

**LOCAL LORE.**

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

—Walter Locke has returned from a visit to Lebanon relative.

—E. N. Starr has returned to duty after a six month's absence at Ashland.

—Miss Lillian Ranney left Thursday for a week's visit with Philomath relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Small returned yesterday from a visit at Puyallup, Washington.

—Miss Lennie Williams arrived Wednesday from Portland for a visit with relatives and friends.

—Children's service at the Baptist church tomorrow. All are heartily welcomed, both old and young.

—Miss Mary Elliott returned Thursday from a week's visit at Lebanon with her Uncle Ernest Elliott.

—O. G. Buntin, who recently arrived from Iowa, has purchased the H. L. Hastings farm seven miles southwest of Corvallis.

—There will be services at the Catholic church tomorrow, Mass at 10-30 a. m. Vespers at 7-30. All are cordially invited.

—A. B. Locke left Thursday for Lebanon to be at the bedside of his son, Horace Locke who is ill with typhoid fever.

—Mrs. Ruth Clark left Thursday for Toledo and other Lincoln county points. The visit is in the interest of the Degree of Honor.

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

—The next to be expected is the wireless telephone, with a hurried "hello" from heaven, and a voice from from space declaring that the other is busy.

—C. C. Taylor, a prominent farmer and stockraiser of Jackson county, stopped off on his way to Salem to visit his sister, Mrs. Ellen Mundy of this city.

—At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Smith, Erma Smith entertained a number of her little friends Wednesday afternoon in honor of her birthday.

—United Evangelical church—Services tomorrow at the regular hour. The pastor will also preach at Witham's school house at 3 p. m. The Fourth quarterly conference will be held a week from Sunday. Dr. Poling is expected to be present. H. A. Deck, pastor.

—A reception was given Tuesday evening in Woodmen hall in honor of Mrs. Harry Wicks, who is soon to leave for the East to reside. The function was by the Circle, and was very pleasant. It followed the regular meeting of the camp and included a banquet and other exercises.

—The local oratorical contest will be held Friday evening February 13. The orators this year will be Wesley M. Wire, Oliver M. Hickey and George D. Byers. The winner of the contest will represent Albany in the Intercollegiate contest, which will be held in Eugene in March. Albany Herald.

—Rev. W. G. Elliot, Jr. state superintendent for the American Unitarian Association, will preach the second of a series of sermons at Barrett Lyceum, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The subject will be, "What do Unitarians Believe Concerning the Divinity of Christ?" The public is cordially invited.

—Caroline Hayes, the widow, has petitioned the probate court for letters of administration, and has been appointed administratrix of the estate of James Hayes. Her bond has been fixed at \$88,000. The property in the estate is set out as follows: Real, \$11,900; money and notes, \$32,000; total \$43,900.

—Albany Herald: William L. Hayward who has been signed to coach the Albany track team the coming season, will arrive and take charge of the team May 1. Under Hayward's excellent coaching a team should be developed which would make a strong bid for championship honors. Our prospects are indeed bright for a successful season on field and track.

—A man left his umbrella in the stand in a hotel recently with a card bearing the following inscription attached to it: "This umbrella belongs to a man who can deal a blow of 250 pounds weight. I shall be back in ten minutes." On returning to seek his property he found in its place a card described thus: "This card was left here by a man who can run twelve miles an hour. I shall not be back!"

—Many complaints are lodged in the Times office about delay in delivery of the paper along the Bruce mail route. Each Wednesday and each Saturday morning regularly at eight to half past eight o'clock, the Times for that and other outside routes is put in the Corvallis post-office. There is never an exception to this rule, and there is absolutely no excuse why subscribers along the Bruce route should not find the Times in their mail boxes the same afternoon, instead of from one to three days later as is charged as having often happened. The Times does not attempt to fix the fault, save to say, that the trouble is with the mail, and there is no excuse whatever for it.

—Services, both morning and evening at the M E church, South, tomorrow, with preaching by the pastor.

—Letters are arriving at the county clerk's office for L. Thompson. They come from the east. Nobody knows the man. Tell him about it.

—F. J. McGee has resigned as road supervisor of district No. 2 and his resignation has been accepted. The vacancy has not been supplied.

Congregational church services at 11 a. m and 7.30 p. m. next Sunday. Rev. Frank H. Adams of Walla Walla Wash. will preach.

—Citation has been issued in the probate court to the heirs of W. E. Elliot to appear and show cause why real property in the estate should not be sold at private sale.

—At the recent meeting of the court, Clerk Moses was instructed to call for bids for fifty cords of oak and 25 cords of fir wood to be delivered between June 1st and August 1st, for use at the court house.

—Alice A. Vincent has deeded a roadway sixty feet wide over her land to Benton county so that the King's Valley and Wren road may be changed. The court has ordered the strip opened as a public highway.

—At a meeting at the home of Mrs. J. H. Harris Wednesday afternoon, the Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. P. Avery; secretary, Mrs. Altman; Mrs. Brunk, treasurer.

—The death from an overdose of morphine of Chester Mason of Corvallis, is announced in yesterday's Oregonian as having occurred Thursday in Portland. When a Times writer inquired at the house yesterday afternoon concerning the matter the mother was amazed, and at once informed the caller that her son Chester was at the moment in the house and entirely alive.

—Quarterly conference of the M E church will be held Friday at 7:30 p. m. There will be several addresses on the business aspects of church life. Saturday 7:30 p. m., Sunday school conference with addresses and discussions. Sunday at 10 a. m. in Sunday school decision day. 11 a. m. short sermon and communion. 7:30 p. m. preaching. Dr. T. W. Ford will be present at all these services.

—The quarantine at the Secler house was raised Thursday. Of the three patients who suffered with diphtheria, all have recovered. They were Tharp brothers and Student Rose. One of the Tharps had the disease the worst, and for two or three days was unable to speak. Fumigation of the premises was conducted under the personal supervision of Dr. Lee, physician in the cases, and was thoroughly done.

—Chester Keady, serving a forty days sentence in the jail, had a few hours of freedom Thursday evening. He complained of illness, and was released on a promise that he would go to his home, which is outside of the city limits and remain there until recovered, and that thereafter he would quit Corvallis permanently. Instead of staying at home after his release, he went to see a performance by the Shirley company. After the performance, he was taken in custody by the officer and again committed to jail. About twenty days of his sentence remains unserved. Day, who was committed recently, was released Thursday on a promise of good behavior.

—There continues to be much talk by farmers in town of the loss of sheep. The cause generally assigned is insufficiency of proper feed. Heavy stocks of sheep are on hand and the shortage of grass in the long dry spell of summer, shortage again of grass in autumn, the poor quality and limited acreage of fall wheat, all contributing to the condition. Of hay there is an abundant supply, but the general statement is that sheep do not thrive on the average hay. Some farmers claim that clover and alfalfa are the only kinds of hay on which sheep will do well. The mortality among sheep at the present time is by far the greatest that has been known in this section in years. In some instances the losses aggregate ten to twenty per cent.

—The O A C basket ball girls had an easy thing of it in a game with a basket ball team from the Roseburg high school Thursday afternoon. The former played with such vigor and skill that the Southern Oregon lassies were not able to score a single point. The score of the O A C maidens was 19. The victory is the fourth the latter have won this season. The members of the Roseburg team are, Miss Ella Black, captain; Miss Vivian Jewett, Miss Willetha Reed, Miss Gertrude East and Miss Edna Parley. They were chaperoned by Mrs. Claire East, and their manager is Thomas Townsend. The team went to Salem from Corvallis, where it played the Willamette University team last night.

**The Gang**

The account is that when officers proceeded to take Keady into custody again Thursday evening that some of his friends made a show of interfering. Both chief Alexander and Officer Overlander was on hand, a fact that officers aver, prevented a disturbance. The other boys announced to the officers that they would see that Keady gets his liberty. It looks as if the boys do not intend to be warned by civil treatment.

**OVER THIRTY INCHES NOW.**

Over Three-Fourths of the Average Rainfall of the Rainy Season has Fallen.

Since the first of October and up to February 1st over thirty inches of rain has fallen at Corvallis. The figures by months are: October 1.71 inches; November, 11.53 inches; December, 9.92 inches; January, 7.24 inches; total 30.10 inches. The average rainfall for the seven months beginning October first and ending May first at Corvallis has been for several years past about 38 inches. In 1897 the total for the period was 45.08; 1898, 35.21; 1899, 35.21; in 1900, 37.34; in 1901 38.20. The average for the years named is 38.20 inches. If the present year's normal in rainfall, there should about 8.10 inches of rain fall during February, March and April, three months. It will be interesting to see if figures will lie on the subject of weather.

The month of December as shown by the records at the college weather office had two days when the temperature went up to 55, to wit, the 8th and 24th. The coldest day was the 23rd, when the mercury stood at 24. The greatest rainfall in 24 hours was on the 3rd, when 1.90 inches fell. Rain fell on 22 days, and there were six clear days. Killing frost occurred on the 1st, 14th, 18th, 27th and 29th. There were five foggy mornings.

In January, the warmest day was the 20th, when the mercury rose to 56. The coldest days were on the 12th and 14th, when the thermometer dropped to 25. The greatest rainfall was 1.23 inches, on the 23rd. Rain fell on eighteen days, there were six clear days, 18 part cloudy and seven cloudy. Frost occurred on the 5th, 11th, 18th, 24th and 31st.

**TWO COURTS MET**

And Considered Steel Bridge Question—No Agreement Reached.

Benton county has no part or parcel yet in the Albany steel bridge. Indications are that it is not likely to have. The two courts met Thursday in joint session at Albany, and considered the matter. County Judge Waters and Commissioner Jolly attended from Benton. The proceedings were resultless, save to indicate that Benton will not become involved in the bridge, nor Linn in the Corvallis ferry.

Linn made a straight out proposition for Benton to assume half the bridge. Benton refused, and countered with an offer to assume a proportion of the expenses of the bridge on a basis of the property valuation in each county, provided Linn would assume a similar interest in the Corvallis ferry. This offer, Linn promptly declined, saying Linn would not consider any ferry proposition.

The proceedings were amicable.

**NO REMOVAL NOW.**

But Carriage Factory has a new Partner—Eugene man Takes Hold.

E. C. Smith, a Eugene capitalist has contracted for an interest in the operation of the carriage department of the Cramer factories. He was in Corvallis a couple of days this week. He returned to his home at Eugene Thursday.

Under the arrangement, the carriage enterprise is not for the present at least to be removed to Eugene. That course was contemplated for a time, but on account of the advance of the season, the delay of removal and other influences, it has been determined to operate the factory here this season, and Mr. Smith will be associated with the Cramers in the industry. If a site is arranged for by the people of Eugene it is possible that later on a removal may occur.

As a result of the new arrangement, the enterprise is to be pushed more vigorously than heretofore. Supplies of new material have been ordered, and Monday next the carriage department which has been closed for several weeks, renews operations with increased activity. It is proposed to manufacture about 200 rigs this season.

**Be it Known.**

That I will pay no debts contracted, except contracted by myself or on my order after this date.

February 6, 1903.

H. Sargent.

Our store will close at 7 p. m. during January, February and march, Saturday evenings excepted.

J. H. Harris.

**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.

**CORVALLIS MAN THERE**

Attended Inquest Over Body of Convict White—Additional Particulars.

R. H. Colbert of this city, attended the coroner's inquest held over the remains of Convict White, whose killing near Eddyville is described in another column. The inquest was held Thursday morning on board the outbound Yaquina passenger train, which stopped an hour or so at Eddyville for the purpose. The body was perfectly identified as that of White from descriptions furnished Sheriff Ross by the prison authorities at Salem. A scar on the heel, another between two fingers, and moles in various places over the body made the identification complete.

The version of the killing as given in the testimony at the inquest agrees with the facts set out elsewhere in the Times. At one time Warnick had to cease firing, because White was immediately between him and the Warnick house, whose inmates would have been endangered. White apparently figured two or three times during the fight on taking a shot at Warnick. He held his pistol, one hand on the muzzle and the other by the handle, and several times raised the weapon as if to shoot, but each time lowered it, apparently concluding that the distance was too great. Two or three times he dodged from one fence corner to another in an effort to shield himself from the flying Winchester bullets. The shot through the body would have been sufficient to have produced death without the pistol bullet that White subsequently fired into his own forehead.

When White finally fell, Warnick did not immediately approach, because a bystander called out that the convict might only be playing possum in order to get the deputy within range of the big revolver. Sheriff Ross who came up immediately after the firing ceased was first to reach the dying convict.

**Card of Thanks.**

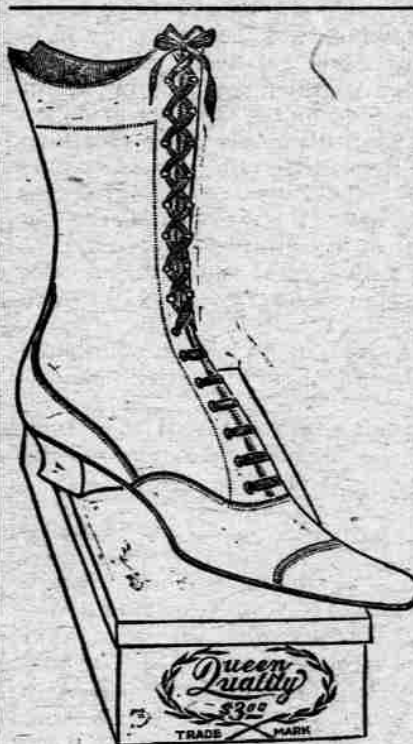
We wish to express our sincere gratitude to our friends who so kindly assisted and sympathized with us during our late bereavement.

MR. AND MRS. J. H. MATTLEY.

**FEBRUARY Inventory Sale.**

During our Big January Clearance Sale we accumulated a great many Odds and Ends from each Department of our big store, which we have decided to close out at Extra Special Prices.

This Inventory Sale will Last Ten Days and no Longer.



**This Includes**

Ladies' Waists, Ladies' Misses' and Children's Capes & Jackets, Boys' 2-Piece Suits, Ladies' and Gents' Underwear, Laces and Trimmings, Ladies' Shoes, Wool Dress Goods, Valises, Men & Boys' Mckintoshes, Children's Dresses, Misses' Mackintoshes, Silk Waist Patterns, Ribbons, Etc.

These are only a few of the many bargains you will find on our counters. Remember, for 10 days only.

**At KLINE'S,**

The White House, Regulator of Low Prices.

Abstract of Title—Conveyancing  
**Joseph H. Wilson**  
Attorney-At-Law  
Practice in all the courts. Notary Public  
Office in Burnett Brick.

**J. P. Huffman**  
Architect  
Office in Zierolf Building. Hours  
r. m 8 to 5. Corvallis

**CHOICE : REMNANTS.**

Our January Red Tag Sale was a grand success. Our customers were well pleased with the bargains procured, and we now have remaining a few Choice Remnants in

**Wool Dress Goods, Outing Flannels, Fancy Stripe Flannelettes, Calicos, Odd Sizes in Underwear, Corsets, Etc.**

**Miller Pays Highest Prices for Produce.**

We are assured that this spring will be an Alpaca season, and we have bought a complete line of these goods. A few choice ones have already arrived, in colors and black, which we have marked at a very low figure. We have received one shipment of wash goods including A. F. C. Gingham, Chambray and Mercerized Linens.

**What One Dollar in Cash will Buy this Week In Our Grocery Department.**

Twenty Pounds D. G. Sugar.....	\$1 00	Six 3-Pound Cans Palo Alto Pchs.	\$1 00
Nine Pounds Lion Coffee.....	1 00	Nine 3-Lb. Cans Stand. Tomatoes	1 00
Nine Pounds Golden Sun Coffee..	1 00	Nine 2-Lb. Cans Standard Corn..	1 00
Twenty-Five Pounds Prunes.....	1 00	Fifteen 3-Lb. Cans Tomatoes.....	1 00
Fifteen Pounds No. 1 Rice.....	1 00	Eleven 3 Lb. Cans Ast'd Pie Fruit	1 00
Two Bushels Potatoes.....	1 00	Five 2-Lb. Cans Sliced Pineapple	1 00
Five 3-Pound Cans Padlock Pchs.	1 00	And Other Big Bargains, Each....	1 00

**F. L. Miller, Corvallis, Oregon.**