

## LOCAL LORE.

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

—Mrs. Pratt and son Edwin returned Monday from a ten day's outing at Newport.

—Oliver and Chester Berchtold were bayward passengers the first of the week.

—Miss Adelaide Greffz arrived Monday from Portland to remain some time.

—Mrs. Sarah Moore and son Guy returned Monday from a two weeks stay at Newport.

—Robert Campbell and family and Mrs. Sam Kling form a party which started for Cascadia Thursday for an outing.

—Mrs. Luke Thornton was a Corvallis visitor Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Thornton conducts a hotel at Oregon City.

—Charley Warner was over from Solo the last of the week to visit his sister and brother-in-law [Mrs. and Mr. A. J. Johnson.

—Mrs. Evans and family, late arrivals from Nebraska, have moved into one of the Blackledge houses, near Ninth and Van Buren streets.

—Mrs. Bert Apger, of Eugene, was visiting friends in Corvallis Friday and Saturday. From here she went to Independence for a short stay.

—Preaching at the Christian church by the pastor next Sunday morning and evening. Morning subject "Going on to Perfection". There were four accessions to the church last Sunday.

—Otey Henkle, a former Benton county boy, was visiting relatives and friends here last week. He departed Saturday for his home in Dayton Wash., where he has a position in a hardware store.

—Mrs. Mary C. Spencer and two sons arrived Friday from Missouri to visit relatives. Mrs. Spencer is a cousin of Mrs. A. J. Locke and Mrs. Alfred Locke. In about ten days she goes to Olympia to visit a brother.

—D. Reeves, son of Rev. John Reeves, pastor of the M. E. Church South, took his departure for Vancouver Monday, after a visit of two months in Corvallis. Mr. Reeves is to have charge of one of the public schools of Vancouver.

—Epl. Beach is away from his business in Portland on a vacation. He spent several days in Corvallis, and intended to go to Newport Tuesday. Mr. Beach has employment with Eastern & Western Lumber Co., foot of 20th street, Portland.

—Ol Wickes secured a position in an Astoria butcher shop but does not enter upon his duties until the first of September. The intervening time he will spend in Cascade mountains with Austin Neville and Milton and Westly Millhollen. The party starts for the mountains tomorrow.

—Dr. Mount, Livy Stipp and Messrs. Draper and Osmond, all of Oregon City, left here by private conveyance for Five Rivers, where they will rusticate for a time. They will camp near Frank Selts place to make sure of being supplied with venison and fish. Anyway that's why so many Corvallis people camp there.

—Mrs. Wheeler and sons, Warden and Lesley, of North Dakota, who have been in Oregon six weeks, the greater portion of which time they visited Mr. and Mrs. Brunk, of this city, started homeward Monday last. Mrs. Wheeler's stay here proved a most agreeable one, and she returns to her home with a very favorable impression of this state.

—Mrs. Kisor, Mrs. Copeland and Amos Kisor, mother, sister and brother of Mrs. J. Mason, came over from Newport Monday on account of the serious illness of Mr. Mason at his home in Corvallis. Mr. Mason has been ill many weeks from Bright's disease, and Sunday evening his conditions were such as to alarm his family and friends.

—The demand for houses has become almost frantic. There are promises and prospects of vacant houses. The people in them think they are likely to move out. In some instances, half a dozen families have spoken for the same place, contingently, and each is waiting his turn like men do in barber shops or as people do at the delivery window of a postoffice. In such instances, it is of course a particularly desirable house and the proposed change by some applicant is in order to suit themselves better as to habitation. A few houses are still unrented, but lack of barn, or some other feature is what keeps them vacant. All will be filled long before college opens.

—J. W. Buster, of Alesco, was in town Friday with a lame back. The trouble came on him in Polk County, where he went to purchase goats on the Osburn farm near Monmouth. The story is that while Mr. Buster was out alone, in the pasture, looking at the goats, a buck sheep of billigerent pedigree, ambushed him from the rear. The Alesco fell dead in the first round, and when he came to, the buck stood six feet away watching him intently, apparently awaiting the opportunity to side-step and deliver another back buster in Buster's back. In this attitude the foemen remained for some moments, until a hired man arrived on the scene and drove the quadruped away. It was four days after the battle when Mr. Buster reached Corvallis still taking on repairs.

—Mrs. Hays and Mrs. W. S. McFadden spent Saturday and Sunday at the beach.

—Miss Inez Pugh of Salem, returned home Monday after a lengthy visit in Corvallis with her aunt Mrs. Gherber.

—Miss Ella Johnson left Monday for San Francisco to attend the millinery openings. She will be absent about two weeks.

—Mr. Spence, wife and child, started Tuesday on their return to Nebraska. Mrs. Spence is a sister of Otto L. Horse, and the family have been here about a year.

—Mrs. H. C. Allen went to the seaside Saturday, where she will spend a brief period with Mrs. E. Allen and daughter, Edna, who have been at Newport several days.

—Mrs. Snider, who came to Corvallis from Kansas two or three months ago for the benefit of her health, started Tuesday on the homeward trip. Mrs. Snider is an aunt of Walter Taylor.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Gerhard, and daughter, Miss Kate, went to the seaside Monday to camp for a few weeks. They were accompanied by Mrs. Mary Thompson who goes to remain some time with her daughter Mrs. Nolan.

—A well-attended ice-cream social was given at the home of J. M. Cameron, Tuesday afternoon and evening, by the Christian endeavorers of the Christian church. The organization realized a snug sum of money from the social.

—The Iowa colony in Corvallis and vicinity is to meet at 5 o'clock Saturday evening at the home of Mr. White who lives in what is known as the St. Germain property, to make arrangements to hold a picnic. All Iowans are invited to be present, at the meeting.

—J. C. Wells has just completed the laying of ten-foot walks in front of property on Second street owned by Mrs. Caroline Hays and Dave Irvin. The walks of this section, between Jefferson and Adams streets, so long in need of renewal, are now in commendable shape.

—During two or three days a couple of hard-looking characters lounged about town and surreptitiously made a few sales of spectacles. Monday evening the nightwatch man locked them up, and the following morning Chief Lane escorted them out of town. Their appearance caused much uneasiness among the townspeople.

—Rev. Herbert Johnson, an Oregon boy, who has achieved distinction in the East, left Saturday for Portland, after a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bryson. After a few days in Portland, he returns East, making the journey through the southern states. Rev. Johnson is pastor of a prominent church in Boston.

—Charley Heckart last Wednesday completed the woodwork of John Smith's new residence at Tampico and Sam Kerr and corps of assistants are adding the necessary paint and paper. J. E. Smith was down the first of the week to do the plumbing which includes piping to conduct the water to the house from a reservoir of spring water a considerable distance above the house, the water having sufficient fall for any purpose.

—Monday a fine monument was placed at the grave of Alice Headrick, in Crystal Lake cemetery by J. A. Archibald, of the Blasing Granite Company, Portland. The shaft is square in size it is what is known as a 12-inch die, and stands six feet from the ground. The sub-base is 18 inches square and 12 inches high. The die and sub base are of red Wisconsin granite. It takes an elegant polish, is a very desirable material for the purpose, and is the only monument of the material in this locality.

—A pleasant function occurred at A. O. U. W. hall Friday evening. It was a reception in honor of Prof. Berchtold, recently elected grand foreman of the order in the state, and was participated in by the A. O. U. W. and Degree of Honor lodges. A speech of congratulation was made by Mr. Walters, and remarks were made by S. L. Kline, Jesse Spencer, D. P. Sheagreen and others, and there was a fitting response to the felicitation by Mr. Berchtold. A banquet formed a feature of the evening's pleasure.

—By the breaking of a singletree Monday, a chain with which he was working, flew back and fractured a bone of Charles Fisher's hand. It is the bone to which the forefinger joins in the right hand that is affected. The injury was dressed by a surgeon, and if all goes well, the free use of the member will return with the lapse of time. A couple of weeks ago the first joint of a bone on the other hand had to be removed. It was the sequel to a very slight injury sustained by Mr. Fisher. He was driving a nail, when the latter broke in such a manner as to raise a slight blood blister. In the end of the finger. Nothing was thought of the matter, but at the end of a month the finger had become so swollen from the effects that the removal of the first joint had to be resorted to.

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Scale drawing, A. C. Ewart, architect Retuan to W. W. Holgate. Reward.

Found.

An unclaimed bicycle has come into the possession of the chief of police. The loser can recover the wheel by proving property and paying for this notice.

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

## HIS BODY FOUND.

Mystery of Northern Benton Solved—Armstrong Drowned Himself.

The unexplained disappearance the third of last March of George Armstrong from his home and family near Wells, which has ever since continued to be one of the mysteries that hung over Northern Benton has been made clear by the finding of his body in the Willamette River. Armstrong it will be remembered, attended a school meeting in the vicinity of his home on the morning of March 3d. He returned home changed his clothing and went across the field to where his hired man was working. After a few minutes of conversation, he left the man and started to return home. He failed to appear at the house, and there was instituted a search in which the whole neighborhood participated, and which continued for several days. During the search, the river was dragged, and its banks examined, and the woods in the vicinity were scoured, without finding any kind of a trace. Various rumors of foul play and other sensational reports were circulated, but as in the case of little Garnet McCready, the finding of a stark body in the cruel waters has set all these questionings and surmises at rest.

Armstrong's body was found by loggers near Sydney, Marion county, Sunday last. Mrs. Armstrong and son went to the scene, and identified the groomsome find as remains of the missing husband and father. The body was in bad condition, but enough was left for the identification to be perfect. The whiskers on one side of the face remained, the boots were still on, and enough of the waistband was intact to show the body to be that of Armstrong. In a letter to Sheriff Burnett, the widow, says: "It was your request for me to let you know if we found any trace of my husband. A body has been found in the river below Buena Vista, which we are sure after examination, is him".

The body was buried at Sydney, but the family intends to exhume and reinter at Wells.

## To Ice Buyers.

Orders for 10 cents worth of ice or less, must reach the factory before nine o'clock, so as to go out by the first delivery, or they will not be filled. Orders for more than 10 cents worth will be filled at later hours. All orders that reach the factory before nine o'clock will be filled promptly, as usual.

Corvallis Ice Works.

## Poland China Hogs.

Young sows and young boars of the best breeding will now be sold to make room for fall pigs. All young stuff, no old sows now. Come and see them or write to John Whitaker.

## For Sale.

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

R. C. Kiger, Corvallis.

## For Rent.

A first class dairy farm with good established milk business! A mile and a half from Corvallis.

William Cress.

## Wanted.

A good heavy work horse. Apply at Benton County lumber yard, Corvallis.

## Men Wanted

I have established an employment agency in Corvallis, with head quarters at Gerhard's book Store. Those wishing help, and those wanting work will please call up Phone 221 or 306. Special attention given to the requirements of hop-growers and pickers. John Lenger, Employment Agent.

## Good Lots for Sale Cheap.

Expecting to leave Corvallis soon I have some good, well located lots for sale cheap. N. B. Avery.

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

One good heavy horse to hire out or sell cheap. Phone or inquire at the Carriage Factory.

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

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

Two houses to rent, one six and one seven rooms, with barns. 15 sheep to let on shares. S. H. Moore.

Cedar shakes, hand made shingles and five carloads of saved cedar shingles. A full stock of shingles at all prices. If you wish the best shingle made get our Claskine. Corvallis Saw Mill.

## WILL NOT ACCEPT.

Water Company Objects to Reduction of Allowance Made by City Council.

The Corvallis Water Company has served notice on the police judge that it will not be governed by the action of the city council cutting off \$21 per month from the city's allowance for water. The reduction was recently made by the council on account of the seven cisterns, which a special water committee declared were useless for fire purposes, and for which the sum of three dollars per month is regularly paid the company. What ground the Water Company takes in its notice is not definitely known, but the language of the document is said to be such that the company insists that its monthly allowance for water used by the city shall be \$53.50 per month, and not \$33.33 per month as the council by resolution has determined.

Meantime there has been negotiations between the company and the new special water committee of the council, in the progress of which several meetings have been held. The committee is Councilman Avery, Rose and Henkle. It is understood that no agreement has been reached, and that the negotiations are now at a standstill. The company is said to have made a proposition, for extension of a six inch main out to the public school block and for bringing another six inch main down Fifth street to the court house, allowing the city at its own expense to put on as many fire hydrants as it desires, the pay to be \$60 per month for all city purposes, including sewer flushing. The further stipulation in the proposition is that the contract continue until such time as the city, by sale of bonds or otherwise may undertake to put in a mountain water system.

A second proposition is also said to have been made in which the company offers to turn over the system as it now stands to the city, the city to pay \$3,000 per year for 12 years, and at the end of the period to assume complete ownership of the property without further consideration.

## A Never-Ceasing Effort to Satisfy

In Quality, in Price, and in Service, is a notable feature of our Big Store.

### RIBBONS.

Taffeta and Liberty Ribbon 3 1/2 and 4 in. wide, in black, white, and all the popular shades. At 20 and 25c.

### WAIST SETS.

In plain white pearl and Gibson effects, small and large size, At 25 and 50c. Set.

### FANCY COMBS.

Back combs, side combs, and hair pins, in fancy and plain colorings, At 10, 15, 25 and 50c.

### LADIES' PURSES.

Ladies' leather purses with card case, fancy trimmed, tan, black and gray, 25c to \$1.50.

### SCISSORS DEPT.

We have a full and complete line of these goods, in all sizes and of the very best quality, At 25c. to \$1.25.

### DEESSING COMBS.

A nice assortment, best sizes and styles, at 10, 15 and 25c.

Don't forget the Premium Department, and get a Coupon with every 25-cent purchase.

We still have lots of good things on the Bargain Counter, at

# S. L. KLINE'S

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!

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.