of the feet. This mode of entertainment opens up numerous possibilities of jobbery, and there is some doubt as to whether or not the gentlemen will care to go up against the scheme.

—Wheat 62.

—Born Saturday, to Mr and Mrs H A Deck, a son.

—Additional local news on fourth page.

—"Is Modern Faith-healing the Child of Christianity?" at the M E church tomorrow at 11 a.m.

—Spaulding Bros steamer, Gray Eagle, came up the river Thursday and returned to Oregon City with a raft of logs from the Smith Island.

—J B Arrants, guardian of Fred and Nora Arrants, has filed his inventory in the probate court. The aggregate of property in the estate is \$729.

—During the latest rise, the Willamette reached a stage of 21 feet above low water. That was Wednesday. It has since been falling and at noon yesterday was 16 feet.

—It was decided at a recent faculty meeting that the term examinations would occur on next Thursday and Friday, instead of Monday and Tuesday, as has been the custom heretofore.

—Local millers quote wheat at 62, but say that the market is 10 cents higher than that figure. The quotations by telegraph yesterday morning were, Portland 77; Chicago, 77 7-8; San Francisco, 1,41 1-2.

—In the estate of T P Waggoner, M M Waltz, the administrator, has been authorized to sell real property at private sale. The land to be sold comprises 321 acres, and is the donation land claim of Jesse Hawley.

—In the probate court, a sale of personal property in the Wiles estate has been approved. The sale comprises livestock sold to John Smith, \$2,278; to B E L Brown, \$647 and to Henry Brinkley, \$75.

—New deeds filed for record are, J S Buchanan to Phillip Schweizer, 54 acres near Philomath, \$103; Phillip Schweizer to Helena Schweizer, 54 acres near Philomath, \$2000; Hedwig O Stein and wife to E A English, 20 acres near Albany, \$40; W A Wells and wife to B M Martin north half of block 22 in Wells & McElroys addition to Corvallis, \$275.

—At the last regular review of the Knights of Maccabees the following officers were elected: Past commander, C W LeVee; commander, L G Altman; lieutenant commander, Geo W Moore; record keeper, W L Sharp; finance keeper, R L Taylor; chaplain, J F Irwin; sergeant, W J Moore; master at arms, H C Manna; master of the guard, Vance Taylor, 2nd master of the guard, Chas Newton; sentinel, Andrew J Morelock, picket, William Read; master of property room, R N Adams.

—At the regular meeting held at the home of Mrs Emily Fernot, the Womans' Home Missionary society of the First Congregational church elected the following officers: President, Mrs Anna Farra; vice president, Mrs F G Clark; secretary, Miss N Campbell; treasurer, Mrs Frank Wood.

—First neighbor—"I see Brother Gafney doesn't keep his subscription to the Times very well paid up." Second neighbor—"How do you know?" First neighbor—"Why the date on his paper is away back. That shows how he stands on the matter." Third neighbor—"Looks like it." First neighbor—"You bet."

—Ben Woldt returned from Portland Thursday. While there he met Thomas Jeffreys, who had recently returned from Skagway. Mr Jeffreys seemed in good spirits and will return north in the spring. William Mackey and Edgar Grimm are associated in mining operations and both are said to be doing well. Mr Mackey had intended to return to Oregon at the same time Mr Jeffreys came, but he finally found it impossible to arrange his business so that he might do so.

—Each season we are apt to believe that it has rained more than it did the previous one. Anyway we are almost certain to inform the newcomer that such is the truth when he complains of the wet weather. The recent precipitation gives us occasion to tell the same old story, but at this time the records sustain our position. A report from the signal office at Portland under date of December 10th, states that from September 1, 1902, the precipitation has been 18.18 inches; normal for that period, 13.85 inches. The excess is 4.33 inches.

—The new tax law does not seem to have abbreviated delinquent tax lists in other counties of the state. While the Benton county list was scarcely more than half a column in length, the Clackamas county list is 55 columns, or more than eight pages of an ordinary newspaper. In other counties the lists are much the same as usual. The Benton county list is everywhere the subject of newspaper comment. The natural deduction, in view of conditions seems to be that Benton county people are better taxpayers, and the Benton county sheriff a better tax collector, than they are in other counties.

To Trade

A fine farm in Nebraska, also one in Texas for farms in Benton or Linn Co. Also nice well improved farm near Halsey for Corvallis acreage property. Good brick store house and residence for farm. Some great bargains in farms and city residences. See, F P Morgan,

AN UNTOLD CHAPTER

In the Timberless Timber Land Transaction—A Syndicate's Escape.

There is an untold chapter in the late experience of Portlanders who sought to secure timber land in the Alsea country. It was revealed to the TIMES Thursday by one who knows all about the facts. He resides within a few miles of the land on which the Portlanders actually filed. He confirms all the statements the TIMES recently made to the effect that there is no merchantable timber on the lands on which the Portlanders made filing. Here is the additional chapter:—

A few days before the Portlanders reached Corvallis to make their spectacular trip into the Alsea country, an elderly gentleman appeared in this town. He went to a livery stable, hired a team, and went the next day to Alsea. There he made inquiries as to whether or not there was good timber in township 14 and ranges 9 and 10, which is the identical land on which the Portlanders made their filings. He passed on to Lobster, and there made similar inquiries of old settlers, eliciting invariably the information that the lands in 9 and 10, were, for merchantable purposes, practically timberless. After satisfying himself, this elderly gentleman returned to Corvallis, and then proceeded to Portland. The fact that makes his visit of interest is that he was a timber inspector, in the employ of a big Michigan syndicate, and was sent out by the latter to ascertain whether or not there was good timber on the lands in question, which lands had been offered for sale to the syndicate as valuable for timber purposes.

That is all there is of the story. The Portlanders, who throughout the transaction were lambs led out to be shorn, had been led to believe by the locator, first, that there was timber on the lands, and, second, that there was immediate sale for it at a good price. Somebody was to make a sale of it to the Michigan syndicate, and was perhaps thereby to make a handsome profit. The syndicate was, in the long run to be the buncoed party, because it was to be the final purchaser of the timberless timber lands.

The plan failed, first because of its exposure by the newspapers, and also because members of the syndicate were too wary to be swindled. They sent a confidential agent into the Alsea country to investigate the character of the lands, and in the end the Portlanders who paid \$100 each to the foxy locator, got the bad end of the bargain.

NINETEEN INCHES NOW

In s'x Weeks Half the Usual Wet Seasons Precipitations has Fallen.

These are rainy days in Webfoot. Not since 1896 has Willamette seen so great a rain fall in the same length of time as has been precipitated in the past six weeks. From November 1st up to eight o'clock yesterday 16.49 inches of rain fell according to the figures given out at the college weather office. During November the rainfall was 11.23 inches. Only twice in the past six years has there been so great a rainfall in a single month. One of these was during the month of November 1896, when the total precipitation was 16.69 inches. In November 1897 the total rainfall was 11.76 inches. The only other month since that time in which the rainfall has exceeded eight inches, was last February, when it was 10.59 inches.

The total average for October, November, December, January, February, March and April, the seven months that ordinarily constitute the rainy season has been for the past six years about 38 inches. In 1897 the total was 45.06; in 1898, 35.21; in 1899, 35.21; in 1900, 37.34; 1901, 38.20; making an average in each of the five years of 38.20 inches for these seven months named.

From the first of October up to eight o'clock yesterday the total for so much of the present rainy season as has passed is 18.20 inches. The precipitation by months is October 1.71 inches; November 11.23 inches; December up to the 12th inst, 5.23. For the last year October 2.23; November, 6.21; all of December 5.08. From the above it will be seen that within the past six weeks nearly half the usual precipitation for the whole seven months has fallen, and that in the natural order of things there ought to be clearer days ahead.

Handkerchief Sale

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will be at home to the public at the residence of Mrs John Simpson on Thursday, the 18th, from one to six p.m. Handkerchiefs will be on sale during the afternoon.

The Christmas Stir IS NOW ON At S. L. Kline's.

You should not fail to be numbered among the lucky purchasers this week. Now is the time and this is the place to buy your Christmas Presents.

Toys and Holiday Goods Galore. The Collection is Complete, so don't delay.

Our Christmas Dolls

They are the kind that every little girl wants, and you can secure a whole family here. We have them in all sizes, from a tiny baby doll to a great big beauty, from 5 cents to \$5.00.

Gollar, Guff & Glove Boxes

Always suitable for a Christmas present for a lady or gentleman friend, 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00.

Purses and Chatelaine Bags

In all the latest novelties, from 25c. to \$3.00.

Albums

25c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00.

Hand Mirrors

Articles that are always useful, 25c. 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.50.

Gloves & Suspenders

For quality and style our line can not be excelled. Gloves, 25c. to \$1.50. Suspenders, 10c., 15c., 25c., 50c.

Toilet Cases

The prettiest line we have ever shown, in ebony, sterling and celluloid, 50c. 75c. \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00.

Neckties and Mufflers

Never before have we shown so large and complete assortments. The newest ideas in silk designs. Prices, 25c. to \$1.50.

Special Sale of Men's Suits

Part of our clothing was late arriving and we have placed them on sale at a 10 per cent. reduction. These are the famous Hart, Schaffner & Marx make, quality guaranteed. A good chance for X-mas present.

Pictures and Decorated Ware

Matted carbon mounts and medallions. A very pretty line of decorated ware, all at popular prices.

Holiday Slippers

For ladies and men. Slippers are an ideal present. Our line is large and attractive.

Prices, 50c. 75c. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00.

Ping Pong

A royal game, or table tennis, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00.

Silverware

In broken pieces and sets, from \$1.50 to \$7.00.

So varied are our assortments of pleasing things, and the prices range so wide, that selections to suit every individual's taste can be made at

S. L. KLINE'S, The White House, Regulator of Low Prices.

Advertisement for Kingsbury Hats and Iron Glads. Includes text: 'KINGSBURY HATS Made to wear Sun, alkali dust or rain do not phase them.' and 'Not a Soul Can buy a sole sounder than the sole sold by us in our Top Round Shoes for men. Always \$3.50, never less.' Also features an image of a man in a top hat and a man in a long coat with a cane. Text at the bottom: 'Kuppenheimer Guaranteed Clothes Are: Faultless in fit; the standard of fashion; tailored perfectly; the long-service kind; par value; reasonable in every way; the absolute satisfaction or money-back kind. See our New Line of Lace Curtains. New Railroad in Corvallis. We refer to those in our Toy Department. We've enough Tin Horns, Whistles and Drums to make life miserable. Those who like first pick among the pretty and not to be duplicated things will appreciate our early Christmas showing. We have Dolls of all nationalities, in fact everything in the toy line, from a Jack-in-the-box to an Automobile. Bring in the children and see all the toys. They're new. You didn't pick over them last year nor year before. F. L. Miller, Corvallis, Oregon.