

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Wheat 63.
—S. L. Kline returned from San Francisco Wednesday last.

—The Benton Mills closed down Tuesday evening for a couple of weeks.

—Miss Cecil Erwin arrived Wednesday from Baker City to spend Christmas with relatives.

—Miss Helen Stelwer arrives today for a holiday visit with Miss Mabel Withycombe.

—There will be services at the Catholic church tomorrow. High mass at 10-30 and vespers at 7-30.

—The Social Whist club was entertained by Mrs. M. Jacobs Wednesday afternoon.

—Henry Ambler, the wide-a-wake Philomath real estate man was doing business in Corvallis Wednesday.

—A football game is to be played this afternoon at Dusty by the Philomath and Bellfountain teams.

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

—The Macabees are to give a joint entertainment the evening of December 31st, for which elaborate preparations are being made.

—William H. Lamb and Miss Melio May Clem were married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Clem, at Dusty, last Sunday. The knot was tied by Rev. A. B. Minton.

—J. W. Howard and family leave today to spend the holidays in San Francisco. Mr. Howard has closed out all his interests in Eastern Oregon, and expects, ultimately to settle in California.

—B. L. Eddy, executor of the estate of Mrs. Sarah C. Applewhite, has filed his eighth semi-annual account, and the same has been approved in the probate court.

—Rodney Nash, who suffered a fracture of a small bone in the ankle in the football game between OAC and Willamette eleven, still uses crutches, but expects to throw them aside in a short time.

—There will be preaching at the Congregational Church next Sunday Dec 21, at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. by Rev. J. S. McCain from Southern Oregon. All are cordially invited.

—What is known as the Apper house and lots near the Corvallis & Eastern depot changed hands Wednesday. It was sold by Marshall Miller to Mrs. M. P. Bardwell who lives in one of the Woodcock houses. The price paid was \$750.

—Harry Waggoner, the 15-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Waggoner suffered a fracture and dislocation of the arm Tuesday. The dislocation is at the elbow joint and the fracture is one of the bones of the forearm on the same limb. The injury was sustained while the lad was at play.

—Albany Democrat:—Fred Edwards, the popular coach, who left for his home in Eastern Oregon, was obliged to stop in Portland on account of an attack of appendicitis, with which he has been troubled for some time, and is at the Good Samaritan hospital where an operation will probably be performed.

—Holiday vacation at the college begins this morning and continues until Monday January 5th. Numerous students who had completed their examinations left for their homes by yesterday's trains. By far the greater number, however leave on this morning's boat and today's trains. Among those who go are many students who expect to spend the vacation at their homes in distant parts of Eastern Oregon.

—A complete new outfit of paraphernalia for initiation purposes was received Wednesday by the local lodge of Woodmen of the World. The outfit comprises thirteen uniforms of handsome design, and in use will tend to heighten the ceremonies of initiation. It will be used for the first time December 31st, on the occasion of the celebration of the lodge of the county are to hold in Corvallis, when fifty to 75 candidates will ride the goat.

—The W. R. C. gave Prof. Pritchard and wife a surprise at their residence, Tuesday evening, December 16, that date being their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The W. R. C., assisted by the Post, presented a silver service of six pieces. Mrs. Clarence Chipman made the presentation. In response Prof. Pritchard made a few remarks which gave evidence of his own and his wife's appreciation of the remembrance. Luncheon was served before the close of the evening.

—Miss Martha Jane Walker, aged 72 years, was taken to the asylum from Benton county Thursday. The examination occurred at the residence of James Hayes near Corvallis, Wednesday. Miss Walker has been for a long time at the home of her brother, Jesse Walker. The petitioner for the action was Mrs. Ollie Bell. The attending physician was Dr. B. A. Cathy. The testimony was to the effect that Miss Walker was deaf and dumb, and that she had been mentally ailing from birth. Mrs. Ollie Bell was appointed as a guard to accompany Miss Walker to the asylum. The trip was made down by boat Thursday morning, with Sheriff Burnett at the head of the party.

—There will be preaching in the M. E. church, South, at 11 o'clock Sunday by Rev. F. A. Moses. In the evening at 7-30 Dr. John Reeves will occupy the pulpit.

—On the fourth page of this issue appears matter relative to the late overhauling of the assessment roll of Benton. Figures relative to raises and lowering of assessments and other changes are to appear in the next issue of the Times.

—Dr. Pernot goes about town now with the assistance of a pair of crutches. He performed the stunt for the first time yesterday, and was not at all ungraceful. His broken bone is rapidly recovering, and he expects in two weeks to be all right again.

—Hiram Meader, a fruit-grower of Medford, is on a visit to his aunt, Mrs. D. C. Rose. The product of Mr. Meader's farm this season was 4,000 bushels apples, 2,000 bushels pears, 60,000 pounds prunes, 20,000 pounds almonds, and a considerable quantity of figs.

Times were lively at the county clerk's office yesterday. In addition to other duties, three homesteaders were in to make final proof. The latter were, Charles W. Wulkinson, whose witnesses were, Ernest F. Snyder, John W. Hyde, Fred Simeral and S. P. Kagey; Fred E. Simeral, witnesses, C. W. Wulkinson, E. F. Snyder, J. W. Hyde, and S. Kagey; Homer Wood, witnesses, Wesley Keaton, William Cauthorn and William Green.

—The Corvallis chorus had another successful practice of music for the Oratorios to be given at Eugene by the Willamette Valley Choral Union next May. It occurred in the college chapel, and about 20 singers were present. During the holidays the work will be temporarily laid aside, and no further practices will take place until the first Wednesday in January. At that time several recruits from among local singers are expected to be present.

—Graham & Wortham have recently been making various improvements about their drug store. Probably the more important one is the installation of a set of new showcase counters. They are seven in number—two feet in length, two 8 feet, a circular one, and two wrapping counters 5 feet in length. All have plate glass tops and slides excepting those on which the wrapping is done. They have oak tops. The framing of the counters is highly polished oak. Provision is made for convenient shelving on the inside. It is said that this is the only full set of such fixtures in any drug store outside of Portland, a fact which indicates much for the enterprise of Messrs. Graham & Wortham. Another gratifying fact is that these counters are manufactured in this state, the factory being located in Portland.

—Charley Heckart hobbled down town this week having a sprained ankle, a wrenched back, a twisted neck, a countenance all drawn out of normal; in truth he possessed more ills than could be cured by any one patent medicine advertised in the almanac. His various disabilities had been caused by a fall from the roof of a house on which he was working. The roof was moss-covered and slippery, and he took a slide from somewhere about the cone. He expected to be stopped by some staging bulls up along side the building, but the first portion that he came in contact with gave way under his weight and velocity. Charley's course was partially interrupted, however, and thereafter the descent was accomplished at a more conservative speed, the various braces of the staging seeming to regulate the rate. Mr. Heckart regards the termination of this accident with a good deal of satisfaction, notwithstanding his various bruises and injuries.

—Chief Alexander has been industriously chasing dogs the past few days in his effort to enforce the dog-tax law, and in the performance of this duty he doesn't find many bequests in his pathway. A lady of the old school of women's rights adherents, whose pet he had taken off to the pound, declared the law unconstitutional. She regarded it as class legislation directed against her sex; there was no justification of the law that taxes males one dollar and females three dollars for like privileges. The Chief and Mr. Morgan had trouble Wednesday over the possession of a dog, which the former was snaking along Main street. "I don't live in the city," said the real-estate man, and you have no right to take up my dog. I don't know how it happened to be in town." The argument grew to white heat while the dog and each contestant tugged at the string. "If I could afford it I'd give you three dollars for possession of the dog," argued Mr. Morgan. "If it is your dog," declared the chief, "the tax is only a dollar." Mr. Morgan took another glance at the subject of contention and moderated his manner with the remark: "Well, if the tax is only a dollar, it isn't my dog." Whereupon the storm abated, and there was calm except for the moderate atmospheric disturbance occasioned by the glances and howls of the unfortunate canine whom no other person attempted to rescue.

Back again at the same old business you will find me ready to tack on half soles and patch your shoes with the best materials at reasonable prices. Give me a call two doors north of Farmer's Hotel Main street. M. Gleason.

ASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Charles H. Pritchard*

THEY STOLE NUTS

And Glassware—One Squealed and Authorities are After Them.

A number of young lads about town have been in the sweat-box in Deputy District Attorney Bryson's office a large part of the past week. They are known to be guilty of having taken at night a large quantity of nuts and glassware from the store of Ed Dunn. A huge pile of nuts were banked up in a front window in Mr. Dunn's establishment, and a quantity of Christmas glassware was near. A large hole in a pane of the window had been patched with card board pasted inside. The boys removed the pasteboard and obtained easy access to the wares.

Mr. Dunn missed the stolen articles, and found no difficulty in discovering how the culprits had secured them. He reported the matter to the authorities and an investigation was undertaken. Suspicion soon rested on certain lads, and when one of them was put in the sweat-box in the deputy district attorney's office, he squealed, confessing to his part in the enterprise and giving the names of his confederates. The advantage thus obtained was followed up, and at last accounts nearly all of those interested had confessed to all or a part of their doings in connection with the affair. Yesterday afternoon the investigation was still in progress, and it was not known what the outcome would be.

The names of the boys are not known outside the deputy district attorney's office. There are known to be five or six of them, and they are said to be all sons of respectable parents. The police say the doings of the crowd give them more trouble than all other influences combined. It is reported that one of the boys in speaking to a friend about the investigation remarked confidentially that, "They may break up" the gang now but we will quickly organize again." In Albany the other day, Judge Boise sentenced a young man to serve a year in the state penitentiary for the simple theft of a jar of fruit, the thief said because he was hungry. Whether they know it or not the Corvallis boys are in a very serious situation.

SUSTAINED HIS POSITION

A Corvallis Boy That Was Posted on Game Chickens.

The subject under discussion at the brick livery stable Wednesday afternoon was fighting chickens. The usual number of stable urchins was present. A 12-year old chap remarked that Corvallis afforded some high-grade games. To combat this argument the short, fat liveryman offered to bet a hundred dollars that he could bring a one-eyed rooster from Linn county that could lick anything in the shape of a chicken that Corvallis could produce. The argument was not conclusive, for the boy went out, promising to return with supplementary evidence to sustain his position. He was a lawyer's son and doubtless his inclination to contention is hereditary. The boy directed his steps to a business house, the proprietor of which is something of a chicken fancier, and to whom the case was stated. "I don't like to encourage boys in such business as this, but here is a hundred dollars. Go down and call the stable man on his proposition. I will allow you to arrange details. There was astonishment and no little satisfaction at the stable when the boy flashed his gold coin and told the fat man that he was ready to make the bet. The proposition on the part of the party of the first part, proved to be a rash bluff and the jury unanimously decided in favor of Corvallis chickens. And now the boys crow about the stable at will without any response from the champion of the one-eyed Linn county bird.

For Sale.

Milk cow also several stock cows for sale. One good plow horse to let to good party for feed.

Organ & Carriage Factory,

Get Them Now

Big Green Olives in bulk, Fresh mince meat in packages and Heinz sweet pickles at Zieroff's.

To Rent.

Farm to rent by F. P. MORGAN.

For Sale.

Poland China Hogs, Shropshire bucks Polled Angus cattle, and \$5 head of goats. Also a few bushels left of wheat and Spelts seed.

L. L. Brooks, Corvallis.

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, 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.

Christmas Handkerchiefs

For ladies, men and children, in plain, hemstitched, lace, and embroidered edges of all kinds, at 5c., 10c., 15c., 20c., 25c., up to 75c.

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.

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.

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.

KINGSBURY HATS
Made to wear
Sun, alkali dust or rain do not phase them.

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.



Kuppenheimer Guaranteed Clothes Are:

Faunless in fit; the standard of fashion, tailored perfectly; the long-service kind; par value; seasonable 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.

HOSIERY TALK
One of the lines we are proudest of is our hosiery—hosiery for men, women, boys and misses.
Iron Clad
This is the trademark of the kind of hosiery we sell—clad your feet with "Iron Clads."
At Miller's.