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A CONTRAST

A spray of ripe raspberries grown in the open air in a Corvallis garden, was on exhibition on the street Monday. In Boston, the cold is so intense that street cars are constantly blockaded, traffic interrupted and the poor are rioting for the coal they have not the means to buy. In portions of New York, the public schools have been dismissed on account of the intense cold and the shortage of coal. On the raspberry vine mentioned, there are berries in every stage of development from the blossom to the red berries in the richness of perfect maturity. The bush from which it was taken in the north end of town, was covered all over with the fruitage and blossoms that are a mighty contrast with the howling blasts of the icy East. If Webfooters sometimes kick at the rains, it is because they fail to feel the pinch of the icicle or the chill of the cold that now prevails on the other side of the continent.

WILL BRING PEOPLE

Into Benton—They Must do it—A big Deal That Failed to Materialize

In the expected rush of immigrants into Oregon next Spring Benton and Lincoln Counties will have an influence working in their favor that other counties of the state will not enjoy. It is an influence that is quite likely to turn a large number of homeseekers into one county or the other. This influence is the effort that the Oregon Pacific Colonization Company, of Minneapolis will make to dispose of its lands.

The Company it will be remembered purchased the extensive holdings of the Coast, Land & Livestock Company, the lands of Oregon Agricultural Company, and the Wallis Nash ranch on Rock Creek, aggregating it all, something over 60,000 acres. The company invested a large sum of money in the lands. Some say the amount was \$150,000 or more. The purchase was made as a matter of speculation, and the lands must be sold in order for the investors to clear themselves. Nearly one half the lands lie in Benton County. The purchasers are shrewd real estate men and other investors, and already they have agents in some of the states in the middle west, advertising the lands.

Of course the lands are uncultivated, but that will cut small figure with intending buyers, many of whom will come to Benton or Lincoln looking for uncultivated properties, and in the end as has several times been the case during the past summer wind up the visit with a purchase of improved farms.

The Oregon-Pacific Company holds its lands at \$5 per acre. Negotiations pended recently in which the company was about to dispose of five sections in Benton County at that figure. There were two of the buyers, and at one time they made the company an offer of \$3.50 per acre for the five sections. The latter lie in the vicinity of what is known as Shotpouch. It was expected for a time that there would be a compromise on the price and that the big deal would materialize, but an injury befell one of the buyers, and the negotiation was abandoned. It is very certain, however that the Oregon-Pacific Company will induce many a homeseeker to visit Benton, and that there is every likelihood of lively times in real estate in the county next spring and summer. It is reported that Wallis Nash is really in Chicago in the interest of the Oregon-Pacific Company.

For Sale.

Seventy head of pigs. S. H. Moore, Corvallis.

Proposals for Wood

Notice is hereby given that the clerk of school district No. 9, Benton county, Oregon, will receive sealed bids for furnishing the said district with wood for the coming year, to-wit, 25 cords of oak grub wood, and 70 cords split fir wood, old growth or 70 cords of fir wood, second growth, all wood to be of good quality, not less than four feet in length, and not less than four inches nor more than eight inches in thickness or diameter, to be delivered at the school building, in said district on or before August 15th, 1903. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and no bid will be received after six o'clock, January 16, 1903.

MILES STARR, Clerk.

THEY WERE SURPRISED

Thirty Ladies Invade a Camp of Modern Woodmen of America.

Saturday evening last was a regular meeting night of the Modern Woodmen of America and there was considerable business on hand. Two candidates had been initiated the regular business transacted, and the lodge had begun the election of officers for the ensuing year. At this stage of the proceedings the sentry informed the venerable consul that something like thirty ladies were in the ante-room without the password, that they desired to invade the camp for the purpose of feeding the Woodmen, knowing that they must needs be hungry after their arduous labors in the forest. Election of officers was immediately postponed and the meeting brought to a close. It developed that the lady relatives and friends of the Woodmen had planned to surprise the foresters with a bountiful lunch. Tables were soon gotten together and spread. The Woodmen's camp fires had burned quite low, so it became necessary for the ladies to hustle down to the Commercial restaurant to make the coffee. All members of the order present participated in the refreshments in such a manner as to leave no doubt of their appreciation of the surprise.

This is the first meeting of the Modern Woodmen with the ladies and it proved so agreeable that it brought out a discussion of the advisability of establishing a camp of Royal Neighbors, which is the women's auxiliary of the Modern Woodmen's organization. One Woodman's argument in favor of the proposed organization was that heretofore he had not fared well at the hands of his "neighbors;" that frequently when he went home from work he would find that they had not provided him with all that he could desire for a square meal; but if the repast just partaken of was a sample of what "Royal Neighbors" might do, he was greatly in favor of encouraging them.

There was merriment and social converse until a late hour. At the proper time Venerable Consul Healy gave a pleasing talk in which he cordially thanked the ladies for their entertainment.

LAST FOR DECEMBER

Junior Rhetoricals at the College—What the Orators Said.

The last Junior rhetorical at OAC for December occurred Friday afternoon in the chapel with a piano and mandolin duet entitled, "Sounds from the Ball" by the Misses Danneman.

Joseph Henkle gave an interesting account of the Spanish-American War.

Alva Horton says that an energetic man is industry personified. Energy is capacity sufficiently exerted. An energetic man uses all his time.

Odalite Horning took for her theme, "In Ourselves Our Fortune Lies." As a rule our greatest men are those who have not had the best opportunities, was the speaker's inference.

Miss Della Davenport sang "The Memories of Home."

Ernst Henrichs recited the story of the Invasion of Mexico by the French.

Blanche Hershner proved that moral courage is essential to success. He who has an idea that he is afraid to give to the public, for fear of being laughed at is a moral coward.

Chester Proebstel pleaded earnestly for a strong navy. A navy is necessary that we may preserve our national respect. We think with pride of our navy, but let us live in readiness for any unforeseen possibilities.

THEY ACT

It Will be the Talk of the Town—"Pickings From Puck" Tomorrow Night.

The farcical musical comedy "Pickings From Puck" which will appear at the Opera House, tomorrow Thursday night, is bound to catch the public taste to a nicety. In the chorus are a lot of dainty femininity—such sweet simplicity. No one can deny that this production is a splendid one in the matter of scenic equipment as well as stage handling.

All this is introductory in saying that "Pickings From Puck" comes to town with ribbons flying. The musical numbers are breezy and cheery and all that can be desired in a musical comedy, and the Ping Pong dance which is one of the many features, will no doubt be the talk of the town.

If you want a suit of clothes at a price to please for the wear—men's and boy's—We have them for you. J. H. Harris.

THE REAL STUFF

It is on Exhibition in a Down Town Show Window.

How many people in Corvallis have seen the color of Alaska gold—the real, original, uncoined stuff? Lots of people went to the northern mines from Benton county during the Klondike excitement and returned, not with gold nuggets nor twenty-dollar pieces. They came back with much experience, a few souvenirs, and a fund of hard-luck stories, all purchased with Benton county money. There are a few Corvallis people still at the north, and we are permitted to hope that fortune may yet give our distant friends a token of recognition and encouragement.

There is foundation for the indulgence of this prospect in the news that Mackey, Jeffreys, Waggoner and Grim are doing well, and the fact that there are real Alaska nuggets on exhibition right here in town. In general, perhaps Alaska nuggets are not rare, but such as are on display at the jewelry store of A. J. Metzger, are certainly attractive. They are a product of a mine on Jack Wade Creek, in which the owner of the nuggets, C. E. Rowland is interested. Mr Rowland has been in Alaska six years, and is now on a visit to his family who are in Corvallis taking advantage of the city's educational facilities. The nuggets are eight in number, ranging in weight from three-quarters of an ounce to more than five ounces. The aggregate value of the display is \$238, assuming the gold to be worth \$19.20 per ounce. To heighten the effect of the display, Mr Metzger places a nugget in one dish of the scales and in the other sufficient gold coin to balance, thus giving approximately the value of the original gold. In one end of the scales lies a smooth oblong nugget not widely different in size from a robin's egg, and in the other is a twenty dollar and two five dollar pieces. The two ends of the scales are exactly balanced, neither tipping.

The largest nugget is not unlike some of the old fashioned potatoes in shape, perhaps like what used to be known as the kidney potato. It is perfectly smooth, save that there are two or three small lumps, like those on potatoes. In length it is full two inches. Its thickness one way is an inch and at right angles to the same measurement, three-quarters of an inch. It is solid, and its weight is more than five ounces, or bordering close to half a pound, Troy Weight. Its value is a few cents over \$96.

All the nuggets came from pockets. Mr Rowland found them while prospecting. He was out one day on his claim 200 miles beyond the Klondike. He sunk a hole several feet to bedrock, and all he found was 75 cents in dust. He sank another but with little better success. Then he moved a hundred feet across the gulch, and there went down again, this time uncovering a pocket from which he took \$1,000 in dust and nuggets. From another pocket that he found in his six years experience in the Arctic, Mr Rowland took \$1,400.

WAITING FOR WIRE

Ferry Boat is—Cable Expected Later Part of This Week

The Corvallis ferry is still idle. The boat is moored to the Benton County side of the river, and the ferryman is on an enforced vacation. The non-arrival of the cable is responsible for the condition. The new rope was ordered from San Francisco through Huston & Bogue last week. Up to noon yesterday no advices had been received with reference to its shipment, but it was expected that the cable would reach Corvallis the latter part of the present week. Until it arrives, the ferry will not be in operation. Everything is in readiness to string the cable across as soon as it comes, and the question of when operations are to be resumed is merely a matter of the arrival of the wire.

Local business men bemoan the condition, more or less, as it forces their customers on the other side of the river to go elsewhere to do business.

For Sale.

A complete outfit of farming implements, including, Percheron team of 1,400-pound horses, wide tire wagon nearly new, Plano binder, Jones mower, four section steel harrow, one twelve and one fourteen-inch walking plows, sulky hay rake, disc harrow, two-horse cultivator, and many other implements and appliances. Will be sold at private sale at low rates. Also 10 tons of good cheat hay. Also two year old thoroughbred Jersey heifer, to be fresh in January. Call or address

HARRY A. WICKS, Corvallis.

ANOTHER TRADE

Sold His Place but Looking for Another—Eastern Man Bought.

The ten acre farm and orchard of G F Garshwiler, near Philomath, changed hands Monday. The buyer is Peter Adamsen, who arrived about three weeks ago from Iowa. He is accompanied by his family, and has already taken possession.

The figure at which the property changed hands has not been made public. It is understood that Mr Garshwiler sold the place at a considerable advance over what he paid for it a year ago, and that he is well satisfied so far with his experiment in settling in Webfoot. He has removed with his family to Corvallis, and now occupies the house of Mrs Ruth Clark. He is looking for another investment in this vicinity, and will probably try his hand at another farm. Mr Garshwiler came to Benton early last winter from Indiana.

The virtue of spraying was demonstrated in the Garshwiler orchard this season. At small expense and trifling trouble the trees were systematically treated with spray at the proper season, and the reward was a fine crop of apples, almost free from worms which sold readily in the market at fifty cents per bushel. Mr Garshwiler regards Oregon as a grand apple state.

Found.

A small nickel-plated watch. Enquire at TRMRS office.

Fancy Work Sale.

On Thursday and Friday afternoons of this week the Ladies of the Christian church will give a Christmas sale at the home of Mrs J W Howard Cor 5th and Adams streets, of point lace, doties, handkerchiefs, pillows etc.

Nolan & Callahan's holiday presents are all worth one hundred cents on the dollar the day after Xmas.

Cow for Sale.

One fawn colored Jersey milk cow. Enquire of D C Rose

Wood for Sale

I have 500 acres of timber land to clear. Will sell wood in stump or give wood for clearing ground, have fir, oak cedar and ash. 5 miles west of Corvallis. P A Kline.

For Sale.

A twelve room house and six acres of land on College Hill. House fitted with modern improvements, three fire places water supply from good windmill and tank located on premises. For terms apply to E E Wilson, Corvallis Oregon, or H T French, Moscow, Idaho.

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.

T W McGowan, Jr, established 1857 commission merchant, hop, and general merchandise, 36 & 38 Whitehall street, New York. Liberal advance made on all consignments. Highest market prices obtained and quick returns. References: R G Dunn's Mercantile Agency, New York; Bradstreets Mercantile Agency, New York; Bank of America, New York.

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Will cure rheumatism. If you have rheumatism in any of its many forms, no matter how long standing, call and see me at my office on south Main street. I will guarantee to cure any case of rheumatism, in from 10 to 60 days. I have in my office the latest improved Statie and X-ray machine, and am prepared to make any kind of an X-ray examination. Also to give any kind of electrical treatment. If you are in any way afflicted, call and see me. Consultation and examination free.

Respectfully, W. H. HOLT, D. D.

Bids for Wood.

Bids for furnishing the Oregon Agricultural College with wood for the ensuing school year, will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent, up to the thirty first day of December, 1902.

For specifications and form of bid apply at the office of the Clerk, or to the undersigned.

JOHN D. DALY, Secy. Board of Regents. Corvallis, Oregon, December 8, 1902.

E. E. WILSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW. NOTARY PUBLIC.

Office in Zierolf Building, Corvallis, Or.

B. A. CATHEY, M. D., Physician and Surgeon.

Office, Room 14, First National Bank Building, Corvallis, Or. Office Hours, 10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m.

Christmas Suggestions.

We take the liberty of suggesting any of the following as an appropriate Xmas Gift.

FOR LADIES.

- Fine Cloak or Jacket, Fine Dress Pattern, Fine Fur Boa or Collarete, Walking or Dress Skirt, Fine Black Petticoat, A Royal Worcester Corset, Silk or Wool Shirt Waist, Fine Silk House Jacket, Silk Umbrella, Rug or Art Square, Fine Shoes or Slippers, Fine White Blankets, A Marseilles Quilt, A Silk Waist Pattern, A Good Fascinator, A Pair Portieres, A Battenburgh Tidie, A Bureau Saarf, A Pair Pillow Shams, Fine Table Cloth, Napkins to Match Tapestry Lounge or Table Cover.

FOR MEN.

- A Business or Dress Suit, Overcoat or Cravenette, "Hawes" \$3.00 Hat, Douglas or Walk-Over Shoes, A Dress Suit Case, House or Smoking Jacket, Fine Slippers or Suspenders, Warm or Dress Gloves, Silk or Linen Handkerchiefs, A Fine Muffler, Silk Umbrella, Monarch White Shirt, A Fine Dress Scarf, Suit Good Underwear, Good Sweater, A Flannelette Night Shirt, A Pair Turkish Towels, Money Purse or Belt, A Hunting Coat, A Pair Leggins, A Box Fine Socks.

For Boys, Girls and Children we have lots of good things.

Premium Dishes to redeem all outstanding Coupons.

Nolan & Callahan LEADING CLOTHIERS

Headquarters for Holiday Goods.

Our patrons will find our selections unusually large and attractive. Our Men's Suits and Overcoats cannot be equaled at the prices quoted.

Good Suits for the Boys, \$1.50 up.

Other Holiday Goods.

- Neckwear, Collars and Cuffs, Shoes, Glassware, Suspenders, Dress Suit Cases, Hats, Toilet Sets, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Shirts, Albums, Etc

SPECIAL.

Ten Percent Reduction on Men's Suits.

Owing to the late arrival of part of our men's suits, for the rest of the month we place them at 10 percent reduction.

Sole agents for the Ralston Health Shoes for Men, the best Winter shoe made, \$4.00.

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