CORVALLIS, OREGON, MAR, 11, 1903.

A BOW OF PROMISE.

It is announced that a meat packought to be realized, for it is the on that day the sheriff's office is not logical product of environment. It is the effect of a very manifest cause. and intensely favorable for livestock production.

The lack of such a market as big The necessity of shipping the surplus alive to Kansas City or Chicago, and the actual shipment back of the cured product to Oregon and the Orient has robbed Oregon growers of what was their natural profit, and has circumscribed their operations. Whenever Portland becomes a Kansas City in meat packing, Webfoot lands will advan-Oregon farmers will thrive as never before.

. QUESTIONS THE REFERENDUM.

There have been numerous evi dences in Oregon that the office of attorney general might be profitably abolished. Decisions and opinions from that source are accorded but little respect. Of late, the occupant of the office is an un- Bids Asked for Bridge at Stewart's known lawyer. When he delivers an opinion, the public is wont to regard it as about as likely to be wrong as right. It's publication week the county surveyor was inonly leads to doubt and confusion. Nobody knows whether or not to accept is as the law. There is no question but opinions rendered in the past by that functionary have been laughed at, by good lawyers,

Under the conditions abolition of the office would at least remove uncertainty. Besides, the salary would be saved, or be available

The referendum law is in con- Blodgett districts was ordered. fusion now by an opinion announc-He declares that a law enacted with fered and all were rejected. an emergency clause is beyond the It was ordered that from this der and W. C. Breckenridge, the the reach of the referendum. If he is date until further notice the bounty collector, as the last one issued. to the lso, a subterfuge is open legislature to avoid the referendum gar and gray wolf. altogether, merely by attaching an emergency provision to every bill.

The vital question is however, knows

The referendum is a wholesome hands of the people themselves. Its existence has a forceful effect that the people may veto makes legislators more conservative.

Besides, the people can better be depended upon than can a few representatives, The people have for consideration of pending measures; the legislators must decide of a brief session, where all manner of influences, clean and unclean coma. are brought to bear. The measure ought to stand, untrammeled and unchecked, becau se it is liberty and sense.

Notice to Bidders.

Notice is hereby given, that the Coun-Oregon, will receive sealed bids up to one o'clock Wednesday, April 1st, 1903. for the removal of the Court House clock from present position to 3rd floor of said building, the cleaning of said clock, encasing same in glass case, all material and labor to be furnished by bidder, the Court reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated March 7th, 1903. VICTOR P. MOSES, County Clerk-of Benton County, Ore.

Selting Off.

J. Wrage is offering his household furniture for sale. Also his cloth in tailor shop. Suitings and pants patterns at cost, as he expects to leave soon for

For Rent.

A dairy ranch. Stock for sale. Apply or write to William I. Price, Bellfountain, Or.

CAN PAY MONDAY.

And get Rebate on Taxes-Sheriff has so Ruled-Money Rolls in.

Those who pay taxes next Monday, will get the three per cent rebate. That will be on the 16th, but the sheriff has decided that it would be unwise to close up the rebate business on Saturday. That ing establishment with three-quar- day is only the 14th. The law says ters of a million capital is to appear the rebaie may be secured on the in Portland. The expectation 15th. But the 15th is Sunday and

kept open. Sheriff Burnett reasons thus: What if a letter containing checks Oregon conditions are peculiarly for payment of taxes should arrive on Sunday? That would be on the 15th and naturally enough the sender would be entitled to the rebate. If however a citizen with the cash packing establishments make, has in his pocket applied at the sheriffs long held the industry in check. office on Sunday the 15th, he could not pay, and accordingly could- not have the benefit of the rebate. That would be discrimination against the payer who applied in person.

Also, what if the person who applied on Sunday should claim that he complied with the language of the law, and that he had been unable, because the office was closed to pay his taxes. And that if he should go to court and insist that he had been deprived of his rights. It is ce in usefulness and price, and regarded as likely that he would win, and accordingly, the sheriff has decided to take no chances and allow the regular three per cent rebate to such persons as pay their taxes up to the honr of closing on

Up to Monday afternoon, \$35,000 had been collected, and 817 receipts had been given out.

IN THE COUNTY COURT.

Hill And Other Matters.

At the regular monthly meeting of the commissioner's court last structed to prepare plans and specifications for a new bridge to be built at Stewart's hill on the Albany-Corvallis road. and to adbe received at the April term of

The report of the clerk with the court showed issue of warrants as bounty on scalps of wild animals Leach, a restaurant man of Portas follows: A W Hawley, \$2; A J land, at 7.15 o'clock, he having Erwin, \$2; Will Steeprow, \$4; come up on the local and immedi-

for obtaining opinions from good lawyers in case legal advice is necessary.

Lester January. \$4.

The purchase of two graders at \$55 each for use in the Alsea and

ed by the present attorney general Wren-Kings Valley road were of-

right, a large part of the effective- for scalps of wild animals shall be ness of the law is destroyed. And \$2 on the following, wild cat, coyote, mountain lion or panther, cou-

The bond of John W Woods, post commander for relief of indigent soldiers was approved. The is he right or is he wrong? Who amount is \$500 and the sureties S Chipman and C A Woods.

The contract for furnishing 25 provision in legislation. It takes cords of old growth fir wood for use final authority away from repre- for fuel at the court house was sentatives and puts it into the given to R W Taylor, and 25 cords for fuel at the court house was second growth to LS Woodruff. The first receives \$2.97 and in deterring legislatures from passing bad laws. The knowledge bids were, O Martin, old growth, \$4; O Martin. second growth, \$3; William Hutchins, second growth, \$2.49. No bids were received for

oak wood advertised for. The bond of M. P. Burnett for abundant time and sober reflection tax collector was approved. Its amount is \$10,000.

Fifteen dollars was donated for in the whirl, bustle and excitement the transportation of Carrie Fossett and family from Corvallis to Ta-

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ARMSTRONG'S DISAPPEARANCE,

Ed. Clark to Wed-Fred Colvig's Marriage-Other Local News.

Mrs. Glenn Winslow left by boat Wednesday for her home in Newberg after a brief visit with

Three hundred packages of garden seeds, sent out from the bu-reau at Washington, are held for free distribution at the office of Senator John D. Daly. If Senator Daly is not found in his office, apply to O, V. Hurt.

Fred Colvig, late student at OAC is a married man, His wife is Miss Hazel Buchanan, who, as a little girl, resided in Corvallis several years ago. The wedding oc-curred recently. Mr. and Mrs. Coltrain, bound for some point in Southern Oregon.

The marriage of Edwin M Clark, formerly of this place, and Miss Josephine Gortner of McMinnville, is to take place Saturday evening March 14th, at Vale, Oregon. Miss Gortner is a very successful music her way to Vale to be present at the wedding.

The Albany correspondent of the Oregonian reports that a note pinned to a tree has been found on to have been written by the missing man and says, "Have gone to discredit the authenticity of the note. Sheriff Burnett was at the plan of deportation, scene of the dissappearance all day Sunday, but found nothing to indicate foul play.

THE STEEL BRIDGE.

At Albany is now Free-Linn County Owns the Structure.

Albany Democrat, Atfive o'clock last evening the county court voted to assume charge of the Albany steel bridge, accepting the propo-sition of the city, which will continvertise for bids. The bids are to ue to assume the debt of the bridge, but is relieved from all expense of keeping it up. The first toll was collected on the 6th of May, 1901, and the last was paid by R. L. ately started across the river to visit relatives, when Mayor Davis and Recorder Van Winkle arrived. The Mayor offered the last payer Four bids for changing the of toll 50 cents for his return check but it was refused, and the check was endorsed by the Mayor, Recor-

The action of the county court will be endorsed by the people of the county generally with ceptions, and by them when they understand more fully the situation.

WILL RAY HIRED.

Is to Train the University of Oregon Track Team.

Eugene Register: The athletic board of managers met last even ing and instructed Manager Earl of the track team, with permission of the faculty athletic committee, to close negotiations with W. M. Ray of Grass Valley, California, for the position of trainer. This action was brought about through the refusal of Captain Payne to take charge of the training owing to the press of school work.

Mr Ray was a student at the Oregon Agricultural College during the seasons of '93 '94 '95. He was the fastest college sprinter of his day. Later he trained for some time under the direction of "Dad" Trine and in the spring of .97 had charge of the Pacfic College track team. His work here was of the highest order bringing out a brilliant bunch of runners such as Redmond, Heater and Kenworthy. Since that time Ray has been running professional foot races with the best foot racers of Oregon and California. As Mr Ray uses the same system of training as taught by "Dad" Trine the boys will not be handicapped by any change.

Dissolution Notice,

Notice is hereby given that the copartnership existing between Homer Lilly and Oliver Wicks is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Wicks retiring from the firm. The business will be continued at the old stand by Homer Lilly, to whom all accounts are due and payable and by whom all debts of the firm will be paid.

Dated at Corvallis, February 28, 1903. Homer Lilly.

Oliver Wicks. To All Concerned. Be itknown, that I will pay no debts

contracted, except contracted by myself or on my order after this date. March 4, 1903.

CUP DEFENDERS LOST.

Challenging Society Won it-A Big Debate and Large Audience-

The Gatch cup was lost by the Amicitians to the Zetagatheans in a debate at the college Friday night. Both are literary societies at OAC The Amicitians won the trophy in in offering the cup, the holders must defend it against all per acre. comers. If successful in that for three years, the trophy becomes the

permanent property of the society. In Friday night's debate the speakers for the Amicitians were Mayfield, Brodie and Wells, all good men. For the challengers the debaters were, Sheppard, Scott, and Clark, also strong debaters. vig were on yesterday's Eastside The question was "Resolved that Deportation to Our Insular pos-sessions is the only Solution of the Negro Problem." The Amicitians had the affirmative. In the opinion of many they accepted too strong a statement of the question to hope for success.

The Zetagatheans argued that a Cortner is a very successful and good solution of the problem teacher, and has been teaching at Vale for the last few months. Mrs present system of industrial eduration. Also they produced figures cation. Also they produced figures showing that the enormous expense involved in deportation to insular possessions would make that plan almost a physical impossibility. They proposed as a better plan of deportation the setting aside of the Armstrong place. It purpots Arizona and New Mexico and the purchase of additional territory from northern Mexico and the California." Some are inclined to domiciling of the negroes therein, as a far better and much cheaper

The Amicitians argued that all present and past educational plans have failed, that the negro question becomes more and more unsettled, and that under present arrangements many of the blacks are retrograding and that the only solution is removal of the black population to a more suitable clime, where they will not be in contact with the whites, with whom assimilation is forever impossible.

The question was brilliantly argued on both sides, and the debate was a great credit to the students and societies of the college. It is said that the winners will be promptly challenged by other so-

The debate took place in the college chapel in the presence of a large and deeply interested crowd.

Another Difference.

Here is the difference between Albany and Corvallis. When the young women of Albany held a child's party they met alone with the blinds down, while the Corvallis young women invited all the young men, and they met together in decidedly short dress and knee breeches in the biggest hall in the city, the Agricultural Hall of the College. They had bread and milk and cookies .- Albany Demo-

What did the Albany girls do that they had to draw the blinds down? There was nothing about the Pierian party to be ashamed of, and they left the blinds up so all the world could see if it wanted to. That's another difference between Corvallis and Albany.

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