

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Wheat 63

—W. E. Yates returned Monday from a week's vacation at Newport.

—Leslie Gray, of Toledo, was a business visitor in town Monday and yesterday.

—Prineville boasts of a hairless dog but admits that the little fellow looks chilly on a frosty morning.

—James J. Johnston and Sarah J. Bailey were married December 22d at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in Albany, Rev. M. C. Wire officiating.

—Rev. John Reeves, on account of a violent attack of grippe, was unable to occupy his pulpit in the M. E. church, South, Sunday evening.

—Mrs. Townsend grand matron of the Eastern Star of the state, is to pay an official visit to the local lodge of the order on the evening of January 6th.

—Thomas H. Cooper and George W. Cooper have been appointed administrators in the estate of E. E. Cooper, deceased. S. T. Wyatt, Samuel Whitesides and Z. H. Davis have been named as appraisers.

—Tonight the Maccabees are to have a big time in their hall. There is to be a joint meeting of the two lodges of the order, with a programme, a basket social and a drill by Knights in uniform. Incidentally the gathering will be to watch the old year out and the new one in. Everybody is invited.

—Major Frank Edwards popularity among the commandant of the cadet battalion at the college is well known. Evidence of it was the presentation the other day to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards of a handsome baby carriage, given by the officers of the battalion as a Christmas offering and in token of their esteem.

—There was an interesting scene in the county clerk's office Monday afternoon. A father, his son and prospective son-in-law appeared at the counter and applied for two marriage licenses. The latter were of course for the double wedding that is to occur at the Catholic church at 9 o'clock this morning. The members of the license party were Eugene Joseph Garrow, his son, Wilbert Garrow and Albert Metzgar. The license for Mr. Metzgar and Miss Edna Garrow was first issued, the father of Miss Garrow vouching for the ages of the couple, which were given at 32 and 22, respectively. He also stood sponsor for Wilbert Garrow and Miss King, whose ages were placed at 25 and 21.

—New deeds filed for record are, Adrian McCallman to Jefferson Myers, eighty acres near Corvallis, \$400; Jefferson Myers to Augusta Miller, same property, \$1; William W. Dow and wife to James Wilson, 57 acres in Ales, \$700; Anna M. Staal and husband to Andrew Jensen, six acres near Albany, \$690; Caroline E. Stoner to Edward Pageot, five and a half acres near Albany, \$450; Lewis F. Wilson, trustee, to Byron D. Arnold, eight lots in Wilkins addition, \$200; W. D. Armstrong to Frank Wilson, 60 acres in the B. W. Wilson donation claim near Corvallis, \$1,850; Charles Tower to Ben Wolft, lot 1 in block 29, county addition to Corvallis, \$1.

—Sneak thieves, entered a fruit house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Irvine Monday night, and carried away three jars of fruit, two dozen eggs, a quantity of butter, bread, bacon, cream and other provisions. The matter is mentioned here simply to warn others that the wise keep their fruit houses locked. The operations were carried on under the glare of an electric light loosened from its accustomed place on the wall for the purpose, and left lying on the floor when the job was completed. Should this meet the eye of the gully parties and they will come to the front door in broad daylight next time, they will, if it is a real case of hunger, be given all the food they require, and a blessing. That will save a stretch of the conscience and be more satisfactory to the owners of the food.

—Allan Bates, manager of the OAC football team has accepted a position as prescription clerk in the drug store of George O. Blakely at The Dalles, and he left Monday to enter upon his duties. Mr. Bates' education in pharmacy was acquired in the pharmaceutical department at the college, from which he has not graduated, but from advancement made successfully passed the examination before the State Board of pharmacy last fall. The condition makes a vacancy in the football management.

—Crackers alleged to be 147 years old have been exhibited about town for the past few days, and many persons fell victims to the joke. The date 1755 and the initials "J. H. D." stamped in the surface, helped to carry out the deceit. In size the crackers were not widely different from an ordinary slap jack. One well known citizen bit off a piece of the ancient biscuits and declared that it tasted remarkably good for a thing so old. Another said, "Oh, no; he didn't want to handle it, because a thing so old and precious might break in pieces." The story that went with the crackers, was that they had been kept as heirlooms in the Kriens family, having been baked by Mrs. Kriens great grand father in 1755. John Kriens yesterday, after sufficient sport out of the proposition explained that the cakes were recently baked in an old iron that is an heirloom in the family, and which was actually in use for the purpose in 1755, 147 years ago.

—Rosa Finley is to return to Portland tomorrow.

—A. D. Morrison left yesterday to resume his studies in a medical college at Portland.

—Miss Florence Paupa of Portland has been the guest of Miss Martha Fischer, since Friday.

—Prineville Journal; Miss Una Stewart gave her parents a pleasant surprise by arriving home Sunday, one day ahead of time. She will spend the holidays in this city.

—After a week's visit with relatives Mr and Mrs Clarence Avery left Monday for Vancouver, Washington, whence, later they proceed to their home at Walla Walla.

—Typhoid fever is prevalent at the state penitentiary, and there have been two deaths. Among those alling with the disease is Frank McDaniel, the notorious Portland murderer.

—Ed Horner, formerly of Corvallis but later sent from Eugene to serve a six years term in the Oregon penitentiary, recently completed his term and is now conducting a barber shop on the eastside in Portland.

—Rev. H. A. Deck announces a Watch Night service at the United Evangelical church this, Wednesday evening, at 9 p. m. Rev. Vincent will preach next Sunday morning and evening. No preaching at Mt View next Sunday.

—Four lots in Job's addition were sold Saturday by W. A. Wells to Mrs. Rebecca Harlan, who resides at the Milton Young home in that part of town. The consideration was \$120. The lots lie west across the street from Ryder's. A dwelling house is to be built on the property in the spring.

—Out of the wreck of financial reverses, G. W. Hunt, who used to be a big contractor on the Oregon Pacific and other railroads, saved a fine farm in the vicinity of Walla Walla. One of his sons now operates the farm and is doing well. Mr. Hunt at one time after his reverses engaged in preaching on the streets of Portland.

—The steamer Leona has been running on the upper river since Thursday. She is at present hauling wheat from Peoria and Finleys for Fischer's Mills. She is also to transfer wheat from the Booneville and Cummings houses for the Benton Mills. Up to the present the water has been too low to make Booneville.

—An Easterner who had been to Prineville left the town, and told it, after leaving the town that beefsteak there tasted like sausage, due to the fact that the cattle had lived so long on sage brush. The Prineville Journal rejoins that the Michigan had probably always lived on horse meat and didn't know good beefsteak when it was put before him.

—Civil service examinations are to be held at Pendleton and Portland during next March and April for admission of young men and women to places in the employ of the government. The number of appointments by the commission last year was 14,933, or 4,692 more than any preceding year. Corvallis young men came in for a number of them.

—Operations on the Farra house are delayed by long waits for the plaster to dry. The work of putting on the second, which is also to be the last coat of plaster was completed Friday. Over this there is to be a coat of alabastine, leaving the walls with a rough surface, similar to that on the walls of the new Agricultural Hall at the college. It will be several weeks before the building will be ready for occupancy.

—Mrs. Orpha Clark of Philomath, recently closed her second term of school in district No. 63, commonly known as the Witham school. The last day of the term was fittingly closed by exercises and a basket social for library purposes. The exercises by the children were highly entertaining and were well rendered. They consisted of recitations, songs, and dialogues. Superintendent Denman after a few remarks on school work, auctioned off the baskets, and the neat sum of \$16.85 was received. The most paid for a basket was \$1.95, and Charles Rexford won this honor. The following received certificates of perfect attendance from the superintendent, Gerlie, Bertha and Pearl Moientry, Julia Slater, and Fannie and Flora Smith. The house was nicely decorated for the occasion. The interest of the patrons of the district was such that standing room was at a premium. All patrons pronounced themselves well pleased with the progress made by the children and it is the general sentiment to have Mrs. Clark teach the next term of school.

To the Public.
Beginning January 1st, the delivery wagons of both Corvallis meat markets will be discontinued, and all meats will be carried to customers in all parts of the city by the general delivery. They will give an all day service, instead of only a morning delivery as heretofore.
Smith & Hunt,
Wicks & Lilly.

Notice to the Public.
On account of the advance in the price of blacksmith supplies, we, the undersigned, blacksmiths of Corvallis, have been compelled to raise the price after Jan 1st, 1903, to two dollars per horse, new shoes all around, and one dollar per horse, old shoes all around.
W. M. Porter,
Hornung Bros,
J. F. Phillips,
L. V. Baker.

WHAT HE HEARS

About Oregon—Bad Roads, Incessant Rains and Unproductive Soil.

Somebody is telling queer tales in Nebraska about conditions in Oregon. A letter received by J. J. Cady from E. A. Bell, of Beaver City, Nebraska, relates some of the stories that go the rounds with reference to Webfoot.

Mr. Bell has disposed of his farm in Beaver precinct, and expects to make a change of location. He has a desire to make a tour of the Northwest, and will probably do so next year. In his letter, he says:

"Of course, we hear a great many of the disadvantages of your country; such as incessant rains for six months, impassable roads, imperfect apples, non-productive soil in many localities, moss-covered buildings, etc. I cannot but think that there are a great many advantages not elsewhere found; at least, I am so far convinced that I have decided to take a trip through that country and examine for myself.

"A great many here have gone to Forest Grove, thinking that place preferable to your town and county. How is the demand for carpenter work now, and how will it be in the spring? How are teachers paid in country districts, and in towns? Is there a canning factory in Corvallis? Has land advanced any recently? Are there any buildings going up in your city now?"

A ROUTE ORDERED

First Free Rural Delivery for Corvallis—Begins February First.

It seems likely that Corvallis is to have its first free rural delivery in the near future. About a week ago Postmaster Johnson received from Senator Mitchell, a letter saying that the proposed northern route would be established just as soon as appropriations now pending should become available, or somewhere between February 1st and March 1st. A dispatch from Washington in Saturday's Oregonian announces that Congressman Tongue has arranged with the postoffice department for the establishment of a number of new routes in Western Oregon, among them an "additional" route for Corvallis. As no free rural delivery route is now in operation, the use of word "additional" makes the matter in a measure uncertain, as an application is in for a second route. The latter proposes a service along the Cardwell hill road to the westward and across the Willamette to the eastward. It is not believed however, that it is the latter that is referred to in the dispatch, but that it is the northern route that is to be now established, application for it having been filed months and months before the other was suggested.

If it is the northern route that is referred to in the dispatch, it will be put into operation February 1st. It proposes to leave Corvallis via Mountain View and Wells road going as far north as Blakes, thence returning to the Mountain View school house, thence west to O. Martin's place, thence east across the country past L. L. Brooks to the Richland school house, and thence back to Corvallis via the Albany road. The route will cover about 25 miles and serve about 100 patrons. Under the summer schedule it is expected that the carrier will leave Corvallis after arrival of the noon mails and make the trip during the afternoon and returning to Corvallis in the evening.

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

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.

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.

For Sale.
Poland China Hogs, Shropshire bucks Polled Angus cattle, and \$5 head of goats. Also a few bushels left of cheat and Speltz seed.
L. L. Brooks,
Corvallis.

Diamonds
Diamond Rings,
Diamond Ear Drops
Diamond Brooches,
Diamond Studs,
Diamond Stickpins.
E. W. Pratt, Jeweler & Optician.

Grand Annual Clearance Sale At S. L. Kline's

Every article in our big store marked down after a most successful year's business. I am determined to round up the season with the largest January Sale known to the mercantile trade. While there will be thirty days of these bargains, we ask all to come as early as possible and secure first choice. We name below a few of the many bargains.

The Whole Store is Filled with Others Just as Attractive.

<p>Dress Goods</p> <p>50c dress goods at 39c 75c dress goods at 59c 1 00 dress goods at 79c 1 25 dress goods at 97c 1 50 dress goods at 1 19</p> <p>Ladies Wool Waists</p> <p>85c waists at 38c 1 00 waists at 75c 2 50 waists at 1 85 3 00 waists at 2 12</p> <p>Ladies Shoes</p> <p>We have 50 pairs of fine shoes in broken lines worth \$2 50, \$3 00 and \$3 50. All go at \$2 per pair.</p> <p>Ladies Underwear</p> <p>25c garment at 19c 50c garments at 41c 75c garments at 62c 1 00 garments at 79c</p>	<p>Corsets</p> <p>50c corsets at 39c 75c corsets at 59c 1 00 corsets at 79c 1 25 corsets at 97c 1 50 corsets at 1 12</p> <p>Capes & Jackets</p> <p>5 00 jackets at 3 85 6 50 jackets at 4 75 10 00 jackets at 7 95 12 00 jackets at 9 25 15 00 jackets at 11 95</p> <p>Overcoats, Mkn'tsh</p> <p>6 50 overcoats at 5 00 10 00 overcoats at 7 95 12 50 overcoats at 10 00 18 00 overcoats at 14 85</p> <p>Boys Clothing</p> <p>1 50 boys suits at 1 29 2 00 boys suits at 1 60 3 00 boys suits at 2 40 4 00 boys suits at 3 20 5 00 boys suits at 4 00</p>	<p>Mens Clothing</p> <p>The Famous Hart Schaffner & Marx Make. 10 00 mens suits at 7 95 12 50 mens suits at 10 90 15 00 mens suits at 12 50 16 50 mens suits at 13 50 18 00 mens suits at 15 00</p> <p>Hats</p> <p>Our 1 00 hats at 85c Our 1 50 hats at 1 20 Our 2 00 hats at 1 60 Our 2 50 hats at 2 00 Our 3 00 hats at 2 45</p> <p>Mens Trousers</p> <p>Bought of us it money saved. 2 50 trousers at 1 60 2 50 trousers at 2 40 3 00 trousers at 2 40 4 00 trousers at 3 20 5 00 trousers at 4 00</p> <p>Shirts</p> <p>The best prints. Never before have we had such nice patterns. 50c shirts at 41c 1 00 shirts at 85c 2 50 shirts at 1 25</p>
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See our SpecialOn.....
.....Groceries

Domestic Department
20 yards calico assorted colors \$1.00
20 yards unbleached muslin \$1.00

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The public knows that every statement made in my ads is absolutely correct and when I state that I shall make price concessions, you may rest assured that a great many bargains will be presented for your consideration. Our usual terms will prevail during this sale.

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

About Our Great Red Tag Sale, Continued Only 30 Days.

Following our annual custom of running a clearance sale previous to stock-taking, we have inaugurated a Red Tag Sale, which means that any article in the store marked with a Red Tag will be sold for cash at a price insuring its removal from our counters within 30 days.

Thanks.
We wish to thank our many friends for their most liberal patronage during the past year. As you have been liberal with us, so will we be liberal with you and make Red Tag prices, during our annual shelf cleaning.

Blankets.
All wool and a yard wide; all kinds and plenty of 'em. They won't sell well in July, that's why they are included in our Red Tag sale.

Boys' Suits.
It's just like this; if a suit of clothes will do your boy a little good, two or three dollars will do us a lot of good. We have every boy's suit in the house Red Tagged, at prices that will surprise you. We would rather carry the money over next season than the suits, and they won't keep Johnny or Willie warm lying on our shelves. The time to buy is when the other fellow is anxious to sell; that is just the frame of mind we are in right now.

Pointers.
Cabot W, per yard, 7c, Red Tagged, 6c
Am. Ladigo Blue Calico, 6 1/2c, Red Tagged, 5c
Regular Shirting, 12 1/2c, Red Tagged 10c
Regular Shirting, 10c, Red Tagged, 8 1/2c
Novelty Dress Goods, 16 1/2c, Red Tagged 12 1/2c
Outing Flannel, 10c, Red Tagged, 8 1/2c

Men's Pants.
We've entirely too many for this late in the season, so we have given every pair of 'em 30 days notice to get out. We need the room, you need the pants. Let's get together.

The Good Old Summertime.
A pair of Ladies' Felt Juliets worth a dollar and fifty for a dollar and twenty, made expressly for this cold weather—your feet will think it's summer.

F. L. MILLER
Corvallis, Oregon.