

**LOCAL LORE.**

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

—President Gatch returned Monday from a visit of several days at Newport.

—Mrs. H. S. Pernot returned Monday from a several days' visit at Salem.

—Mrs. T. Burnett of Albany, returned to her home Monday, after a visit with relatives and friends.

—After a visit since last September with relatives in Michigan, Mrs. Kelsey arrived home Monday.

—Miss Bertha Thrasher left Monday for a few days' visit with friends at Dallas.

—Mrs. Burnett returned to her home in Albany yesterday, after a several month's stay at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Greff z.

—Elmer Bethers and family removed Monday into the dwelling at the corner of Jackson and Ninth, recently purchased of Marion Woods.

—Saturday Ruthyn Turney took his departure for San Francisco. Mr. Turney is in poor health and his plans for the future have not been fully determined upon on that account.

—S. W. Jackson has been able to be out during the last few days of the present period of sunshine. He had been confined to his home all winter from rheumatism. He has been afflicted for several years.

—Joseph Colt, a former well known student at the college, has been in town for several days. Mrs. Colt was Miss Cleora Wells. Their home is near Elgin. They may come to Corvallis to reside if Mr. Colt can make satisfactory business arrangements.

—Miss Vieve Cecil entertained a number of friends at her home Saturday evening. Hearts was the chief amusement, and the evening was very pleasantly spent. Dainty refreshments were served.

—Joseph Sawyer arrived from Los Angeles Monday to take a position as grader in the Benton county saw mill. He says there are 52 planers running in Los Angeles at full blast and with immense activity in the building line. Lumber sells there from \$20 to \$40 per thousand.

—Soap Creek is to have a saw mill The machinery for one arrived at Wells, Saturday. The owner is L. L. Howe, who recently purchased the farm of J. H. Moore. The mill is to be located in the timber west of the water tank at Caloway's.

—New deeds filed for record are, Mrs. E. M. Duke to Sarah E. Kettle, 20 acres in King's Valley, \$10; R. S. Bryson and others, to H. L. Hall, one lot in Job's addition, \$20; Sam Davis and wife to E. L. Davis, 120 acres north of Corvallis, \$3,000; Byington Franz to E. O. Frazz, one-half interest in 514 acres near Hoskins, \$1.

—Temperance House has secured a divorce from her husband, Charles House. It happened in the Portland courts. The two were married a long time ago in Corvallis. The grounds were desertion. Mrs. House alleged that Charles had left her several months ago, and that he had been employed in a mining camp about six miles from Corvallis.

—Arrangements have been completed and programmes have been mailed for a parent's meeting which is to include all schools adjacent to Philomath, to be held at Philomath next Saturday March 28, in the public school building. An excellent programme has been prepared. The literary and musical programme will be furnished by Philomath College, and the public schools invited to participate. A large attendance is expected. President E. D. Reesler of Monmouth Normal will be present.

—Encouraged by the recent logging, Mary's Peak Camp No. 26, W. O. W. assisted by the Oregon Pacific & Oriental Carnival Company, has arranged to hold a four days' street carnival and fair in Corvallis the second week in next June. Among the many attractions will be a queen contest and crowning, competitive drills by uniformed degree teams of the order, a public wedding with a donation of the marriage fees and \$25 worth of housekeeping furniture, and a balloon ascension.

—The exercises of the Missionary Convention at the M. E. church beginning Wednesday afternoon will be open to the public. Wednesday evening the addresses will be given by Rev. H. M. Rounds and Dr. M. C. Wire. Thursday evening Dr. Smythe of San Francisco will speak. Dr. Ford of Eugene will preside at the convention. About a dozen ministers of the church from abroad will be in attendance. The sessions of the convention begin Wednesday afternoon and continue over Thursday evening. The purpose is for the awakening of interest in missions.

—The stay of Prisoner Fawcett in the county jail took on an unusual turn the other day. He set up a claim that he was very ill. He rolled on the floor and went through various distressing evolutions. He claimed to be affected with appendicitis, and said that on a former occasion he had suffered with the disease. He wrote a telegram, addressed to his wife at Tacoma, that said, "I have got pondocetes; delay might be fatal," or words to that effect. Dr. Lee was called and nothing was found in the man's condition to warrant alarm or even occasion for the unusual manifestation of distress.

—Mrs. S. N. Wilkins is absent on a visit to relatives and friends at Hood River and The Dalles.

—L. L. Burd, formerly a resident here, now of Glendale, Or., was a visitor in Corvallis this week.

—The junior girls at the college entertained the junior boys at the home of Miss Mabel Keady, Saturday evening.

—In the estate of Joseph Park, the administrator has filed an inventory. The real property is placed at \$965.

—Mrs. R. O. Jones and daughter, of Amity, is in Corvallis on a visit to the former's sister, Mrs. Gillespie and family.

—Mrs. M. E. Brink and two children left yesterday for their home in Prineville, after a visit with Mrs. Sarah Moore.

—The warm weather has brought the sprinkler wagon out of its winter quarters to see if it isn't about time to begin business.

—W. H. McMahon has sold his black horses to Mr. Frazier of Portland. The team weighs from 2,900 to 3,000 pounds, and the price reported to have been paid is \$400. Mr. McMahon shipped the animals on Tuesday's boat.

—Among those shortly to be seen in well worn bugles are Logan Hays and J. L. Horniez. Mr. Hays has ordered his from Portland through J. R. Smith & Co., and Mr. Horniez has his about ready to put together in his blacksmith and wagon shop.

—Mack Hemphill took his departure for Portland yesterday, to take a position as train messenger for the Pacific Express Co. His run is between Portland and Huntington, Mack was in this business during six years in Colorado. His family will remain in Corvallis for the present.

—The Macabees of Corvallis are to give a public entertainment and social at the Opera house on the 29th of April. Preparations have been begun on an extensive scale. The exercises will include a programme and a basket social. Further announcements will appear later.

—A piano recital is to be given by pupils of the school of music at the college in college chapel next Saturday evening. Otto F. L. Herse, the well-known vocalist, will appear on the programme. The recital will be under direction of Mr. Goodnooth. The doors will close at 7:45, and no one will be admitted after that hour. The public is invited.

—The old-time grand jury is one of the features of the present term of the circuit court. It is the first time a grand jury has been called since the passage of a law making it optional with district attorneys as to whether or not grand juries should be summoned. The members of the present jury are, A. H. Buckingham, foreman; Albert Timmons, F. P. Clark, A. G. Wright, F. Tharp, Theodore Parker and Albert Shriver. The bailiff is Charles W. Younz. Willard Price is bailiff of the court.

—Word from the asylum authorities is to the effect that Dave Howard is not likely to be released from the institution for some time. Meantime his children have been sick with measles, and the little boy is said to be yet quite ill. The family have been compelled to draw heavily upon charity in their misfortunes. Members of the M. E. church, South, have been especially generous, while in the past as well as present voluntary aid has been freely given by many individuals. It is not to be expected that this charity can be continued indefinitely, and it is thought that it will become necessary either to send the little ones to some institution for the care of children, or secure aid from the county.

—Under a law passed by the last legislature, a tax of \$6 on each pupil of school age must be paid into the state treasury for state school purposes. The law was formerly a tax of five mills on all taxable property in the county. In Benton where the total taxable property has aggregated about two and one half millions, the amount of the five mill levy this year was about \$12,500. The average per pupil thus turned into the state treasury was about \$5. There are 2,586 persons of school age in the county. The new arrangement will increase the sum Benton must pay into the state treasury for school purposes to \$15,516; or about \$3,000 more than was paid this year. The sum that Benton citizens pay for the common schools, not counting special levies for school purposes, is but a few thousand short of what it costs to run the county. The usual expense for the latter is about twenty three thousand dollars.

—Mr. Broders, one of the owners of the German coach stallion, Excellence, brought the animal over from Albany Saturday and gave our horsemen and others a much desired opportunity of seeing him. He truly is a fine-looking horse, and bears the marks or brands which it is the practice of the German government to place on every stallion in its realm as a guarantee of his quality. In Germany the government owns the stallions, with the view of regulating horse-breeding in a large measure. It is desirable to improve horses for various purposes, of course, but the main purpose of the German government in controlling horse-breeding to the extent which it does is on account of its close relation to military affairs. The government wishes to see that a desirable and uniform class of horses may be available for military work. Excellence will be on exhibition again at the brick stable in Corvallis next Saturday afternoon.

**A DECREE GRANTED.**

For More Than a Hundred Thousand in the Benton Circuit Court.

The hundred thousand dollar lawsuit was tried in the circuit court Monday, and a decree was rendered for the plaintiff. The judgment is for \$101,361, besides the court costs.

The case was that of the Coast Land & Livestock Company versus the Oregon Pacific Colonization Company. The former sold defendants what is known as the Coe lands and the lands of the Oregon Agricultural Company limited, aggregating something like 60,000 acres. The purchasers, besides a cash payment, the amount of which is not known, gave two notes of \$17,000 each, one of \$34,000 and one of \$21,000. Two of the notes were payable on the 15th of last November and the other two next August, and all were secured by mortgage on the lands. The purchasers defaulted in the payments and also in payment of the taxes which it was agreed they should pay.

The hearing of the case occupied but a short time. The defendants made no appearance in court, and a decree was rendered in accordance with the prayer of the plaintiffs. It is said that the stockholders of the Oregon Pacific Colonization got into a squabble among themselves, and that to this was largely due their failure to complete the purchase. There is talk to the effect that the matter may yet be compromised.

**HAS CONTRACTS IN EUGENE.**

W. O. Heckart Secures Two Jobs in the University Town.

W. O. Heckart left for Eugene yesterday to begin work on two residences for the construction of which he secured contracts when he was in that city last week. For W. W. Calkins, formerly of Corvallis, he builds a two-story eight-room residence, with eight foot porch across front, basement, hot air furnace, and completely plumbed and fitted with electric light wire. It is to cost \$3000. This residence is to be erected near the one which he had built by Mr. Heckart last year, and which he now occupies. Their location is near the University on a lot having a frontage of 160 feet. The residence to be erected will be rented. The other residence to be built by Mr. Heckart is a story-and-half six-room residence for W. L. Delano, druggist, of Eugene. This is to be a nicely built house at the cost of \$1,200.

Billy Baker and Harry Buxton accompany Mr. Heckart from Corvallis to assist in the erection of the buildings. Ryder Bros. will have charge of Mr. Heckart's work in Corvallis during his absence.

Kline's for your spring suit.

Do You Want a Carpet, matting, linoleum or any floor covering this spring? If so, don't fail to get prices of Oliver Blackledge, the carpet man at Mann & Co's store.

**Call for Warrants.**

Notice is hereby given that there is money in the treasury to pay all city warrants drawn on the general fund and endorsed prior to February 12, 1901, and all city street fund warrants endorsed prior to November 15, 1902. Interest will stop on the same from this date. Dated at Corvallis, Oregon, March 24, 1903.

Wm. McLagan, City Treasurer.

**For Your Own Sake**

As well as ours, you should see our large line of men's suits for spring. Best we have ever shown at the prices. Nice ones for \$6, \$7, \$8, \$10 to \$20.

S. L. Kline.

**For Sale.**

A span of young draught horses. Weight 2700 lbs. At my ranch six miles west of Philomath on Alsea road, B. G. Pugsley.

**Call for Warrants.**

Notice is hereby given that there is money on hand at the county treasurers office to pay all orders endorsed and marked not paid for want of funds up to and including those of March 16th 1903. Interest will be stopped on same from this date.

Dated Corvallis, Mar. 18th, 1903. W. A. Buchanan, Treasurer of Benton County, Oregon.

**For Sale.**

A choice lot of Scotch Collie pups at \$5 each. Spencer Bicknell, Corvallis.

**THE BALD-HEADED HORNETS.**

Also Miller and his Mare—A Leaflet From Other Days.

It was mean of them—mean as could be. It happened four years or more ago. Ralph Davisson, R. E. Gibson and F. L. Miller were out deer hunting. They were following a trail in the mountain fastnesses somewhere, no matter where. Davisson and Gibson were ahead, and Miller was a considerable distance in the rear, piloting an old mare. The advance guard encountered a huge nest of bald hornets, that hung suspended, exactly over the trail. The hornets were of the great big, virulent kind, from which the sting is almost enough to knock a man down.

The advance guard stopped at the hornets' nest and held a council of war. The devil sometimes possesses deer hunters, and he apparently got hands on the advance guard on this occasion. It was determined to stir up the hornets, so they would be in good fighting trim about the time the rear guard happened along. That done, the advance guard from a considerable distance ahead awaited developments.

"Whoa, whoa, whoa!" was the terrified yell that soon fell on their ears. "Whoa, Betsy; whoa, whoa," came again from the depths of the forest and with it came the crashing of brush and the breaking of forest limbs and branches as the good mare fell through the thickets from the pursuing hornets.

When the rear guard arrived at camp it was still in the ring, but badly disfigured. The old mare had welts and lumps all over her from the attack of the hornets. Miller's face had patches and bandages all over it and Brother Miller as he travelled along, was industriously chewing tobacco and applying it to the multitudinous stung spots. He didn't know then, how he was led into the ambushade. It was a year or so afterward before his companions mustered up courage sufficient to let him into the secret.

—Miss Helen Holzgate returned Monday from a few days' visit at Portland.

**Ladies' Fine Shoes**  
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**S. L. KLINE'S.**

Not One Kind, but Many Kinds.

There is no more important article of woman's apparel than her shoe. We realize it requires a great variety of shoes to suit all kinds of feet, and have provided accordingly.

**Green Wheeler, Queen Quality.**

Always on the advance in style and continually progressing in good wearing qualities. Our shoe section is now showing a full line of this make in new spring styles. Come in and see them, and all the other good things in footwear we have assembled here.

At \$2.50 and \$3.00. At \$3.00.

**At KLINE'S,**

The White House, Regulator of Low Prices.

<p>For Sale.</p> <p>Barred Plymouth Rock and Brown Leghorn eggs from thoroughbred chickens, good as can be had. Price fifty cents per dozen.</p> <p>J. B. Irvine, Corvallis.</p>	<p>Live Poultry Wanted.</p> <p>Highest market price paid for chickens, turkeys, geese and ducks.</p> <p>Hodes' Grocery.</p>
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Comprises ready-selling materials, at popular prices, in new and fashionable weaves and colorings.

Large assortment of  
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Flake Suitings, Etamines, Granite Cloth, Melrose, and the New Weaves in Black Dress Goods.

**Fancy Waistings.**

Our Line of Fancy Waistings is complete. We have them in white, ornamented with heavy stripes, 27-inch A. F. C. Gingham, novelty weaves, fancy stripes, at 10 cents per yard.

We carry a full line of W. B. Corsets. Our three Leaders are, 50-cent Girdles, Extended Hip at \$1.00 and \$1.50, and Erect Form.

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Always \$3.50, never less. Ask for a Top Round and you will be shown the season's latest styles. Unexcelled in style, material and workmanship. Absolutely guaranteed in every particular. Sold only by

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