

LOCAL LORE.

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

—There will be services at Mt. View at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow.

—A. Newsom of Salem, formerly of OAC, went to Newport Wednesday.

—Miss Martin of Portland is a guest at the home of J. W. Crawford.

—Mrs. Ruth Clark left yesterday for a visit with her sons at Vale. She is to be absent until September.

—Mrs. Covell and children went to Philomath Thursday for a week's visit with Mrs. S. I. Pratt.

—There will be a meeting of the Coffee Club next Monday afternoon. The ladies will hold meetings during the summer.

—A brass door key and a Yale lock key, tied together, were picked up near the postoffice Thursday. Call at Times office for them.

—S. H. Horton is erecting a new story-and-a-half house near the site of his present residence on Seventh & Adams streets. The new building faces Seventh street.

—A distinguished party will go to Crater Lake on August 4, among the number being Governor Chamberlain. Senators Mitchell Fulton and Joaquin Miller.

—Misses Elina and Mamie Hibbs of Gaston, passed through Corvallis, Wednesday, enroute to Newport. The Misses Hibbs are former OAC students.

—The family of F. Elgin accompanied by Mrs. A. D. Morrison and Miss Ethel Linville, left Thursday morning for Newport. They went by team and will camp.

—Mrs. Graham and daughter of Portland are guests of Mrs. B. H. Huston. Mrs. Graham is the wife of Captain Graham of the steamer Pomona.

—United Evangelical church:—Theme, Sunday morning, "The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved." Sunday evening, "The Second Coming of Christ."

—Mrs. John McCormick has returned to Brownsville after a week's visit with her brother, J. Mason, who has been confined to his home many weeks.

—Wenzell Dieckhoff, who has an extensive goat ranch in Lower Alsea, went to Portland this week to be with his wife at St. Vincent's hospital. Mrs. Dieckhoff has been at the hospital for the past month, but her condition gives rise to serious apprehension.

—Monday, the construction of a new dwelling house is to be commenced in the north end of the block in which the residence of Mrs. Denman is situated. The builder is M. George, who purchased four lots in the block last summer.

—Will Baker, G. W. Denman and John Winkle, with their families, returned Monday from a hunting trip to Alsea. On the trip, they killed five fine deer. They were camped in the vicinity of David Tom's place. Deer are said to be plentiful in the vicinity.

—A special service will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in honor of the Independent Order of Lions. Members of the order are requested to meet at the lodge room not later than 7:45 p. m. The chaplain Rev. Carrick will speak on the subject of "Friendship."

—Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. E. H. Taylor and Mrs. Anna Beach entertained about thirty five ladies at a lawn fete in the grove adjoining the residence of Mrs. Martha Avery. A series of races in which all the ladies participated, was the principal amusement. A delicious lunch was served.

—Congregational church, July 26th Sunday school at 10 o'clock, regular service at 11. Sermon, "Salvation: The Fact; The Method; The Forces." Christian Endeavor at 6:30, the topic being "A Mission Study of South America." Union services in the evening, sermon by the Rev. John Reeves of the M. E. church, South. The service will be in the Congregational church, and at 8 o'clock.

—Albany Democrat: The season of the Willamette valley baseball league will close next Sunday. Albany will play at Roseburg and Salem and Eugene at Salem. It promises to be a sensational finish between the three clubs in the lead. Eugene has won 12 and lost 9, Salem 13 and lost 8, Roseburg 11 and lost 9, and Albany 6 and lost 16. There is a show for the first three named.

—A weekly newspaper of sixteen to twenty pages each issue, and containing full telegraphic news, is now offered for fifty cents per year. It is the Journal, an independent democratic newspaper, published at Portland. Its twice-a-week issue of eight to twelve pages, is offered for seventy five cents per year. The daily of 12 to 24 pages can be had for \$2.50 per year. The offer is the attempt of the paper to secure 10,000 new subscriptions in a single day. It only holds good for one day, and is never to be repeated. The date is Friday, August 28th. Cash prizes of \$20 and upwards are offered to postmasters who send in the largest list of subscriptions. For any boy or girl or any person who sends in twenty subscribers or upwards a prize is offered. Send for circulars to "The Journal, Fifth & Yamhill, Portland."

BOUGHT DILLER BLOCK.

—Billy Hogan and family went to the bay Thursday for a month's stay.

—Mrs. J. Harris and children left this week for a few weeks' outing at Cascoada.

—Mrs. Hammel, of the new hotel, returned Thursday from a business trip to Portland.

—Peter Writner, who moved the Hays' houses, completed his contract Thursday and returned to Albany.

—Miss Mary Klecker has returned home from a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Fruit.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Kline returned Thursday from Portland. Mr. Kline was a delegate to the grand lodge A. O. U. W.

—Mrs. H. F. Fischer, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Raabje, of Chicago, went to Silverton Thursday for a week's visit.

—Mrs. Ephriam Greer has been called to Alsea on account of the illness of her father, Mr. Taylor, who is suffering from diabetes.

—Fred Overlander's condition is not improved, and his brother, Charley, of Big Elk, was summoned. He was expected to arrive Friday afternoon.

—Billy Baker, Johnny Winkle and G. W. Denman returned Wednesday from an outing in Alsea. All had excellent success in securing fish and game.

—Mrs. E. F. Thayer passed through Corvallis yesterday on her way to Astoria. Mrs. Thayer has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gally, of Philomath for the past six weeks.

—Mr. George has let the contract for a new two-story residence on lots owned by him just north of the Denman property. It is to be a square house 22x24 feet having seven rooms.

—Rev. T. W. Nash this week moved the more portable part of his household goods from Tillamook county to Philomath. Mr. Nash is to have charge of the Philomath circuit, U. B. church.

—George Brown sold a team Thursday to a Tacoma buyer, and delivered the horses at Albany Friday. Ed Anderson, another horse buyer from Tacoma, was in Corvallis Wednesday and Thursday but failed to make any purchases.

—Mellie Dohse is having a new walk laid in front of her property, northeast corner of Monroe and Fourth streets. Improvements of a similar character are being made about the Addison residence and the house occupied by Jesse Spencer.

—Mrs. Francis returned to Portland Thursday after a two-weeks visit with the family of her daughter, Mrs. John Allen. Mrs. Francis has arranged to make a trip to the Philippine Islands to visit a son who is engaged extensively in merchandising there.

—W. A. Wells has sold to Leroy Reynolds lot 3 in block 22, county addition, just north of the premises occupied by Prof. Holmes. A small dwelling on the back part of lot 1, same block, is to be moved by Mr. Wells onto the lot sold. The consideration is \$475.

—George Hall, of Dusty, was in town Thursday with a team of the finest draft horses in the country. The animals are twins, perfectly matched bays, seven years old and weigh about 1,400 pounds each. Mr. Hall has refused more than \$400 for the span. There are some big stories current as to what loads these horses have pulled.

—John McGee is preparing for the erection of a new residence on the farm near town which he bought from Mrs. Burnett, and has awarded the contract to R. N. Adams. The main portion of the house is to be 14x28 feet, and it is to have an L 14x22 feet. It will be a full two-story building having eight rooms. October 1st is the specified time for its completion.

—It was 23 1/2 inches long. It was slender and smooth, and lacked but half an ounce of weighing three pounds. In the largest part it was the size of an ordinary man's arm. It was a cucumber of common variety and displayed on the street, attracted much attention. Some people even refused to believe it was a cucumber; but it was. It was grown by Prof. Coots at the college, where more of the same kind and size can be seen.

—Two is the number of deer that Dr. Harper, Henry Allen and Harry Withycombe secured in the hunting trip to Alsea. They returned Monday, except Mr. Withycombe who was joined by Ed Rosendorf yesterday. One of the deer slain was a whopper, according to all accounts. He was killed a mile from camp and one of the trio attempted to carry the carcass home. A dozen yards of the effort sufficed, and the body was cashed. Then a trail was cut, and a horse was brought from camp. At the proper moment, the animal took fright and got away. Finally Dave Tom appeared on the scene, and being an adept at the business, shouldered the deer and carried it to camp. It is said to have been one of the biggest deer ever killed in the Alsea mountains.

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.

SCHOOL BOARD ACCEPTS OPTION—WILL NEW BUILDING BE EIGHT OR FOUR ROOM NOW.

Whether to build the exterior of an eight room school building, leaving the interior to be completed as required, or whether to build a four room building with most of the interior complete now, is the problem with which the Corvallis school board is wrestling. Charles Ewart, the well known architect, who was architect and superintendent of the present school building, has prepared plans, and is now figuring out estimates on both propositions.

Each building contemplates a two story building with basement of stone. If the eight room exterior is built, it is the plan to build only the lower portion of the basement of stone now, using wooden pillars and rustic until such a time hereafter as funds shall be available to fill in the balance of the basement with stone. If the four room proposition is adopted, it will be so constructed now as to be only a portion of a completed eight room building.

In the case of either building, it is the purpose to build smaller rooms than those in the present school building, each of which was designed for sixty pupils. It is the board's idea that not more than forty pupils can be properly served by one teacher, and it is on that idea that the new rooms are to be designed. Each room will therefore be correspondingly smaller than the present rooms.

If a four room plan is adopted, it is not the purpose to complete all of them at this time, but only so many as is necessary to meet requirements; perhaps two.

One fact unfavorable to the four room plan is, that the foundation for an eight room exterior will cost proportionately much less; because one complete side of the basement of a four room plan will be useless when the time comes to increase the structure to eight rooms. The cost of that one side can be saved now by building an eight room exterior, and completing only so many rooms as may be required.

On the other hand, the natural deterioration that must take place in an eight room exterior before the eight rooms shall be needed in Corvallis, would seem to more than make up the difference. If the walls of an eight room exterior are to stand six, or eight years before the necessity shall arise for the eight rooms, there will be a considerable loss by reason of the lapse of time and such destruction as naturally comes to an unfinished structure.

The question of the adoption of either plan will be largely settled by the item of cost, all of which depends much on what the architects estimates and figures will show. Mr. Ewart is one of the best and most experienced architects in the Northwest and his estimates are certain to be reliable.

At a meeting Wednesday evening, the board accepted the option on the Diller block at the price of \$3000, and instructed the school clerk to notify the owners of the property that the board was ready for the deeds.

By Mistake

Someone gave the ferryman a small gold coin to the ferryman instead of silver which the owner may have by giving satisfactory proof as to time and value of coin.

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 is Chipman's.

For Sale.

A good wheel. Will trade for wood. Inquire at Steam Laundry of Alva Thompson.

For Sale.

Thirty two inch Pitts separator and a horse power, to be had for \$100. Call on or address,

R. C. Kiger, Corvallis.

Wanted.

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

For Sale.

A lady's Imperial bicycle and a lady's gold watch and chain. Articles in good condition. Inquire at Times office.

Wanted.

Wood. Inquire at Times office.

SPOILED THE TRADE.

Telephone Communication With the Wrong man did it.

The telephone gets people into queer positions at times—or perhaps it would be more correct to say that people get themselves into odd situations by means of the telephone. The former expression is more common, but it is because of the inherent disposition of man to fix blame for the result of his own frailties, upon somebody or something else. That is why Bert Sharp half blames the telephone system for breaking up an advantageous horse trade for him.

George Cauthorn of Linn county was in Corvallis Thursday with a trading horse. He proposed a trade with Bert for a young bay horse owned by the latter. Bert asked \$20 to boot, but at that time Cauthorn thought he could not pay that amount, and the next morning found him in Albany. By that time he had decided to pay the difference asked by Bert.

Bert's horse wasn't very well, but he wasn't sick enough to show it—not sick enough to hurt, or the owner wouldn't have listened to a proposition to trade. Still Thursday morning he left a telephone call for Dr. Withycombe, veterinary at the college. Presently the brick stable telephone rang for Bert who opened the conversation by answering:

"Hello!" (supposing that he was talking to Dr. Withycombe, but in reality addressing Mr. Cauthorn.)

"Hello! This is Sharp is it?"

"Yes. Say," said Bert, "that young bay horse of mine ain't well."

"Oh! Your young bay horse is pretty sick is he?" responded the man at the other end of the line.

"No, not awful sick, but I don't know what ails him. He ain't just right, somehow."

"Well, you are very good to tell me know. I was just about to let you that I was coming over to make that trade we were talking about yesterday, but I guess I'll wait till your horse gets well. Good-bye."

Manure to give away at the Brick Stable.

OUR GREAT ANNUAL Remnant Sale Immense Reductions. Short Ends, Odd Sizes, Broken Lines, and Remnants by the Hundred. Prices in Many Cases Reduced by Half. Corsets. Ladies' Sailors. Ladies' Lisle Vests. Ladies' Hose. Ladies' Shoes. WE CLOSE AT 6:30. Regulator of Low Prices.

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! F. L. MILLER, Corvallis, Or.