

LOCAL LORE.

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

—For first class cabinet work and upholstering go to W. W. Holgate.

—Mrs. M. P. Burnett returned Sunday from an extended visit to Baker City.

—The departure of Harry Wicks and family for Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to reside, occurs next week.

—Today, Miss Clara Fisher leaves for a two weeks' visit with Miss Clara Irvine at McMinnville.

—In the near future, Miss Louise Webber is to leave for a year's visit with her sister, Mrs. Irish in Michigan.

—The OAC and U of O basket ball game takes place in the Armory tonight. Play begins at eight o'clock. An exciting game is expected.

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

—J. S. Whiteman arrived Wednesday from Sidney, for a visit with his daughter, Miss Grace, who is a student at OAC.

—The Fred Butler farm of 125 acres has been purchased by John Beach. The price paid is \$1,600. Mr. Butler expects to locate on a farm a few miles further east.

—United Evangelical church—Dr. C. O. Poling will preach tonight, Sunday morning and evening. Services at Mt. View Sunday at 2-30 p. m., H. A. Deck, pastor.

—A. L. Clark of Alesca, has been a Corvallis visitor for several days. He reports that on the way out he encountered two feet of snow on the summit of the mountain.

—On account of next Sunday, Feb. 22nd, being Washington's birthday, a special patriotic service will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

—The legislative session ends next week. But little time is left for the making of a senator. Who he is to be, and what body of members will push the spring and let him bob out of the box, are the questions.

—Mart Spangler of Corvallis, but now of San Francisco, is soon to become a benedict. The prospective bride is Miss Raymond, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Raymond of Salem. The wedding is to occur March 17th.

—Mrs. Elva M. Humbert will preach at the Christian church tomorrow, subject at 11 a. m., "The Coat With out a Seam;" at 7:30 p. m., "Life in its due Proportions." Come to Sunday School at 10 o'clock and bring a friend.

—The DeMoss Lyric Bards will give their high class concert on Wednesday evening, February 18th, in the Presbyterian church. They have been in Corvallis before and their entertainments were regarded as excellent. Reserved seats at Graham & Wells drug store.

—A literary and musical contest is on in the Eastern Star lodge. It is having the effect to bring out a very large attendance. The membership is divided into two camps with Mrs. Woodcock and Mrs. M. M. Davis as captains. A programme consisting of vocal solos, recitations, orations and original poems was rendered Tuesday evening. The contest is to close in June, and the losing side is to provide a banquet.

—Kings Valley correspondent: Will Dodele is laid up with a badly mangled foot. He was out to shoot a hawk, and carried the weapon under his arm. He fired one shot at the hawk, and the other barrel was accidentally discharged, the charge of shot taking effect in his foot near the toes. In another accident six weeks ago, Mr Dodele sustained a fracture of the arm.

—The mortality among sheep extends to Alesca. The trouble was aggravated there by prevalence in the autumn of mouth and nose disease. The malady is the same as that with which Arthur Hawley's herd was affected some time ago. The disease was cured without loss by remedies recommended at the college, but the affected herds were largely reduced in flesh as an effect of the ailment. This with the shortness of grass which is the general cause of the mortality, has made the loss in Alesca, comparatively large.

—Alesca wants telephonic connection with the outside world. Formerly, citizens there subscribed a bonus of \$210 and offered it to the telephone company for building a line to the store. The company refused, and now the citizens are planning a joint stock company for the purpose of building the line. A meeting of the people is to be held in Alesca tonight. The telephone company offers a favorable arrangement as to terms, provided the line be built.

—There was a banquet and a brief programme at the meeting of the Degree of Honor lodge Tuesday night. The occasion was the result of a literary and musical contest that took place in the lodge during a series of meetings last fall. The two sides were led respectively by Miss Hattie Spencer and Miss Eva Tucker, and it was stipulated that the losing side should provide the banquet. The section led by Miss Tucker lost. The programme was, reading and recitation, Mrs. Jesse Spencer, solo, Taylor Porter; reading, Virgil Watson.

—There will be preaching in the Congregational church next Sunday morning and evening by Rev. Frank H. Adams.

—Mrs. Rialto Weatherford is a guest at the home of her mother. She came down Thursday with her husband, who returned home yesterday.

—Gale S. Hill has filed his final account as administrator of the estate of W. S. Hobbs, and April 6th has been set as the date of final settlement.

—New deeds filed for record are: A. W. Bowersox to F. G. Bowersox, two lots in Wilkins addition, \$200. Clara Brown to Mary J. Brown, seven acres near Corvallis, \$75. Morse Burnap and wife to O. H. Newth, city property in Philomath, \$750. Maggie Austin and husband to Ed Stevens, a well in Philomath, \$1.

—A. N. Ross, brother of Mrs. Lenger is here on a visit to his sister and parents. Mr. Ross is connected with the Booth-Kelly Lumbering company, and he has taken advantage of a lull in milling operations to take a run about and renew old acquaintances. Benton county is Mr. Ross' boyhood home.

—The next game to be played by OAC basket ball girls takes place in the Armory on Wednesday of next week, the 18th inst. Their opponents will be the Chemawa girls. It will be the first meeting between the two teams this season. OAC girls defeated them in a small score last year.

—The countenance of G. A. Seely, of the Transfer Co., has been wreathed in an unusually pronounced smile since Sunday. Notwithstanding, many of his friends did not suspect the cause. It is an eleven-pound boy. Mr. Seely expects in a few days to put him in charge of one of the dray teams.

—Workmen are engaged in resetting the Corvallis Mill Co's engine boilers, and otherwise overhauling the motive power of the sawmill. The late high water submerged the boilers and much of the other machinery, and repairs became necessary as a consequence.

—Provision has been made for preventing the south approach of Mary's river bridge from floating out of position in future high water. Piles have been driven on either side and to them the timbers of the approach have been firmly bolted. Similar anchorage has been given the small bridges in the Fischer lane, which have been in the habit of floating out of position or disappearing altogether with each rise in the river.

—The following notice of the marriage of a son of a well known Benton family is taken from the Eugene Guard of Wednesday: "J. L. Martin of Benton county, and Miss Anna Campbell of Junction City, were united in marriage in the parlors of the Hoffman House this forenoon at 11 o'clock by Rev. G. L. Lobdell of the Junction City Christian church. They left this afternoon for Benton county, where they will reside. The groom is the son of James Martin, and the bride the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Campbell."

—J. W. Buster is slowly recovering from an accident that befell him a month ago, and from effects of which he has been a sufferer. He mounted his horse one day to make a trip. The animal bucked. A stirrup slipped, but in spite of the inconvenience, Mr. Buster, who is a good rider, remained in the saddle. He stayed, in fact until the horse had enough. For the animal quieted down, Mr. Buster dismounted, and then began to feel the evil effects of the exercise. He became violently ill. In a day or two his lower abdomen had turned almost black. Though the incident happened more than four weeks ago, it will be some time before the victim is completely recovered. Mr. Buster lives in Alesca, but formerly resided in Corvallis.

—During the winter there has been much disregard of the city law regulating the distribution of handbills and other advertising matter. The practice has been indulged largely of scattering handbills broadcast on the walks and in the yards of the city, contrary to ordinance. It was such careless distribution as this which led to the enactment of the bill-poster's license law some years ago, but which was subsequently repealed. This method of distribution should be discouraged on several accounts. In the first place it is a nuisance in that it litters the walk and yards and puts business men and homekeepers to the trouble of gathering up the trash. It is not an economical method of advertising, and it renders the advertiser liable to a fine. A few applications of the law might be beneficial.

—Lon Hill, of the Booth-Kelly Co., accompanied by the head logger for the company, was in town Tuesday, having come down the McKenzie and Willamette rivers in a skiff from the upper logging camp on the first named stream. During the high water a great many logs broke away from booms in the streams and their tributaries and the purpose of these gentlemen was to ascertain something of the number of their logs which came into the Willamette. If a sufficient number had come into the main stream to justify, it was their intention to make a drive to mills on the lower river, but this will not be undertaken. It is expected that the stray logs will be gathered up when the Corvallis Mill Co. makes its drive from the McKenzie. It is understood that this company has contracted for a large number of the Booth-Kelly Co.'s drift logs.

THREE SUITS FILED.

Special Train Brought Into Use to Hurry the Filing of one of Them.

Temporary financial trouble has overtaken the big piling camp at Blodgett. Yesterday there was a race among lawyers to see which could be first in filing suits, and in the sprint a special train was called into requisition to bring Lawyer Wyatt from Albany for the purpose of filing an attachment. The latter was for an aggregate of about \$2,200, which is understood to be a number of claims transferred to the Curtiss Lumber Company, in whose name the proceeding is brought. Just ahead of the latter is the claim of Huston & Bogue of Corvallis for \$264, represented by Yates and Yates. The first suit filed was in behalf of the Albany Hardware Company, the papers for which were served Thursday. The total of the claims is less than \$2,600. It is supposed that the matter will be adjusted shortly, and that the big camp will continue in operation. The trouble is understood to be due to the delay experienced by Mr. Mahan in getting returns from the immense quantities of piling already shipped away.

PAYING TAXES NOW.

Nearly Three Thousand Dollars Collected up to Thursday Evening.

Seventy five persons had paid taxes at the sheriff's office up to Thursday evening, and the amount of money received was about \$2,700. The day the tax roll was placed in his hands, Sheriff Burnett sent out postal cards notifying non-resident taxpayers of the fact, and a number of these have already responded; some of the remittances coming from as far away as the state of California. The cards also notified those addressed of the amount of their taxes, and of the fact that if paid by March 15th, a rebate of three per cent on the amount would be allowed.

As has been the case in the past two years, the tax collecting involves an intricate task of bookkeeping and Sheriff Burnett is at the office every night to figure up the days work and carry his accounts to their proper columns on his books. For instance, the amount of each man's tax, no matter how small it may be, has to be segregated into a large number of funds, the total number of funds being 29. On account of the latter and the determination of Sheriff Burnett to have everything accurate, the task involves a vast amount of tedious labor. It is fortunate for the county that Sheriff Burnett is an expert accountant.

RETURNED TO SALEM

Representative Hayden's Illness is not Typhoid Fever But Grippe.

Representative Hayden returned to Salem Thursday, and expects to be at his desk in the house of representatives during the remainder of the session. He arrived Monday, but his presence in town was known only to a few intimate friends. Local politicians were not informed of his whereabouts as it was deemed best that he should not be disturbed in a convalescence by pressure on the senatorial situation.

Mr. Hayden's ailment was not typhoid fever as was originally feared, but an attack of grippe. While in town he remained constantly at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ed. Ryder. Every vote cast so far, by Mr. Hayden in the senatorial contest, has been for ex-Governor Geer. He and Senator Daly are understood to be in perfect accord on the senatorial question. Their friends claim that neither will stick to any candidate to the extent of causing a deadlock.

Bids for Wood

Notice is hereby given that the County Court will receive sealed bids up to one o'clock P. M. Wednesday, March 4, 1903, to furnish 50 cords of grub oak wood four feet long, not less than three inches nor more than 10 inches in diameter; 25 cords old growth body red fir wood four feet long, or 25 cords of second growth fir wood four feet long all to be well seasoned. The court reserving the right to select either old or second growth fir wood, or to reject any and all bids. Said wood to be delivered at the Court House, in the City of Corvallis, Oregon, between June 1st and August 1st, 1903, and the same to be paid for in county orders when accepted by the Court.

Dated Feb. 9, 1903.
VICTOR P. MOSES,
County Clerk.

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

TO DREDGE WILLAMETTE.

For All Summer Navigation—Captain Graham Says Trial will be Made.

The navigation of the Willamette throughout the summer has long been the dream of steamboat men. In the effort to make such navigation possible, many and various light draught steamers have been built, but in each instance failure has been the inevitable result. The river has never been navigated by steamboats to Corvallis during the low water stage.

It is stated, however, that the effort is to appear in a new shape, and no less an authority than Captain Graham of the Oregon City Transportation Company, claims that it will be successful. The proposition is to accomplish the task by dredging the bars of the Willamette. For a long time Captain Graham has urged this plan upon the government engineers. The employment, he argues, of a dredger similar to that in use on the Columbia, applied to the bars in the Willamette will mak navigation of the Willamette to Corvallis as easy for steamboats during low water as is the Columbia to ships during the same season. It is a known fact that only use of the dredges on Columbia River bars enables deep draught vessels to reach Portland all the year. The same methods applied on the Willamette, Captain Graham contends, will be equally effective. Captain Graham says that Government engineers have consented to try the plan, and that dredges are to be built for use in making the trial this season.

Attention, Taxpayers,

If will assist me materially in getting up the best possible assessment, if each taxpayer will ascertain and be able to give when I call for his assessment, the following: The amount of land he owns in each road and school district, and the section, township and range in which it lies. Also, where there are special school levies, clerks are requested to provide me with a list of taxpayers as shown by such levy.

Howard L. Bush, Assessor.

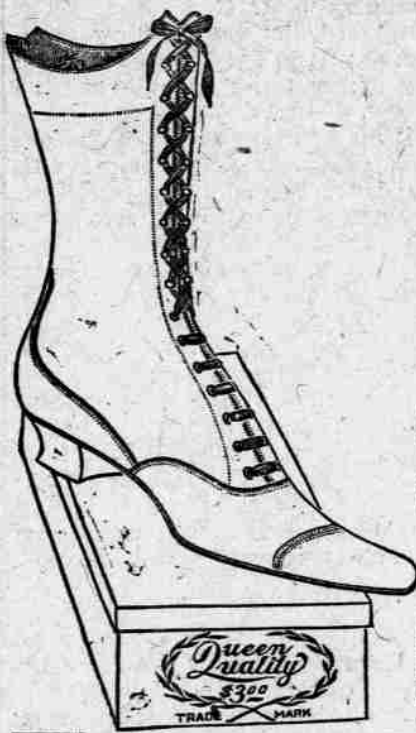
Live Poultry Wanted.

Highest market price paid for chickens turkeys, geese and ducks.
Hodes' Grocery.

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' Mckntshes, 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 room Corva

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.

Bring Eggs and Butter as well as the cash,

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 Astd 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.