

LOCAL LORE.

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—James Berry went to Portland Monday.

—John Huffman is up from Portland on a business trip.

—A marriage license was issued Monday to Jesse C. Lamkin and Clara C. Ray.

—Miss Carrie Danneman returned yesterday after a visit with friends at Jefferson.

—Mrs. J. B. Hornar and daughters left yesterday, to occupy the cottage at Newport for the summer.

—Miss Edna Groves, who has been teaching school for several months at Skaniko, arrived Sunday for the summer.

—After an absence of nearly a year Chester Avery arrived Friday from Silver Lake. He is to return in a week or ten days, accompanied by his family.

—The residence that John Smith is to build on his Tampico farm is to be similar in plan but somewhat larger than the Callahan cottage on College Hill. It is to cost about \$1,500. Charles Heckart is to be the master builder.

—Improvements are being made to the residence of Ellsworth Erwin. A porch 16 by six feet in front and another 12 by six in the rear are among the additions. A stone foundation is also being added.

—Mrs. T. Whitehorn entertained a number of friends at her home Saturday evening in honor of her brother Walter Wells. The evening was most pleasantly spent by those present. Delicious refreshments were served.

—Dr. Margaret Snell left Monday for the East, where she will spend the summer vacation. She expects to be in Philadelphia, New York, Boston and other important centers, where she will look for matters of interest in her department at QAC.

—By mistake the names of Earl Edwards and Belle Edwards were omitted from those who passed the eighth grade examination from district number 23. They received their diplomas with the other members of class at Bellfontaine last night.

—Independence will celebrate on July 4th, and the people of Corvallis are invited to celebrate there. Motor will leave Corvallis for Independence at 8 a. m. Fare \$1.00 round trip. Hon. L. T. Harris, speaker of the Oregon house of representatives, will speak. A grand barbecue will be served at 12 o'clock.

—The John Burnett farm on the south side of Mary's river, a mile from Corvallis has changed hands. The new owner is John McGee. The farm contains 110 acres, and the price paid was \$3,300. Mr. McGee recently contracted for a farm in Lane county but the trade failed of consummation because of trouble with the title.

—George W. Hershner, wife and daughter, who are father, mother and sister of A. F. Hershner, arrived Friday, and are guests at the latter's home. They reside at Mansfield, Ohio, and are on the coast for their first visit. The present is their first meeting with A. F. Hershner since 15 years ago, when the latter was East on a visit. They are to remain in Corvallis for several weeks.

—The C & E. is building fifty new flat cars. The added supply is needed to meet the requirements of an increasing business. A few of the new cars have already gone into service, one of them being constantly in use between Philomath and the Benton County lumber yard in this city. The new cars are all longer, and of larger capacity than are the old ones.

—An engine for use at the Benton County Lumber Company's plant at Philomath, arrived from the East Saturday. It is to take the place of a traction engine that has been used for some time in running the planer at the plant. The boiler is already in position, and it is expected to have the new engine in operation by Friday. After that the big planer at the sawmill is to be moved to Philomath and be added to the plant there.

—The new account is that A. E. Lyford the former Corvallis man wanted at Rock Island, Illinois, is not in captivity. As deputy county treasurer, he defaulted for about \$10,000. A story was published in the press dispatches some time ago to the effect that he had been taken in Oklahoma, and was to be returned to Rock Island for trial. A Portland man who was an intimate friend of Lyford and is in touch with the situation, says the story was a mistake, that Lyford is still at large, and that nothing is, or has been known of his whereabouts.

—A petition protesting to the mayor and council for allowing a carnival has been circulated in Albany. The paper says, "We, the undersigned business men and taxpayers beg to enter our protest against your recent action in allowing what is known as a street carnival to invade our city. We consider such action detrimental to our business interests, and demoralizing to the inhabitants in general, and we would earnestly petition your honorable body to reverse your action." The petition was signed by Peshay & Mason Drug Co., S. E. Young & Son, D. O. Woodworth Drug Co., F. E. Allen & Co. and many others.

—Mrs. T. M. Gatch is visiting her son in Salem.

—Miss Emma Raber returned to Portland Sunday.

—Harry Withycombe and Edward Rosendorf expect to leave in a day or so for a two weeks camping trip.

—Mrs. Jessie Wiley is in Salem to remain until after the Fourth, the guest of her sisters, the Misses Bailey.

—Hugh Herron, of Irish Bend, has leased a house in Job's addition, and with his family is to occupy it after about the last of September.

—Mrs. J. A. Gellatly, who has been visiting relatives in Benton six weeks, left Monday for her home at Wenatchee. Mr. Gellatly is employed as deputy auditor of Chelan county, Wash.

—Numerous Corvallisites are planning to spend the Fourth on Mary's Peak. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. Callahan, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. Huston, and Mr. and Mrs. Rennie.

—E. F. Wiley is building an immense barn on the Scap Creek farm. It is to be 24 by 48 feet with fourteen-foot sheds on three sides. R. N. Adams, A. Kyle, Bert Newton and Art Starr went down the first of the week to begin work on the structure.

—Misses Orilla and Myrtle Schonkeller are guests at the Jacobs home. The young ladies are sisters of Mrs. R. M. Davison and during the past week they have been visiting at the Davison farm near Philomath.

—A petition to open a street through the Applewhite property in the north end of town was presented at a special meeting of the city council Monday night. The petition proposed that the city take necessary condemnatory proceedings and bear all expense. The matter went over to the regular meeting.

—Monday evening about twenty guests assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thrasher, the occasion being the celebration of the 18th birthday of Miss Elna Thrasher. There were refreshments and various games and the evening proved a most happy one.

—The people of Alsea are preparing for rather a pretentious celebration at the picnic grounds on the Fourth. A free dinner is one of the drawing cards. A grand ball is to be given at the Grange hall on the evening of the 3d, under competent management, and in general the indications are that Alsea will quite fittingly commemorate the day.

—With the view of adding interest to the shooting tournament to be held in Corvallis on the Fourth of July, the Knights of Pythias of this city challenge any other order in the county to a blue rock shooting match to take place in Corvallis on that day. Alex Rennie and Grant Elgin were appointed a committee Monday evening to receive communications and arrange details with any lodge team which may be disposed to accept the challenge. Teams are to be composed of four men each.

—Ira Raber, of Canton, Ohio, who spent some time here last winter with his brothers, Roy and Elmer, has been in Corvallis again during the past few days. Upon Mr. Raber's return to Canton a few months ago he organized a strong company to work mines on Snake river. The company is to operate a large dredge to be constructed and operated under direction of Roy Raber, who is regarded as an expert miner of fine gold. Forty thousand dollars is at Roy's disposal, and the experience ought to direct him to success.

—Last Saturday at the Benton County Lumber Co's saw mill, Michael Flynn was badly injured by being struck by a log. He was directing operations in the woods when a log, shooting down a slide struck another small log in such a way as to cause it to hit Mr. Flynn on the back of his head and neck and throw him down the mountain side a distance of twenty feet. He was picked up unconscious, and carried home. Dr. Newth of Philomath, and Dr. Pernot of Corvallis, were called by telephone, and his injuries were found to consist of a severe concussion of the brain and several bad bruises. At last accounts he was resting easy and on a fair way to recovery.

—John Scott lost a riding bridle and surcingle Saturday night somewhere in town and the finder will doubtless restore it if through this notice or otherwise he learns who the owner is. The articles were lost under peculiar circumstances as related by John. He is something of a somnambulist and any mental strain tends to aggravate the complaint. John rode one of the horses in the mile race Saturday evening, and while he is a veteran in the business, he had not ridden for a long time. The contest was a tiring and naturally very exciting to riders as well as to spectators. John knew that as a result he was likely to be chasing all over town in his sleep. He took the usual preventive in liberal quantity in hope of averting the impending circumstance, but it was seemingly to no purpose. That night he arose in his sleep, secured the bridle and surcingle, which were at his home, and John says it is really a wonder that he did not put them on a horse and go out and give the animal a mile run. He, however, carried away the articles and lost them somewhere in his somnambulistic perambulations about the city. When John finally awoke he found himself on the river's brink at the foot of Polk street.

WOULD CUT WATER RATES.

Council Advised to Lop off Portion of Water Company's Monthly Bill

Shall the city reduce its monthly allowance to the Water Company from \$640 per year to \$400 per year is a question that is up for consideration in the city council. The reduction was proposed by the special water committee, to which the question of a water supply was referred at a recent council meeting. The committee submitted a report setting forth that the city pays \$3 each for seven fire cisterns, that the said cisterns are practically useless for fire purposes, and recommending that they be discontinued. The committee also advises that \$400 per year is sufficient sum to pay the Water Company for such fire protection as is afforded. The present allowance to the Water Company is \$53.50 per month, or \$640 per year.

The report cites that there are seven hydrants, all in good condition except the one on Seventh street, located at Bryson's corner, and continues: There are seven cisterns, located as follows: three on Second street, two on Fourth, one on Fifth and Seventh streets are very small and would be of little value in case of fire; and all of said cisterns are fed by three-quarter inch pipe. None of these cisterns have been used in years by the city in case of fire, except one or two and they soon gave out when used. In fact, the entire cistern plan, together with the present hand engine, is of little use as a protection against fire, and we consider that the present \$21 per month now paid by the city for maintaining the same as so much money lost; and would therefore recommend that a committee be appointed by the council to ascertain if the present hand engine cannot be sold for sufficient money to warrant the city in exchanging it and paying the difference for a chemical engine. It is patent to the council, no doubt that the present system of extinguishing fires is inefficient, and a large portion of the city without protection; and we consider that with a chemical engine, every part of the town would have much better service than the most favored portion now has. Your committee is of the opinion that the present city council should pay the present Water Company no more than \$400 annually for the use of water for all city purposes, including the flushing of sewers, for the following reasons:

"That the present system is very ineffective, and does not supply the water that is necessary for fire protection, and extending over but a small portion of the city; that the capital invested in the present plant is very small. Taking all these things into consideration, the \$400 proposed would be sufficient and ample to pay for the amount of service rendered.

"We learn that the following rates are charged by the Water Company for the use of water by private consumers: Family use, \$1; for bath in residence, 25 cents; for toilet in residence, 50 cents; for lawn and flowers, one lot for season, or less, \$3; for two lots or less than two or more than one for season, \$5; for three lots or less than three or more than two for season, \$6.

"We further recommend the discontinuance of the use of the seven cisterns, for the reason that the supply pipe is so small and the water furnished is of very little use to the city.

"We would further like the opinion of the council as to what sum is the proper amount for the city to pay the present Water Company for the use of water as above indicated.

"Your committee is in doubt as to what is desired by the council in the matter of investigation to be made by the committee concerning the quantity of water to be obtained from the system of wells located near the city, and would therefore ask the council to give further instructions as to the amount of investigation and what expense may be incurred by the committee in so doing."

After the reading of the report several councilmen expressed approval of the subject matter in the report, and declared that the subject was one that demanded the earnest consideration of the city authorities. After brief consideration, the report was laid on the table to be taken up at the regular meeting in July, when it will be considered.

CANNOT HOLD THEM.

Homesteads While Residing Elsewhere

—New Decision on the Subject.

A decision of interest to hundreds of city homesteaders who are trying to reside in the towns of Oregon and Washington where they have some business and at the same time prove up on homesteads in the new district was received at the Walla Walla district land office yesterday from the department of the interior, says a Walla Walla dispatch.

The general application of the text would mean a repetition of the story now oft being told that to successfully hold a claim, a man must make a continuous residence. It also practically means that a newcomer can successfully contest any of the thousands of homesteads being held by men not actually residing on them, but who are making a show of compliance with the letter of the law.

The specific case before the department was that of Samuel Covert of Ritzville, Washington, whose homestead was contested by D. Mordhorst, of Connell. Mordhorst testified at the first contest hearing before a Franklin county commissioner that his interpretation of the homestead law was that all a man had to do was to visit his claim once in six months. However, he had made visits somewhat more frequently, had thrown up a 10x14 shack of rude boards without stove-pipe or chimney, and had made some show of cultivation. He lost before the land office here, appealed to the department and lost again.

The department is specific in showing that a man cannot hold a claim under the present regulations and their style of enforcement without proving an actual continuous residence.

The feature of the land office business at present is the great number of contests being filed daily and the city man's chance of proving up are slimmer and slimmer every day.

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Our Bargain Table.

We have placed in the center of the Big Store a bargain table to which we call special attention, and have placed upon it all the Odds and Ends accumulated during the spring and summer trade. These will be closed out regardless of cost. Don't fail to look them over, at

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