

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Mrs. Frank Elgin left yesterday for a visit with Salem relatives.

—Roy Greer, a student from Hillsboro, was called home last Friday to attend the death-bed of his grandmother.

—Miss Delphina Haenel left yesterday to teach a three months term of school in the auxiliary district near Currier's.

—An eastern clothing drummer is in the Northwest, now in Washington, with his special car of samples. He has a porter and takes his meals at home.

—The marriage of Bruce Burnett and Miss Ella Ingram, occurred at Amity last night. Mrs. Martha Burnett and Mrs. R. H. Huston, of this city, were in attendance.

—Members of the Intermediate League of the M. E. church, were guests of Mr and Mrs. C. C. Swan Saturday evening. The time was pleasantly passed in converse and various games.

—Albany Democrat: Miss Barbara Kolk, of Chicago, has worked as servant in the same family for forty years and has just been presented with a medal. She also deserves a monument. A good many women who can keep a girl only a month or two would like to meet Barbara and give her a terrific hug.

—B. W. Johnson attended the funeral of the late Congressman Tongue at Hillsboro Sunday. He made the trip via Albany Sunday morning, thence to Portland, out from Portland to Hillsboro, and then via the same route back to Corvallis, reaching home at three o'clock Monday morning.

—Eugene Guard: Those interested in basket ball met yesterday evening in the gymnasium and elected Fred Thayer captain. Much interest has been displayed in the game during the past month although there was no regularly organized team. The thing that probably brought organization was a challenge from O. A. C. for a game. The challenge was yesterday accepted and a game will be played in Corvallis some time in March.

—Albany Democrat: A Corvallis man in the city today says that recently prominent men there took out risks in a new Los Angeles Co. offering flattering terms, so flattering that by the investment of about \$2,000 in ten years one gets a paid up policy for \$5,000, and that now they have become somewhat suspicious and are trying to get their advance premiums back. He says that at least one should investigate it thoroughly before going into it.

—Nick Baesen, according to the statement of Late Y. Wilson, is now at Juneau, Alaska, and is employed a portion of the time in the establishment of the Arctic Meat Company, and at other times as a stevedore on the docks. He is described as in excellent health, temperate in his habits, and a popular and well-known man in the town of Juneau. Olney McLagan, another Corvallis man in the Arctic is employed on the Skagway railroad. Ed Thayer is a plumber and tinner at Dawson, and James McCune has several claims at the Cape Nome country.

—The train that arrived from Albany Saturday, brought to Corvallis the boys arrested at Oregon City. A crowd of the curious, including mostly boys, but also men and girls was in waiting at the O & E station. They wanted to have a look at the youthful prisoners. The train, however stopped on College street and his boys alighted. As soon as those at the station discovered the trick, they made a dash to overtake the party. Residents of the vicinity observed the commotion, and supposed there was a fire or a riot. Windows raised and doors flew open and people rubbed from them at the mad rush along the sidewalks, ready to join in the panic if conditions were found to warrant. The scene was one of those that had a pathetic side.

—Guy Wakefield arrived Monday to represent for two weeks the music house of E. W. Will of Albany, whose announcements appear elsewhere. His stock has been installed in the Allen & Farrar brick, next door north of Simpson's hardware store. There, are to be seen more pianos perhaps, than were ever exhibited under the same roof at one time in Corvallis. They embrace many grades and makes, many of them being of character fine enough to please the most fastidious. The business is to be conducted in Corvallis for only a couple of weeks, and as it is an introductory sale, those who are looking for instruments will certainly have opportunity to make a selection to suits in both price and character by calling.

—The executive committee of the Oregon Oratorical Association met at Albany Friday to select judges for the annual contest, but as the committee were not all present this was postponed until another meeting at Monmouth next Friday. George E. McCutcheon, of McMinnville, was elected secretary to succeed Harry Hobbs now of the U. of O., formerly of McMinnville. The annual contest will be held at Eugene. The local contest at the various cities on Feb. 13. Those present of the committee were Harvey Desmore, U. of O., president; Harry Hobbs, U. of O., secretary; Jas. Thompson, Albany, treasurer; W. J. Hale, Pacific University; Kinney Miller, Willamette; L. Burrough, O. A. C., and L. W. Hollingson, Monmouth.

—Bryant Young left Monday for a visit in Salem and Portland.

—A bill has been introduced in the legislature to authorize a free ferry at Corvallis.

—Charles Hogue has been quarantined at his home in Albany on account of an attack of smallpox.

—Mr and Mrs. J. M. Nolan, and son, Victor, returned Saturday, after a few days spent in Portland.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Garrow returned Saturday from a week's visit with Portland relatives.

—Mrs Rickard and Miss Lillian Ranney returned Friday from a brief visit in Portland.

—W. A. Wells has sold to James Harlan eight lots in block 30 Job's addition. The figure in the deal is \$280.

—Mr and Mrs J. A. Van Cleve of Monitor, returned to their home Monday, after a brief visit with the family of N. F. Gillespie.

—Ira Raber, a brother of Roy and Elmer Raber of this city, arrived unexpectedly Sunday, and will remain for some time on a visit. He came to the Coast on the same train that brought the remains of the late Congressman Tongue, having taken it at Canton, Ohio.

—At the recent meeting in Portland of the State Horticultural Society, Prof. E. R. Lake of the College was elected for the tenth time, to secretary and treasurer. John D. O'well of Central Point, a member of the board of regents of the college, was elected second vice president. Prof Cordley of the college, was asked by resolution to investigate the matter of checking the apple scab in the Willamette Valley.

—Sometime ago, John McGee purchased from Frank Osburn of Eugene a portion of what was the original John Osburn farm, Saturday an understanding matured between Mr McGee and P. A. Kline by which the latter becomes the owner of the land. It comprises 247 acres. Mr. Kline takes possession April 1st, and at that time the deed will be made and the balance due on the land paid over. The price is \$6,000, and the purchaser receives in the bargain certain stock and farming implements.

—Rev. Father Jurek left yesterday for South Bend, Washington to remain. As hitherto related in the Times, he is to assume charge of a large mission district there, embracing portions of several counties, and employing several priests. He has been for nine years in charge of the Corvallis parish, and his departure is much regretted, both by himself and a large circle of friends and parishioners. For the present, Father Booker of Siletz, is to take charge of the Corvallis parish and will hold service twice a month.

—W. T. Smither, Woodston, Kansas, writes; "Please give me information you can in regard to prices of land, improved and unimproved, kind of crops raised, average per acre, opportunities for stock raising, etc. Several families here expect to locate in Oregon in the near future, and many of us have thought that the Willamette Valley is the place most likely to suit us. Any information given will be greatly appreciated." Those who have literature should send it direct to Mr Smither, or leave it at the Times office and it will be forwarded him.

—Dispatches to the Oregonian from Baker City relate that Charles H. Whitney, former Corvallis merchant and wellknown in Benton, has been arrested for alleged embezzlement of \$2,000 of county funds. Mr. Whitney was bookkeeper and deputy in the office of the Baker county sheriff whose term of office expired last June, and who is charged with a shortage of \$25,000. Mr. Whitney's Corvallis friends hope the facts in the case may turn out less serious than report has them.

—Albert Tozier, secretary of the Oregon Press Association relates that on December 31st, there were in Oregon 222 publications admitted to the mails as second class matter. There were, twenty dailies, 4 semi-weeklies, 176 weeklies, 1 semi-monthly 20 monthlies, 20 monthlies, and one quarterly. There were 115 republican newspapers, 35 classed as independent, 25 democratic, and 9 fraternal, 8 religious, 5 agricultural, 2 school, 3 mining and one each of the following, commercial, horticultural, court, proceedings, Oregon history, medical, German, WOTU, socialism, insurance, trades unions, teachers, music liberalism, timber, Norwegian and spiritualism. Fourteen counties are without a Democratic paper.

—John M. Bloss, formerly of Corvallis, was stricken with paralysis at his home near Monclo, Indiana, last Thursday. Considering that he is near 70, and that he has seen four years of active army life in which time he was wounded, and that he has always been a busy man, it is given out through press reports that he will hardly rally from the attack. Professor John M. Bloss was state superintendent of public instruction of Indiana, he was a high official in church circles of his state, having served as an elder in the First Presbyterian church of Indianapolis, with President Harrison; was city school superintendent of Topeka, and was four years president of the Oregon Agricultural College; being succeeded by E. B. Miller. Since that time he lived on his farm near Muncie where he has held the office of township director.

TRIED A BOY.

And Found him Guilty—Aftermath of a Jail Break.

In a trial that began at seven o'clock in the evening and lasted until after midnight Monday night, Ernest Stewart was convicted of "aiding and assisting" Chester Keady and Harry Lyons in escaping from the city jail on Tuesday night of last week. The trial was by jury, and a verdict of guilty was returned after a delay of 15 minutes. It is understood that the agreement of the jurors was reached on the first ballot. The jury was Z. H. Davis, O. H. Blackledge, George W. Smith, John Bier, John Rae and Ruthyn Turney.

The trial embodied speeches by four lawyers in closing the case the testimony of several witnesses, the arguing of several points of law and much sparring over the admission of testimony by the attorneys. It was watched by a roomfull of spectators, many of whom stood throughout the long five hours or more that the trial lasted. It took place in the council chamber, and was before Police Judge Grefroz, Deputy Attorney J. F. Yates and Deputy District Attorney Bryson represented the city, and McFadden & McFadden appeared for the defense. Young Stewart, who is but 17 years of age, took the stand in his own behalf, and under cross examination, admitted that as early as half past eight o'clock on the evening of the escape he knew that an effort was being made to get Keady and Lyons out of jail, a fact that probably convinced the jury that he was concerned with the rest, and guilty of the offense charged.

The only other witness called by the defense was Chester Keady, who swore that the first time he saw Stewart the evening of the escape was when the latter arrived with others in a carriage out on College Hill to take himself and Lyons to Albany.

The testimony of witnesses on both sides showed that within a short time after the boys had been lodged in jail by officers, they were in communication with friends on the outside, arranging for escape. The planning began before six o'clock, and before nine, the prisoners had tools to work and were digging their way through the brick wall. At a quarter to twelve Lyons and Keady emerged from the hole in the wall, joined some friends on Manuel Knight's corner, and then went out on College Hill, where later the carriage appeared to take them to Albany.

On the witness stand Lyons and Cameron swore that Stewart watched the officers and acted as an informant to the boys inside, notifying them when it was safe and when it was not safe for them to work at the wall. The signal for the boys not to work was for one of the outsiders to pass by the jail whistling "A Hot Time in the Old Town," an air equisitely appropriate to the purpose. Stewart denied that he gave the signals, and Keady corroborated the denial. Stewart admitted, however, that he was near the jail with Cameron at the time the latter was removing a piano box from in front of the hole so the prisoners could get out, but said he did not know what Cameron was doing.

The whole story of the escape was gone over several times in the taking of the testimony and in the addresses of the lawyers, and in the main there was but little difference in the purport of how the thing was done.

The verdict of the jury, recommended Stewart to the mercy of the court on account of his youth, and the fact was that the present was his first offense. Sentence was pronounced at one o'clock yesterday by Judge Grefroz, and twenty days in jail or a fine of \$40 was imposed. At last accounts, the defendant had begun serving out his sentence, along with Keady in the city jail. Lyons and Cameron are in the county jail.

Wanted.
An energetic salesman to represent a reliable house in Benton county. good compensation to right party. Address D. B. Zeh. Care Occidental Hotel, Corvallis.

Fine Chickens
For Guinea hens, Black Minorca, and Buff Leghorn roosters, inquire of D. Woodward, Philomath.

The Commercial Restaurant
Is the place to obtain your meals and good service cheaper than can be furnished at home. Board by the week \$3.00; tickets good for 21 meals \$3.50. C. C. Chipman, Proprietor, Corvallis, Ore.

Yaquina Bay Celery
Constantly on hand at Zierolf's.

ONLY TWO Weeks More of 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.

EXTRA SPECIAL ON LADIES' WAISTS AND JACKETS

<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>\$ 50c corsets at 39c 75c corsets at 59c 1 00 corsets at 78c 1 25 corsets at 88c 1 50 corsets at 1 12 Broken lines at half price.</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 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 55c 2 50 waists at 1 25 3 00 waists at 1 50 This line will be closed out regardless of cost.</p>	<p>Capes & Jackets</p> <p>\$ 5 00 jackets at 3 50 6 50 jackets at 3 25 10 00 jackets at 5 00 12 00 jackets at 6 00 15 00 jackets at 7 50</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>\$ 6 50 overcoats at \$ 5 00 10 00 overcoats at 7 95 12 50 overcoats at 10 00 18 00 overcoats at 14 85 All Mackintoshes at cost.</p>	<p>Mens Trousers</p> <p>Bought of us is money saved. \$ 2 00 trousers at \$ 1 60 Our 2 50 trousers at 2 00 3 00 trousers at 2 40 4 00 trousers at 3 20 5 00 trousers at 4 00</p>
<p>Ladies Underwear</p> <p>\$ 25c garment at 19c 50c garments at 41c 75c garments at 62c 1 00 garments at 79c Odds and ends at 50c on the dollar.</p>	<p>Boys Clothing</p> <p>\$ 1 50 boys suits at \$ 1 20 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 The Famous Banner Brand.</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>

See our Special ON
..... 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.

Pointers.
Cabot W, per yard, 7c, Red Tagged, 6c
Am. Indigo Blue Calico, 64c, 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.

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.

All Men's Suits and Ladies' Jackets are Red Tagged. In fact, everything in the store is Red Tagged, excepting Top Round, Tony or District 76 Shoes, Kingsbury Hats, Monarch White Shirts, and J. & P Coats' Spool Cotton.

F. L. MILLER
Corvallis, Oregon.