

LOCAL LORE.

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—Wheat 63.

—Miss Mildred Llanville goes to Salem today on a two weeks' visit with friends.

—Major F. E. Edwards is in Portland on business, and expects to return today.

—There will be services at the Catholic church tomorrow, mass at 10:30 a. m. and vespers at 7:30.

—Mrs. G. M. Mulkey returned to her home at Summit, Thursday, from a week's visit in Corvallis with her daughter, Mrs. Miner.

—Mrs. J. L. Jones was a north-bound passenger on Thursday's Westside train. She goes for a visit at her parental home near Suver.

—Subjects for discourse at the Christian church tomorrow, Rev. G. S. O. Humbert, pastor, are, morning, at usual hour, "Two Companions, Doubt and Fear," evening, "Liberty."

—Mr and Mrs Frank Porter who spent Christmas at the Blakeslee home, and who also attended the Franklin-Blakeslee wedding, returned to their home in Portland Saturday.

—J. C. Hammer is a new arrival in Corvallis, and expects by spring to establish business here. He will be absent for a time, but he emphasized his intention of becoming a Corvallis citizen by paying a year's subscription to the TIMES.

—In a San Francisco paper of recent date is recorded the death of Clarence Kelton, a trusted employe of the Wells-Fargo Co, born in Corvallis, Oregon, 33 years ago. Inquiry as to the name develops the fact that the family moved from here to California when Clarence was a small boy. The father, John Kelton, was a partner of W. A. Wells in the livery business in Corvallis.

—Barney Martin, an old-time student and graduate of OAO was in town Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Martin studied law in Corvallis, and afterward located in Brownsville, where he has been in practice since his admission to the bar. He had not been in Corvallis before for a number of years and particularly noticed the absence of many attorneys who were here during his residence in Corvallis.

—There is repairing, changing of partitions, etc, going on at the Hemphill rooms, preliminary to the opening of a new restaurant. C. W. Lederer, late of Seattle, has rented the rooms recently occupied by Mrs. S. A. Hemphill, and has ordered many of the fixtures necessary for business. Mr. Lederer is said to have had much experience in the restaurant and hotel business and he speaks confidently as to the success of his venture. He expects to be ready for business about the middle of next week.

—Apparently the Portlanders are not the only people Timber Locator Stone has defrauded. The following from the Moscow, Idaho, Mirror, adds one more chapter to his crime-checked history.—"Oscar C. Stone, the lawyer who was located at Juliaetta and Troy for a short time several years ago and taken back to Helena, Montana, to stand trial for passing worthless checks, Stone bilked everybody in this county that he could and his victims will not be sorry to learn that he is on the road to the 'pen.'"

—For sometime until recently the doors of the Salvation Army Hall were closed and the boom of the army drum was unheard. It is different now. The organization seems to have taken on a new life and there was quite an awakening and red hot time Wednesday night. Captain C. E. Brooks and Lieutenant C. E. Maness, arrived the first of the week freshly imbued with the enthusiasm of General Booth, whose meetings they just had been attending in San Francisco. The first meeting was attended by several enthusiastic members from Philomath. Continued services will be held in Corvallis, with occasional meetings in the neighboring towns, and cottage meetings in the country. The officers request it to be stated that the character of the meetings will be of the old-time fire, and that all are invited to come and give a helping hand to roll the old chariot along.

—Joseph Ripley spent Wednesday night in Corvallis. He is bookkeeper in the office of H. S. Downell, roadmaster for the S. F. Co. in Oregon, and was passing over the company's lines to secure certain information from track men which is required in the introduction of the company's pension system. Under the rules of this pension system, all officers and employes who have attained the age of 70 years, shall be retired. Such of them as have been in the service 20 years shall be pensioned. Locomotive engineers, firemen, conductors, flagmen, brakemen, train baggage-masters, yard-masters, switchmen, bridge foremen, section foremen and road masters, who have attained the age of 65 years may be retired and pensioned if they have been in service 20 years. Officers and employes between 61 and 70 years who have served the conditional number of years and who have become incapacitated, may be retired and pensioned. The pension amounts to 30 per cent of employe's salary at the time of retirement.

—Services at the M. E. Church, 8 Sunday morning and evening, by the pastor, Rev. J. Reeves, who is well enough to be back in his pulpit.

—C. E. Woodson left yesterday to locate at Heppner, Eastern Oregon, for the practice of law. Mr. Woodson was candidate for county judge at the recent election, and made a good race.

U. P. Hedrick, who married Miss Amy Plummer in Corvallis, and who was for a year professor of horticulture at O. A. C., is now professor of horticulture in the Michigan Agricultural college.

—A game of basket ball is to be played in the college Armory next Friday night between the O. A. C. and the Newberg team. It will be the first appearance this season of the local boy's team.

—Thursday evening was the date of the annual meeting of stockholders of the Benton County Prune Company. At the meeting, however, there was no business transacted except to receive the annual report of Manager Robert Johnson.

—Officers who recently arrived to take charge of the Salvation Army work in this locality find a debt of something like \$100 standing against the organization here. With commendable energy the new officers are setting about to cancel the debt, and it will be much to their credit if they succeed.

—The local chapter of Eastern Star was visited officially by Mrs. Alice Townsend last Tuesday evening. As usual, the occasion was made a function of extra importance by the membership. There was the usual instruction in the degree work, followed by a banquet and a good time. Mrs. Townsend, who is the grand matron of the order in the state, made many friends during her visit.

—The Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company is forwarding to prominent persons of Oregon considerable information relative to the St. Louis fair undertaking. The circulars undertake to intimate the advantage which this state will derive from the exposition, and close with a request that the persons addressed use their influence to secure a large appropriation by the Oregon legislature for the Louisiana exposition. The St. Louis people are hereby reminded that Oregon has troubles of its own along similar lines.

—Robert Johnson and F. P. Sheargreen returned Thursday from McMinnville, where they went to examine the prune processing plant and business owned there by Dr. Wright. Both favor the establishment of a similar plant in Corvallis. It costs approximately three-quarters of a cent a pound to pack and process prunes. Wright is now offered 6 cents per pound for his output, or 5 1/2 cents net. That is a cent better than Benton prunes sold at. Twenty-six girls and several men are now employed at the plant. Robert Johnson thinks there is no question about the success of a similar business in Corvallis, and is in favor, if all prune men will stand in, of undertaking it. Now, he says, is the time to act. A plant would cost about \$500.

—Rumors of county division are floating about. The Albany Herald publishes a statement that a mass meeting of people was held in Fairmount precinct last Saturday night and that the subtraction of themselves from Benton and their addition to Linn was the purpose of the assemblage. M. S. Durbin and W. P. Small who attended the meeting were in town yesterday, and they asked THE TIMES to say that those who attended the meeting did not mention county division, and that they did not want it. "We want to remain in Benton county," both men said. "What we want is," they continued, "to get the toll removed from the Albany bridge." That is what the meeting was held for. The plan is for Albany to give half the bridge, free of debt, to Benton and half to Linn, and to let each county pay its part toward keeping the structure in repair. The business in Corvallis of Mr. Durbin and Mr. Small was to present the matter before the Benton county court. They had been appointed at the mass meeting Saturday night to interview the court, which they did yesterday. They were told that the court would appoint a committee to discuss the matter with a similar committee from the Linn county court.

—The annual tax levy for Benton has been fixed by the county court which has been in session since Wednesday. It is, state purposes 6.5 mills; county purposes 15 mills; state school, five mills; roads two; total 28 1/2 mills. The 15 mills for county purposes is understood to include a considerable levy for road improvement. In Corvallis, the tax will be, state, county and school, 28 1/2 mills; special school tax for district number nine, 9 1/2 mills; estimated city, seven mills; total 45 mills. At the same session the petition for the C and E railroad for a reduction of assessment was denied, the jury list of 200 names was prepared, the valuation for assessment of J. H. Simpson's residence was raised \$500, poll tax was ordered paid in cash instead of labor, G. T. Vernon was appointed road supervisor of Alsea vice G. C. Peek resigned, and the appointment of a county road master was continued.

Our store will close at 7 p. m. during January, February and March, Saturday evenings excepted. J. H. Harris.

THEY FLEECED HIM.

In Frisco—Nebraskan who Looked Three Weeks at Benton Farms.

A. J. Sheridan, who recently spent several weeks in Corvallis, during which time he looked at farms all over Benton with a view of purchasing, has come to grief in San Francisco, where he fell into the hands of sharpers and was fleeced out of over \$1,100. Sheridan came to Corvallis from Nebraska. He was in the market for farm property, and local real estate men showed much attention. They hauled him all over the county, and talked to him of bargains they had to offer. He seemed often on the point of buying, but he never got quite to the scratch line. One day, he read in a newspaper of chicken ranches and the profits to be made in them in California, and he at once waved a goodbye to the real estate men, and flitted. What happened to him is thus told in a San Francisco dispatch of the 6th.

"A. J. Sheridan, a school teacher from Paxton, Nebraska, is the latest victim of confidence operators. He was enticed to a room at 915 Mission street and relieved of negotiable checks and drafts amounting to \$1,100. Sheridan does not know yet how he was induced to part with the savings of years and he believes he was hypnotized. He is left penniless and his wife and three young children are without means at Walker, Oregon. His story is that a young man offered to introduce him to a young man named McDonald who could identify him at the bank so that he could get his checks and drafts cashed. The young man took him to a room where they waited a long time for McDonald, who was away when they arrived. While waiting Sheridan was induced to play cards and was relieved of everything he had. He said he knew he was being robbed but couldn't help it, and claims therefore he must have been hypnotized."

COMMITTEE WAS HERE

And Examined Carriage Factory—Is to Make Report—Nothing Known.

Mr. Gilstrap, editor of the Eugene Register, and E. C. Smith, a Eugene capitalist, members of a committee from the Eugene Commercial Club, arrived Thursday, and spent the afternoon in looking over the plant of the Cramer Carriage factory. As is known to TIMES readers, a proposition was made by the Cramers to dispose of the chief portion of the carriage department of their factory in this city and that a removal of the plant and a part of the factory building to Eugene, is in contemplation as a part of the negotiations. During their stay in Corvallis, the members of the Eugene committee made a thorough study of the business, for the purpose of making a report.

Speaking of the matter, yesterday morning, Mr. Gilstrap said that nothing definite was known as yet. In some respects, he and his colleague were very well pleased with what they found. Much of the machinery in the plant is in good condition, he said, and it seemed as if a carriage business could be profitably conducted. He admitted, however, that the question of whether or not the Eugene people would take hold of the enterprise was wholly involved in doubt. The committee left for home yesterday morning.

TWO DEATHS

John Carmichael Buried Yesterday—Miss Dixon Dead.

John Carmichael who resides near the carding mill, a few miles west of town, was buried yesterday. He was the father-in-law of John Goodchild, and came to the county from Iowa a year ago. He was aged 85 years. The funeral was from the home and the interment was in Odd Fellows cemetery. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Humbert.

Miss Ethel Dixon, who has been twice operated on for tumor, died yesterday morning. She is the daughter of William Dixon, and was a young woman of amiable qualities. She was eighteen years of age. The funeral is to occur tomorrow, and the interment will be in Newton cemetery at one o'clock.

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

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| <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 all trimmings are included in this sale</p> | <p>Corsets</p> <p>\$ 39c 50c corsets at 39c 55c 75c corsets at 55c 78c 1 00 corsets at 78c 88c 1 25 corsets at 88c 1 12 1 50 corsets at 1 12 Broken lines at half price.</p> | <p>Mens Clothing</p> <p>The Famous Hart Schaffner & Marx Make. \$ 7 95 10 00 mens suits at 12 50 mens suits at 10 00 15 00 mens suits at 12 50 16 50 mens suits at 13 50 18 00 mens suits at 15 00</p> |
| <p>Ladies Wool Waists</p> <p>\$ 85c waists at 75c 1 00 waists at 85c 2 50 waists at 1 85 3 00 waists at 2 12 This line will be closed out regardless of cost.</p> | <p>Capes & Jackets</p> <p>\$ 3 85 5 00 jackets at 4 75 6 50 jackets at 7 95 10 00 jackets at 9 25 12 00 jackets at 11 95 15 00 jackets at</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>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>Overcoats, Mkn'tsh</p> <p>\$ 5 00 6 50 overcoats at 7 95 10 00 overcoats at 10 00 12 50 overcoats at 14 85 18 00 overcoats at All Mackintoshes at cost.</p> | <p>Mens Trousers</p> <p>Bought of us is money saved. \$ 1 60 2 00 trousers at 2 40 2 50 trousers at 2 40 3 00 trousers at 3 20 4 00 trousers at 4 00 5 00 trousers at</p> |
| <p>Ladies Underwear</p> <p>\$ 19c 25c garment at 41c 50c garments at 62c 75c garments at 79c 1 00 garments at Odds and ends at 50c on the dollar.</p> | <p>Boys Clothing</p> <p>\$ 1 20 1 50 boys suits at 1 60 2 00 boys suits at 2 40 3 00 boys suits at 3 20 4 00 boys suits at 4 00 5 00 boys suits at The Famous Banner Brand.</p> | <p>Shirts</p> <p>The best prints. Never before have we had such nice patterns. \$ 41c 50c shirts at 85c 1 00 shirts at 1 25 2 50 shirts at</p> |

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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.

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.

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