

BENTON'S MISTAKE.

Benton County is neglecting an opportunity in her failure to maintain an exhibit at the Union depot in Portland. If there are those among our citizens who have a house or farm that it is desired to sell at a good price, a strong influence for finding the buyer is through the medium of products of the county displayed for the inspection of immigrants when the latter first arrive in the state. If it is desired to increase the population and capital of the county and to build new homes and to inaugurate new enterprises, which in turn will reduce the individual taxes of every man in the county, it is of prime importance that a portion of the immigrants daily arriving in the state shall be attracted to Benton. The sight of an unusually fine sheaf of wheat, a bunch of grass of exceptional length, or any other product of unusual merit, appeals to a homeseeker with far greater directness and power than do pages and pages of literature. Of these, Benton has nothing at the Union depot, though nearly every other county in the state has an attractive and instructive exhibit. The indifference of our people on the subject is certain to have its unfavorable consequence in the failure of the county to get its just share of the newcomers.

When products in abundance and of the finest character are on every side, to be had merely for the asking, why should there be hesitation and inaction? The railroads haul these products free, the Portland business men display them free, and all that is required is for a few hands to be lifted for gathering the exhibit together.

PHONE MAN WAS HERE.

Talked About Mutual System—Lines of the Kind in Washington County

The presence in town Monday of Mr. Stow a promoter of mutual telephone systems, made occasion for talk in that direction during the afternoon among local townsmen. Mr. Stow in times past was the backbone of mutual systems in eastern states. He was also at one time a trusted man in the Bell employ. He is after a franchise in Portland. He thinks there is a good chance of getting it. He claims that if it be secured, there will be in consequence no end of impetus given to mutual systems in various counties in the valley. Corvallis then, he says, will be sure to join hands in a mutual system.

Such systems are in actual operation now in counties to the north. Master of the State Grange Leedy of Washington County told of one in which he is concerned, while in town last week. The arrangement is a joint stock company. The admission fee of the company is \$25. In addition the subscribers buy their own phones. The company builds the lines along the main roads, and the subscribers build from their farm house to a connection with them. On the Leedy line there are 100 patrons, and everything is working smoothly. The same is true of another system in a neighboring community in Washington county.

Mr. Stow left for Portland during the afternoon. He gives out that he will shortly return to Corvallis.

BACK ON THE MOUNTAIN.

Washburn is Again There—Has Recovered From his Injuries.

Young Washburn who is conducting signal experiments on Mary's Peak, and who was recently injured in a fall while at his duties, has returned to the peak from Eugene, where he went at the time of his accident. At eleven a. m. at three p. m. and at nine p. m. each day, he ascends to the highest point on the peak, and signals with others engaged in the experiments, one of whom is located on a high peak to the southward. During the day the heliograph is used, and at night the signalling is by means of lights. A man who was on the mountain with Washburn the other day was able to see distinctly the reflection on Peterson's Butte in Linn County as thrown there by the heliograph from Mary's Peak.

Washburn is alone on the mountain, and there is a surmise that he must have seen things during the electrical storm which passed from the Cascades to the Coast Monday evening, taking in the peak with lurid variations in its flight.

RARE SHRUBBERY.

Eleven Year-old Palm and Cactus this Season Show Their First Blooms.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilbanks, who reside on Fourth and Van Buren streets, have a great variety of fine shrubbery and flowers common to this locality, and they also have that which is uncommon here. For instance they have a bunch of fig trees which bears three crops in a season. The first crop will ripen about the 1st of August, the second a month later, and the third not at all. The frost kills this crop before it matures. On the trees at present are figs from the size of a double-B shot to full grown. This shrub does not bloom. An evergreen plum tree is another attraction of the garden. It is known as the Japanese plum tree, and bears fruit of excellent flavor.

A cactus of the elkhorn variety, which has grown in the open air here for eleven years without blossoming, produced a solitary bloom of rare attractiveness this season. Mr. Wilbanks secured several varieties of cactus while passing through New Mexico 11 years ago, but this is the only one which survived the wet winters.

The rarest and most attractive plant in Mr. and Mrs. Wilbanks' garden is a Florida flowering palm in full bloom, the bulb of which was procured in Mississippi eleven years ago. This is the first season it has bloomed, and so far as known the only one of the kind in the Northwest which has arrived at a blooming stage. The shrub is about six inches in diameter and ten feet in height at present. Four and a half feet of this height, however, has grown in the past six weeks and is the portion bearing the blooms and which, doubtless, will wither this fall. There is a mass of bloom fourteen inches in diameter extending the length of the section of quick growth. The flowers are white, about one and a half inches in diameter, are shaped somewhat like the fuchsia bloom and are almost odorless. Mr. Wilbanks estimates that a thousand blooms will have been produced when the buds now formed have opened.

Interested persons are welcome to inspect the shrub. W. G. Emery photographed it when in full bloom.

NEW DEEDS.

Half Interest in China House in Corvallis Conveyed to R. H. Huston.

New deeds filed for record are:

W. G. Fisher to D. E. Overman, twenty acres near Philomath, \$1,600.

United States to W. H. Parrish, patent 150 acres in Alsea.

B. F. Ireland to U. S. Gleason, 160 acres in Alsea, \$700.

N. P. Newton and wife to B. F. Pugh and wife, property in Philomath, \$275.

J. E. Stevens and wife to Ada L. Brack, lot in Philomath, \$400.

J. C. Harrington and wife to E. E. Baily, 160 acres near Dusty, \$350.

B. J. Evers and wife to Curtis Stimpson 10 acres near Corvallis, \$3,400.

William Bogue to R. H. Huston, half interest in China house property on Main street, Corvallis, \$412.50.

M. Burnett et al to John McGee, 110 acres southeast of Corvallis, \$4,000.

M. Burnett and others to R. H. Colbert, two lots in block two Corvallis, \$700.

Who Can?

The child labor question has been discussed in our homes, debated in our societies, tried in our courts and yet it still exists.

One need not go to the coal mine to find these conditions for we have examples of this contemptible practice here in our glorious west, yes even in our own beautiful city.

Ought a boy of ten years to lift 4-foot cord wood sticks? Will the answer, "O, it wont hurt him be sufficient for such a question."

Can nothing be done? who can open the eyes of the ignorant and make the willfully blind to see?

Can any one answer this question? R.

Wanted.

50 cedar poles 25 and 30 feet, 7-inch tops or over; delivered in Corvallis. Apply at Pacific States T. & T. Co.

A large shipment of our celebrated Premium dishes just received at Nolan & Callahan's.

HOT COMPETITION.

Battle Royal for the Sale of a Threshing Outfit.

Pete Rickard and John Whitaker came to town Saturday, having announced that they intended to buy a threshing machine on that day, and were at once besieged by five representatives of threshing machine companies. Friends of the Benton county farmers tendered assistance, but it was rejected. They had, in fact, invited the attack and were prepared to take care of themselves. At times, however, during the day, the aspect of the engagement was bad for Pete and John, and almost every citizen on Main street became excited as the fortunes of battle shifted one way or the other. But there was one point which Pete and John understood better than the spectators, and that was the attacking parties were slashing each other a great deal more effectively than they were those to whom they endeavored to direct their attention. Every machine man wanted to take the brunt of the battle himself, and attack the farmers independently and, in a commercial sense, he swatted the comrade who undertook to prevent him from carrying out his plan. All day long, the battle royal progressed with varying aspects until near sundown, when the Advance Thresher Company's man, having almost exhausted his competitors, began to get in his deadly work on the farmers, and it was only a brief time until they had surrendered to him, however, on most advantageous terms.

That is to say, Pete and John and several neighbors have jointly purchased an Advance thresher. It is a 32-56 with wind stacker and self-feeder. The engine is of 16-horse power, and the outfit is expected to arrive the first of next week if not sooner. The parties thought first of buying a 36-60, but later decided that, taking everything into consideration, the smaller size was preferable. In purchasing their machine the boys had the benefit of about the hottest competition which has been witnessed among machine men here in many a day. Incidents leading up to the bargain created much interest.

OVER THIRTY FOOT BLUFF.

Log Dragged Team of Fine Horses—Both Animals Killed in the Fall.

A team of horses, well known in western Benton was instantly killed by being dragged over a thirty foot bluff, while logging in the vicinity of Dallas Friday afternoon. The team belonged to Joseph Reynolds, who used his horses for logging for the Benton County Lumber company in the woods on Greasy during the summer of two years ago. While in the latter employ the animals became widely known in the vicinity, for their beauty, size and magnificent power as draught horses. Few times if ever were they hitched to a log that they did not ultimately start, though sometimes, a number of trials had to be made. When hugging the ground in the act of an unusually hard pull the two faithful animals, straining every nerve to move the load, are said to have presented an inspiring spectacle.

In the accident of last Friday both horses in the team were killed, a big log that they were moving on a steep side hill slid over a 30-foot bluff dragging the team down with it. The neck of one animal and the back of the other was broken. In his logging operations, the team is said to have earned several thousand dollars for their owner, a snug sum of which in a Dallas bank is the inheritance the faithful nags leave to him.

For Sale.

A gentle work horse, fine driver. F. P. Morgan, Corvallis.

Buy your harvesting outfits at Nolan & Callahan's.

Buy your harvesting outfit from Nolan & Callahan. Big stock to select from.

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

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

Wanted.

Two girls wanted to work at Occidental Hotel. Address J. M. Brunk, Corvallis.

For Rent.

Furnished rooms, second door north north of M. E. church South. Mrs. E. L. Fitch.

SOLD A SAWMILL.

Organized Corporation—Bought a Bull—Other Local News.

Carson Rademaker, who resides at the Phile home, left Monday, for a visit with Blodgett friends.

Mrs. W. T. Norton returned home Monday from a three weeks' visit in Oregon City, Portland and The Dalles.

Victor and Gertrude Nolan entertained a number of friends at their home Saturday afternoon in honor of the 6th birthday of their cousin, Anna Ebner, of Portland.

The Green brothers, who have been operating a sawmill on Woods creek, six miles above Philomath, have disposed of the mill and 160 acres of land to Thomas Huff and a gentleman recently from Michigan. The sale was closed in Corvallis last Saturday and the new owners took charge the following Monday. The consideration was \$2,500.

Articles of incorporation of the Casterline Steel Tempering Company have been filed with the county clerk. The incorporators are, B. J. Casterline, Monroe Cameron and A. S. Cameron. The object of the company is the manufacturing and tempering of tools and implements and the hardening of steel, and to sell and dispose of the rights to said process. The capital stock is divided into 500 shares of the par value of \$100 each. The principal place of business is Corvallis.

After an illness of two weeks with pleuro-pneumonia, Pope Leo XIII died at Rome Thursday. The funeral ceremonies will extend over a period of nine days, during a portion of which the body will lie in state in St. Peter's. The last moments of the dead pope were in terrible pain, his condition alternating between consciousness and coma. Leo was pope for 25 years, and was 93 years of age. He exerted a powerful influence on the world.

There arrived in town Friday a four-year-old bull which had been purchased from Lee Brown by J. L. Lewis for Jesse Foster, and after the animal had a rest and had been photographed, he was driven to his new home. This is a fine looking animal. He is a short-horn roan, and is registered in the American Short-Horn Herd Book, as attested by a certificate signed by a secretary of the American Short-Horn Breeders' Association. The animal is known as Wallace 11, and was bred by A. Chalmers, Cemelerville Oregon, from whom he was purchased when quite young by Lee Brown. His sire is Wallace 1, and his dam is Peach Blossom, mother of a number of animals very favorably known to stock men of Oregon and Washington. The parentage of Wallace 11 belongs to noted families.

DIED FROM A SCRATCH.

C. H. Vehrs Loses a Fine Cow in a Peculiar Manner.

When C. H. Vehrs, of the Corvallis dairy went out to his barn Friday morning he saw an animal, not far distant in the pasture, lying in a queer position. He supposed it was one of his horses which might have become entangled in a barbed wire. On approaching he found that it was a four-year-old Durham heifer lying on her back dead. Further investigation showed that a hind foot was securely attached just behind the heel to one of the animals horns. It is supposed that she had undertaken to scratch the top of her head, and that in this manner the foot became attached to the horn, which had entered to a depth of an inch and a half. The animal was very fat, and being unable to free herself the strained position soon caused death. When found the carcass was much swollen and it required the best efforts of two men to disengage the foot and horn.

Popular Sunday Excursions.

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.

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

Annual Sale.

Our Annual Mid-Summer Sale is now running in full blast.

Every article in stock will be reduced, except "Douglas" and Walk-Over Shoes, Hawes \$3.00 Hats, Monarch White Shirts, Bull Breeches, and Our Own Overalls.

Deep cut in Men's and Boys' Suits, Wash Skirts, Shirt Waists, and Wash Dress Goods,

Bargains all along the line in order to make room for our Fall Stock which will arrive early.

Goods sold at reduced price for Cash only.



Store Closes at 6 o'clock.

Phone 575.

Times Office for Job Printing.

Your Life Depends on it.

4 BRANDS
CORVALLIS FLOUR
WALDO
BENTON
SNOWFALL

BUY THE
Acorn Creamery
Butter, made from
one herd of cows.

GOOD FLOUR
The kind that is made from good wheat by careful and experienced millers, the kind that satisfied us after careful study and investigation.

GOOD BREAD
The kind that's made from good flour, good salt, good yeast, good butter, such as we sell and guarantee.

Good Groceries

Free from adulteration and impurities, the kind that you always find

At Hodes' Grocery

For Sale.

Twelve head of large sized Durham milch cows, 16 head two year old heifers, one Durham bull 5 years old, and one pedigreed Durham bull two years old. Intend to close out business; must be sold by Sept. 1, 1903.

J. E. Aldrich.

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.

To the Public.

I have leased my truck for the period of one year to L. F. Wooster, who will engage in the truck business. I thank my patrons for past favors, and bespeak for my successor a liberal patronage. I have taken the office in the Fisher brick, over the postoffice, formerly occupied by F. P. Morgan, and shall engage in the real estate, renting, loan and insurance business. I shall be glad to have owners list with me, property that they have for sale, or houses they have to rent.

C. A. Robinson, Corvallis.

Dainty Breakfast Goods,

As well as Choicest Delicacies for lunch and dinner, can always be found at our store. We handle only first-class goods and can guarantee quality. Everything offered for sale here is strictly fresh and just as represented. We carry a large stock of selected Family and Fancy Groceries, and are sole agents for

Chase & Sanborn High Grade Coffees.

P. M. Zierolf.

A Bargain.

If taken soon, 2 1/2 acres; one acre in choice bearing fruit. A nice house, barn and other buildings, about one mile from college grounds, and one half mile from school house. Terms easy. Call on or write

B. R. Thompson, Corvallis, Ore.