

LOCAL LORE.

(Advertisements in this column charged for at the rate of 1 cent per line.)

—Grant Elgin went to Newport Sunday, for a few days' vacation.

—Miss Rae Applegate of Yoncalla, arrived Sunday for a visit with friends.

—George Belt has returned from a ten days' visit with his brother at Aberdeen, Wash.

—W. O. Heckart returned to Eugene yesterday after a day's business trip to Corvallis.

—W. A. Wells has purchased of W. J. Howell two lots adjoining Amicitia Hall property. The price paid is \$200.

—Mr. and Mrs. Withycombe arrived Sunday from a two weeks' trip to Union and other Eastern Oregon counties.

—Misses Juliet and Louise Cooper are at Dralo, where for a month their father is to conduct surveying operations for the Southern Pacific.

—Ed Goins and wife of Linn county, were in Corvallis Sunday on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. John Scott. Mrs. Goins and Mrs. Scott are sisters.

—Chester Avery and family last Friday started on their return to Silver Lake. Mrs. Avery had made an extended sojourn in the valley to regain her health.

—Surveyor General Daly returned to Portland Sunday, after a day in Corvallis. He is to return today for the annual meeting of the College board of regents.

—The open season for deer begins this morning. Punderson Avery, R. E. Gibson and John Fulton left yesterday for the mountains to the westward for a week's hunt.

—Grace Needham came over from Albany Monday for a short stay with friends. Her father, Nathan Needham, formerly with S. L. Kline, is shortly to move to Portland with his family.

—Geo. Beamis, a well known pioneer of Benton, is seriously ill at his farm in the lower portion of the county. It is said that Mr. Beamis is quite despondent, but his family and friends are hopeful of his recovery.

—E. E. Wilson and Alx Rennie are to leave tomorrow for Fish Lake and the Matolls in the Cascade mountains, for a two weeks' hunting and fishing trip. Harry Withycombe may become a member of the party.

—Miss Jewel Mark and niece, Miss Margaret Hill of Portland, are visiting with the family of N. F. Gillespie. Miss Mark is a teacher in the Felling public school and was at one time a classmate of Mr. Gillespie's.

—D. C. Killens, professor at the divinity school, Eugene, and a widely-known evangelist, will hold service at the Christian church for an indefinite time beginning Wednesday evening. T. C. Hunsaker, of Des Moines, Iowa, will lead the chorus.

—W. W. Calkins and family of Eugene, accompanied by Mr. Calkin's father and mother, came out from the Bay Monday, where they had spent several days. Mr. Calkins parents reside in Wisconsin, and are in the state on a visit.

—While Otto Woldt was blackberrying on the Stahlbusch Brothers' island farm Sunday last, he gathered some fine specimens of grains and grasses; among which were a number of high timothy stalks bearing heads ten and a quarter inches in length.

—W. O. Heckart has been awarded the contract for the construction of another fine residence in Eugene. The structure is to cost \$3,000, and the owner is to be Mrs. Minnie Washburn. It is the fifth residence contract Mr. Heckart has secured in Eugene this season.

—Miles Lemley is up from Portland on business connected with his wife's residence property located just west of the old M. E. church. Mr. Lemley was formerly a boatman on the Portland-Corvallis route, but now occupies the position of pilot on the steamer Regulator, running between Portland and The Dalles.

—There was a large gathering at Sulphur Springs last Sunday from Albany, Corvallis, and the lower portion of the county. But at that time there was but one permanent camp. Mr. Baker, owner of the premises, had not yet moved to the springs for the summer, and he had not fully decided whether or not he and his family would be there this season, although it seems likely that he will.

—The large room in the south-west portion of the Hotel Corvallis, first floor is being partitioned and fitted for a barber shop and a grocery store room. In connection with the barber shop arrangements are being made for bath rooms. Mr. Hammel, who expects to take charge of the hotel, when completed, will install a fine stock of groceries when all arrangements concerning the lease have been settled.

—Miss Maybel Sheasgreen entertained a number of friends at a lawn party at her home Saturday evening. Cards, Pinch, and other games were the amusements. Those present were, Misses Eva Day, Vera Patten, Pearl Jones, Minnie Woldt, Gladys Moore, Lizzie Thrasher, Lela Alexander, Maud Gleason, Edna Thrasher, Louise Erwin, Collette Cathay, Helman Hall, Charles Shenoffield, Clinton Cameron, Ernest Miller, Ed Pratt, Roy Bell, and Kleth Brown.

—At a meeting of the city council Monday night a liquor license was issued to Willey and Zels.

—Miss Carrie Danneman returned home Monday from a ten days visit with Miss Ivy Burton at Independence.

—Winnie Gilbert, of Everett, Wash., arrived Sunday, to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gilbert.

—If the desired number of passengers can be secured, the ladies of the Congregational church will run an excursion to Detroit, Sunday July 26.

—In response to a telegram, Mrs. Sarah Cauthorn left Monday for Pilot Rock to be at the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. McIntyre, who is ill.

—Miss Dolly Brown has about recovered from her late attack of diphtheria. Other members of the family have not been attacked, and the quarantine has been raised.

—Work on John Rickard's new residence on the Hanna property is progressing rapidly. Additional workmen were placed on the structure the first of the week, and it looks as though Mr. Rickard would soon have a city home.

—John Rickard returned Saturday from Portland where he went with his son Bey, who is now in Good Samaritan hospital for medical treatment. Mrs. Rickard is at the hospital with her husband, and both expect to remain two or three weeks.

—C. D. Thompson, a former teacher of this county, but now a resident of Hood River is here on business and to make a short visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Thompson has been engaged for several years as principal of the public school at Hood River, but he recently resigned to enter other lines of business.

—Mrs. E. J. Boreland and son are in Corvallis to spend a month with relatives and old-time friends. Mrs. Boreland was formerly Jennie Locke, and until recently was a resident of California. A short time ago the family sold their fruit farm at Wright's Station, 60 miles below San Francisco, and moved to Seattle to make a permanent home.

—The Southern Pacific has made a special round trip rate of one and one-third fare to Portland on account of the Woodmen carnival, from July 14th to 25th. The dates of sale of special tickets for the excursion are July 14th and July 22nd. The tickets under the first day of sale are good till July 19th, and those sold on the 22nd are good until the 26th.

—Although the harvest season this year is from ten days to two weeks late, Charles and John Fisher who farm their father's land a few miles below town, began cutting wheat last Friday at noon. The grain is an early kind, being known as the surprise variety. The Fisher boys are among the most successful farmers in the county. Their crops of wheat usually average about 40 bushels per acre.

—Cal Thompson and family are to leave the latter part of the week for Colorado, to remain. Mr. Thompson came to Corvallis about 18 months ago, and with his brother Alba established the steam laundry, which has developed into an important and profitable business. On account of reasons of health he sold out, and in the desire of finding a drier climate, is going to Colorado. Mr. Thompson and his family are estimable people, and their departure is regretted. Alba Thompson remains in Corvallis, where he holds a position in the laundry.

—After an absence of 12 years Charles Ewart arrived Friday, and will spend a couple of months in the vicinity. For a dozen years in the days gone by Mr. Ewart was a successful and popular contractor and builder in Corvallis. In the latter part of the eighties, he was attacked with asthma, and after struggling with the disease for two or three years, at last resorted to a change of location in the hope of benefitting his health. He went to Victoria, where for several years he did contracting and building, but after the lapse of a few years, was again compelled to change residence on account of his old enemy. Then he went to the Kootenai country, where both the Corvallis and Victoria experience was repeated. For the past nine months, he has been at Los Angeles, seeking in the dry atmosphere of the section, relief from his malady. During his stay there he was much improved, but was only able to work at his business a portion of the time. He has come to drink water from Sulphur springs, on Soap Creek, which he believes will afford him relief.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The partnership heretofore existing between R. H. Huston and William Bogue in the general hardware and implement business is this day mutually dissolved. Mr. Bogue, on account of the ill health of his son, retiring from the firm, Mr. Huston continuing the business in his own name at the same place.

They join in thanking the public for the liberal trade and patronage received at their hands, and express the confident hope that the business will continue to prosper in the future as it has in the past.

Dated, Corvallis, Ore., July 1st, 1903.
R. H. Huston,
William Bogue.

CUT WATER EXPENSE.

Council Voted to Reduce Water Allowance Twenty Dollars per Month.

At a meeting Monday night, the city council voted unanimously to reduce the allowance to the Water Company for water furnished the city from \$53.50 per month to \$33.33 per month. The action was taken after a brief discussion of the report of the special water committee, which recommended such a course. The reduced allowance is intended by the council to cover all the water used by the city, including the flushing of sewers. It was passed without a dissenting vote, and undoubtedly represents the united sentiment of the councilmen.

The report of the special water committee, which caused the action was submitted to the council two weeks ago. It was laid on the table to be taken up for consideration at the regular meeting which occurred Monday night. It 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 one on Seventh. The cisterns located on Fourth, Fifth and Seventh streets are very small and would be of little value in case of fire, and all 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 in effectual, 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 favorable 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; and 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."

The discussion brought out the fact that councilmen agreed with the committee that the system of cisterns is practically worthless so far as fire protection is concerned, and that it is a waste of money to continue to pay \$3 per month for each of them. One councilman declared that several of the cisterns had never been used at all, and that such others as had been used had been pumped dry within a period of but a few minutes. The reduction from \$53.50 per month to \$33.33 per month, which is equal to a reduction from \$642 per year to \$400 per year, was based on the elimination of pay to the Water Company for the cisterns.

The council also adopted the recommendation of the special water committee with reference to a chemical fire engine, and instructed the chief engineer to enter at once into correspondence with dealers to ascertain upon what terms an exchange of the hand engine for a chemical engine could be secured. The cost of such a chemical engine as would be required in Corvallis is \$750. There are statistics to the effect that 75 per cent of the fires during the past year were extinguished by chemical engines. They use a solution of sulphuric acid and soda, an ounce of which is said to be more effective in extinguishing fires than gallons and gallons of water. The committee argues that with such an engine every part of the city would be better protected than is the most favored portion under the present arrangements.

There is one grocery store in town which does not close at 6 o'clock. That's Chipman's.

Remember the three last days of this week, July 16, 17, and 18. Dr. Lowe, the oculo-optician will be in Corvallis.

For the best coffee in Corvallis, call P. M. Zierolf.

DISCLAIM CITIZENS' REWARD.

Amount is to be Paid to the Father of Drowned Child.

When J. D. McCready offered \$200 for the recovery of his lost child, if alive, it was with the idea that if she was drowned, patrollers under his direction would find the body; that if found by others it would probably be by accident and under circumstances which would entitle the finder to a moderate reward only. A number of citizens, however, believed it best to offer a small unconditional reward for the body, expecting that search on the river would thereby be stimulated. S. L. Kline suggested the plan to members of the church to which the child and her people were attached. Members of the M. E. church acted upon the plan by a subscription of \$25 for the fund. S. L. Kline headed the citizens' contribution with \$5. W. G. Lane called on a number of business men for contributions, and in a short time \$29 was subscribed, which with the amount given by the church, constituted a fund of \$54. The amount was offered unconditionally for the recovery of the child.

It transpired that E. A. Mills and Edward McCready, uncle and brother of the unfortunate little one were the parties to find the body while patrolling the river, and who would be entitled to the citizens' reward, but these gentlemen disclaimed it. There has throughout been a general disposition among the people of Corvallis to assist the bereaved family in every way possible, and contributors to the reward fund, since the finders of the body would not receive it, insisted that the father of the girl, J. D. McCready, accept the amount. It is understood that this arrangement for disposition of the fund has been completed.

For Sale.

Nice ripe cherries; come and pick for yourselves or send in orders.

L. L. Brooks.

Best grade of gasoline 30 cents a gallon at Berry's.

Mid-Summer Sale

ON

Ladies' Shirt Waists and Summer Wash Fabrics.

Commencing Wednesday, July 8th, and continuing for two weeks we place on sale our entire line of Ladies' Shirt Waists and Summer Wash Fabrics.

The following Bargains are Timely for those who wish to Economize.

Shirt Waists.

75c white and col. waists, 50
\$1.00 white and col. waists, 75
1.25 white and col. waists, 90
1.50 white and col. waists, 1.05
2.00 white and col. waists, 1.45
2.50 white and col. waists, 1.75

Wash Fabrics.

10c. colored wash fabrics, 6 1/2 yd.
12 1/2 colored wash fabrics, 8 1/2 yd.
15c. colored wash fabrics, 11 yd.
20c. colored wash fabrics, 14 1/2 yd.
25c. colored wash fabrics, 16 1/2 yd.
30c. colored wash fabrics, 20 yd.

\$5.50 Silk Waists, Black and Cols., \$3.75.

And don't forget the Bargain Table. There will be lots of good things on it during this sale, at

S. L. KLINE'S

WE CLOSE AT 6:30.

Regulator of Low Prices.

To Cascadia.

Cascadia Stage office, at Powers and Loftin's livery barn, Lebanon. We are prepared to convey people to Cascadia after the arrival of the morning train reaching there the same day with or without baggage.

Powers & Loftin.

Wanted,

A good starch-work ironer. Inquire at Corvallis Steam Laundry.

Popular Sunday Excursion.

In order to meet the wants of the traveling public and give practically daily service to the beach during the summer season, the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad will run an excursion train from Albany and Corvallis and all points west to Newport every Sunday, leaving Albany at 7 a. m. and Corvallis at 7:30 a. m. returning leave Newport at 5:30 p. m. Three day and season tickets will be good going and returning on these trains. This should prove popular with the traveling public and a liberal patronage will be the best appreciation.

A NEW RULER.

Low Prices now Rule the Store.

SUMMER GOODS AT COST.

Shirt Waists at 25, 50, 75 cents, \$1.00, \$1.50, which means 25 percent off our regular prices.

All 50-cent Mercerized Goods now 40 cents. Just a few waist lengths left.

Summer Vests 10, 12 1/2, 15 to 50 cents.

Just What You Want

You will on the Remnant Counter, at prices to suit your purse. Large assortment of Upholstering Valours, regular 75c quality at 60 cents.

Summer Parasols in White and Colors, 25 percent off.

DINNER SETS FREE!

With cash sales we are now issuing coupons, a sufficient number of which entitles the holder to an elegant dinner set free. Patrons, however, may if they wish, secure the set piece by piece as they obtain coupons.

These dishes are of the Celebrated Semi-Vitreous Porcelain, hand-painted decoration, with gold trimmings, and would adorn any table. Trade with us and secure a set. Tell your friends about this opportunity.

F. L. MILLER, Corvallis, Or.