

LOCAL LORE.

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—Mrs. M. D. Visson arrived Saturday from Gold Hill for a visit with friends.

—Mrs. Porter, of Oregon City, arrived Saturday for a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Spangler, and Corvallis friends.

—J. W. Skipton has been in the city since Monday morning, having come up from Salem on account of the bereavement of the Hendrick family.

—Miss Bessie Herbert has been ill about two weeks from typhoid fever, and there is now little change in her condition.

—J. E. Williams has filed his bond as guardian of the Wagoner heirs. The amount of the bond is \$2,400 and the sureties are G. W. Howard and A. H. Buckingham.

—George Emrick, Walt Smith and Charley Wiley are hauling grain from the Benton warehouse to the Benton Mills in Corvallis. Usually this grain is transferred by boat.

—A party of three hunters went over the river Monday afternoon and bagged sixteen pigeons. Shooting pigeons is about the only sport which may be indulged with the gun at this season.

—A letter from Southern Oregon refers to quite a large colony of Corvallis people at Grant's Pass. The letter mentions Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lewis, Mrs. Thomas Graham and son Dick, Charley Barnhart, Paul Schmidt and Bruce Burnett.

—Ernest Koberstein came to town Saturday, taking the first ride since he had his foot and ankle injured by a fall from the Benton Mill Company's flume, being confined to his home for a week, and while in town suffered greatly from the effect of the ride.

—U. G. Berry has been appointed a mediator of the estate of Susan A. Berry. His bond is for \$4,000 with M. J. and W. A. Wells as sureties. The appraisers are William Bigue, W. A. Wells and E. B. Horning. The heirs of the estate are, U. G., J. K. and M. D. Berry, and Miss Pridie and Esther Carl.

—It is Captain James Gibson and Captain D. W. Pritchard now. Each has a following of Woodmen, and they are engaged in a contest. The name of Gibson's side is, the Bark-peelers, and Mr. Pritchard's, Sapsuckers. Each side is endeavoring to bring more new members into the order than the other. The side that loses is to provide a big banquet the evening of July 15th.

—County Clerk Moses has sent congressional district election notices to the various judges and clerks of election throughout the county, with instructions that such notices be posted. Formerly the sheriff was required to post election notices, but a late law makes it the duty of the clerk to forward two piloted copies of the notices to each judge and clerk, whose duty it is to post them.

—Dr. Lester's white Wyandotte eggs arrived Monday, and full arrangements have been made to have them incubated. In our last issue a reference was made to white Wyandotte fowls which was evidently taken as a reflection on the breed. It was not the intention to do so, and since that time the poultry editor has been furnished abundant proof that the white Wyandotte bird is fully the equal if not the superior of any other chicken for general utility.

—The A. M. McCaskey place of 22 acres, two miles west of Philomath was sold Friday to D. W. Mael, lately arrived from Albion, Whitman County, Washington. The price paid was \$1,250 cash. The new purchaser took possession Saturday. The sale was made by Henry Ambler, the Philomath real estate man. Mr. Mael also purchased through Mr. Ambler, the George Scott place of 13 acres, adjoining the McCaskey place. The price paid for the latter was \$400 cash.

—An Iowa man, who went to Washington last year and settled there arrived Sunday. He came to look over Willamette in the interest of a son-in-law who still resides in Iowa. "This county beats Washington," he said on the street Monday, "and I am coming here as soon as I can sell out there. I am going to write to my son-in-law to come here." That's right," said R. H. Colbert, another former resident of Iowa; "I have been here nearly two years now, and I have kicked myself many a time for not leaving Iowa and coming here twenty years ago.

—Sunday evening a crowd stood about the corner of Allen's drug store discussing the events of the day when suddenly a thunderous roar broke forth overhead. The throng hastily scattered, thinking that one of the large converters of the electric wire pole had broken its fastenings and was crashing down. Those however, who looked up, beheld a network of flames in the wires. Two large guy wires or stays had become sagged so that they came in contact with the live wires and for a moment there was thunder and lightning and consternation there. One fortunate effect of the incident was to displace the main belt at the electric light works thus preventing further damage. In the excitement of the moment it seems strange that so many people noticed and found such great amusement in the energy and activity displayed by the fat man of The Times, who was leaning against the post when the shock came.

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A STREET MELEE.

It Happened Sunday—Fists Freely Used—The Sunday Excursion.

Corvallis has had a lot to talk about since last Sunday. The spectacle of a street melee in which fists were freely used by anywhere from twenty to fifty men and in which perhaps a score of men were knocked down is a fruitful theme of discussion. To heighten the interest, one man lost a part of his ear, and he claims that some Corvallisite bit it off. He is a Portlander.

The Sunday excursion brought the row. Fifty or a hundred of the excursionists were maudlin drunk. They looked for more bug-jug thronging about the closed saloons in the vain effort to find it and assaulting first the front and the back doors, all of which were closed. Some of the saloon owners fully expected to see their closed doors crushed in at any moment when the demand for liquor was at its height.

Enraged at conditions they found, the drunken contingent flocked on the street and stood ready for a row. They took advantage of Chief Alexander's order to the Salvationists to leave the street, and interfered to prevent. He called on friends for assistance, and within a few minutes, fists were in use on all sides. John Porter was among those who went to the rescue of the chief. He clinched with one of the men who confronted the chief in a threatening attitude. Subsequently, the Portlander turned up with a portion of his ear gone, and his friends claimed that Mr. Porter bit it off. Many other people say that the thing was done by a drunken Portlander.

Meantime many other Corvallisites were engaged in the fray. Robert Campbell, who lives near the sawmill, though a man of more prebends than sixty, became as young as any of them, and in the course of a very few minutes his good right arm had laid out six or eight of the toughs. His strenuous defence of his town has since come in for many a generous compliment. Many other local townspeople had to fight. One of two of them got knocked down, but in the main it was the badly behaved visitors that got cracked heads. It was several minutes before the fighting finally ceased. Afterwards the crowd stood sullenly about, and when Mr. Porter left Kline's store and attempted to make his way home, the crowd closed around him threateningly. He was accompanied by Roy Raber, and both were armed. As the crowd closed Mr. Porter drew his revolver and forced the toughs to keep a respectful distance.

The attitude of the Corvallis people in the matter was unavoidable. Those brought into the row are among the town's most respectable and quiet citizens. The mistake in the whole matter is that provision was not made by the appointment of a score of officers for the occasion, to the end that the usual dignity and peace of the town might not have been violated by a crowd of ruffians.

Save the drunken contingent, the excursionists were all fine people. More than a thousand of them visited the college, passing through all the buildings and departments. Many others remained in the coaches, while still others among the respectable portion walked about in various parts of town. The excursion came in two sections and comprised 25 coaches, all packed. It arrived shortly after one and left at four.

At Albany, a large number of the drunks were arrested.

After 20 years in the business, Thomas Whitehorn has sold his saloon to William Broders. Possession is to be given June 1st.

Fred Overlander resigned as nightwatch Monday night. The temporary filling of the vacancy was delegated to the chief of police.

Last fall Hans J. Simonson built a new house on his farm in Evergreen neighborhood, and he is now engaged in constructing a large new barn, and otherwise improving his place.

A subscriber takes The Times mildly to task for overlooking the fact that George W. Parker has a new boy at his house. It happened a week ago and George and the boy are certainly entitled to recognition.

Racine vehicles are the standard of the world and carried everywhere by responsible dealers. Why buy "cheap john" of "trailers"?

To do housework. Free access to piano, organ and washboard. I inquire at this office.

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WHICH WILL WIN?

OAC Goes Against a Hard Team Next Friday on College Field.

There is to be a field and track meet on OAC field Friday afternoon. It promises to be far more interesting than any former meet. The visitors will be the Pacific University men from Forest Grove. They walloped McMinnville last Saturday to the tune of 80 to 36. OAC beat McMinnville worse than that, but not very much. The condition makes it worth guessing as to which of the teams will prove superior next Friday. The visitors beat OAC last year. It is not out of the bounds of the possibilities for them to do it again. It is not believed to be likely; but in such contests many things can conspire to the advantage of one team and the disadvantage of the other. For the above reasons there is much interest in the coming meet, and it is an interest that is growing. There was a grand stand full of people with many on the side lines at the less interesting meet last Friday. The added interest will insure a much larger attendance and a gala occasion next Friday. The games begin at three o'clock sharp.

STILL PAYING CASH.

Home-seekers Assume no Interest in Big Debt by Settling in Benton.

Benton county continues to do business on a cash basis. All the warrants issued at the late term of court are taken up as fast as presented. All the holder has to do, is to walk across the hall from the clerk's office into the treasurer's office, where he receives either the coin or a check for the amount. The fact is of exceeding interest to home-seekers, who assume partnership in no burdensome public debt by settling in Benton county. A queer fact in connection with the condition is that though all warrants were called in two months ago, more than \$3,000 of them have not been presented for redemption. The money is on hand for their payment, and the interest ceased when the call was issued.

Great Wash Silk Sale!



Thursday Friday & Saturday.

In assortments so large and varied that every taste can be easily satisfied, a superior quality of Japanese wash silk is sold here. Stripes and checks in corded effects or plain, black, white, and every new color combination.

39c Yard.

These silks are our regular 50c values, and we especially invite the ladies of Corvallis and vicinity to call and inspect them. On display Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 14, 15, 16, at

S. L. KLINE'S THE WHITE HOUSE.

For Sale. The beautiful home corner 3rd & Washington sts. Terms easy. Make me an offer.

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Manure to give away at the Brick stable.

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.

Screen Doors.

Best quality screen doors, 75 cents each; window screens 35 to 50 cents. Central Planing Mills.

At Corvallis Sawmill

You can secure dry wood at \$1.25 per load; cedar posts at 7 1/2 cents, shingles at \$2.25; and second class lumber at \$6.50.

For Sale.

Shropshire sheep and Poland China hogs. Wanted to buy or take on shares, a band of goats.

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