

**LOCAL LORE.**

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

—Wheat 70.

—Mrs. Ed Buxton spent Sunday with relatives at Newport.

—Prof. F. L. Kent went to Portland Sunday.

—Prof. W. T. Shaw leaves today to visit his home in Minnesota.

—Miss Gladys Moore returned Monday from several weeks at Newport.

—Mr. and Mrs. Turner arrived Sunday and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Farmer.

—Karl Stelwer passed over the C & E Monday, en route for a visit to Rod Nash on the Rock Creek farm.

—Ed Crawford passed through Corvallis en route to Newport Monday.

—Mrs. M. Gleason and Miss Maud Gleason returned Monday from Newport.

—Mrs. J. H. Simpson left Friday for California to visit her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Cathey.

—Miss Harriet Sheagreen and Miss Florence Wicks returned Monday from a two weeks sojourn at Newport.

—Victor Spencer returned to his position in W. L. Love's drug store, Portland, by Thursday's train. He has been with his parents and other relatives on a lay-off during the past two weeks.

—Mose Neugass and Joseph Greenberg and son are expected here Friday to be present at the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs, which occurs next Saturday. The anniversary is not to be observed save by a family reunion.

—News has been received in this city, confirmatory of the recent statement published in the Times that A. E. Lyford had not been apprehended. Mr. Lyford is the former Corvallis man who as deputy County treasurer at Rock Island, Illinois, turned up short \$10,000 in his accounts.

—Theodore Schmitz, who formerly conducted the Occidental saloon in Corvallis, died August 13th at his home in Seattle, Washington. The survivors are a widow and two children, aged respectively, seven and four.

A farmer north of town complains that the killing of China pheasants is widely practiced in his vicinity. The reports of shotguns, there, he says, are frequent, and the destruction widespread. The open season does not begin until September 15th.

—E. E. Gibson and family are to leave the latter part of this week or the first of next for Los Angeles, California, to reside. Their departure is much regretted by many friends in Corvallis and vicinity. For many years Mr. Gibson has been one of Corvallis' most prominent business men.

—Some of the yields of wheat in the south end of the county are as follows: Reuben Taylor, 20 bushels; Richard Irwin, 22 bushels; James Bruce 20 and 22 bushels; James Irwin summer fallow, 26 and 28 bushels. Nearly all the fall grain in the section referred to has been threshed. A good many farmers there will complete the cutting of spring grain today or tomorrow.

—Eugene Ward, of Kings Valley and Miss Rena Wood were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown at Wells Sunday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. M. Wood at 2:30 p. m. in the presence of a pleasant party of guests. Miss Wood is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wood formerly of Benton, but now of the vicinity of Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Ward are to leave in a fortnight for Lowell, Lane County, to reside.

—N. L. Raber, after being absent since July 1st arrived Saturday, from a trip East, where he went to purchase machinery for a dredge that is soon to begin operations in gold mining on Snake River. Mr. Raber was as far East as Toledo, Ohio, and as far south as Covington Kentucky. In Chicago, he met J. B. Markley, formerly of Corvallis. The latter is in business there, and apparently is doing well. The barge Mr. Raber is to use in his mining operations is nearing completion and the machinery is soon to arrive on the Snake, whither Mr. Raber expects to go in about 10 days.

—Local millers look at the wheat market with a measure of concern. The Corvallis price is nominally quoted at seventy cents. That is in reality, storage and freight figured, two cents above the Portland price, which is eighty cents. It is in fact, two cents dangerously near the Chicago price, which is eighty cents. In the latter it is kiln dried wheat on which quotations are based. Outside of such wheat the prices in the vicinity of Chicago are from 63 to 68 cents. In other words, the Corvallis market, as now quoted is away up. The San Francisco price alone is at a point that tends to justify the present local quotations. It is \$1.40 per cental or 84 cents per bushel. In addition it is understood that local millers are offering inducements, not actually represented in the open quotations. Thus, they bid on a high market, in which there is every chance for a big decline before the wheat can possibly be ground and marketed, and consequently in their purchases stand a most excellent chance of loss.

—C. D. Jessup, of Salem, was in town Monday and Tuesday.

—Miss Helen Stelwer arrived yesterday for a visit with Corvallis friends.

—W. H. McMahan and family returned Monday from their summer outing at Cascadia.

—Mrs. Sheagreen went to the bay Saturday for a brief stay, accompanied by Miss Adelaide Greffez and Miss May Gerhard.

—Samuel Whitesides started for San Francisco last Friday to attend the national encampment of the G. A. R.

—Miss Anna Pelton of Seattle is expected to arrive today for a brief visit at the Gatch home.

—Ed Andrews came home from Eugene Sunday and resumed his duties at Kline's Monday morning. Mrs. Andrews will be absent ten days yet.

—Mrs. P. F. Woodford of Portland, arrived yesterday for a brief visit with Mrs. F. A. Helm. She is returning from a vacation spent in San Francisco.

—Albany Herald: Miss Emma Crawford, of Corvallis, is visiting in this city at the home of Judge D. R. N. Blackburn.

—T. W. Espey, a freshman college student last year, was in town visiting friends, leaving Monday for Newport, where he will spend a few days.

—Mr. and Mrs. Callaban, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee and A. B. Cordley left Saturday for a two weeks' camping trip at Beaver Creek.

—Miss Louise Gilbert of this city has accepted a place at Litt's in Portland, and is to begin her duties on the 1st. Her sister Winnie has a place in the same establishment.

—In a couple of weeks, Edward Rosendorf is to leave for the East to take a course in medicine. He expects to matriculate in a college either in New York or Philadelphia.

—Mrs. W. A. Finley and daughter, of Santa Rosa, Cal., are guests at the country home of H. M. Finley. They will remain in Oregon several weeks and visit in Corvallis, Portland and other points.

—T. T. Barnhart leaves today for Moscow to do the painting on the new court house which A. Peterson is building there. It is probable that he will be absent until February.

—Clifton McArthur arrived yesterday to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Alonsie. Mr. McArthur was an usher at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Alonsie.

—George W. Smith arrived Sunday from the Vashiz country. Many of those in the diggings are 'broke' as the miners say, and Mr. Smith was glad to get away alive. He will not return to Alaska.

—Rev. W. O. Taylor has arrived from Indianapolis, Ind., and will preach in the Baptist church Sunday. He is a son of J. I. Taylor, and grew to manhood in this county.

—Mrs. Thomas Scott is here to be with her brother, Fred Overlander, during his illness. Fred was much improved until Monday when he suffered a slight relapse as a result of failing to conform strictly to his usual diet.

—M. P. Fruit, the livery man, is always in a good humor, and notwithstanding the fact that he already has a large family, he was unusually gracious Tuesday morning because of the addition to his household of a new eight-pound boy. Livery teams below cost half price for a week only.

—The biggest excursion of the season ran over the C. & E. to Newport Sunday. In all there were 800 excursionists. The first train was from Detroit. It passed Corvallis at 7:30 and consisted of nine coaches. The second train came from Salem and comprised seven coaches. On the outbound trip one train arrived shortly after nine o'clock, and the other over an hour later.

—R. Loggan, father of Dr. Loggan died at Philomath Sunday. With Mrs. Loggan, he came to Philomath about a year ago. The wife died about three weeks ago. The funeral of Mr. Loggan occurred at the Methodist church in Philomath. The interment was in Newton cemetery. The deceased was 83 years of age. He resided formerly at Brooks, Marion county.

—There were 21 camps at Sulphur Springs Sunday from Corvallis, Albany, Independence and Monmouth. Other Corvallis people who have gone to the springs this week, or intend to go in a day or two are the families of L. F. Wooster, George Bardon, Billy Currie, F. L. Miller and Minor Swick, including Mrs. Mary Stewart. At the Springs there is quite a rivalry for supremacy between the Corvallis and Albany colonies, but it is expected that this week's additions to the Corvallis contingent will place the city far in the lead.

**For Sale.**

Good young team of mares; weight about 2,500. Inquire at this office.

White and red clover, orchard and rye grass seed for sale at Zierolf's.

**For Sale.**

Good family cow, \$30.00. Also some household goods, such as bedsteads, stoves, lounge, etc.

A. F. Hershner.

**WHAT DID THEY SAY.**

Vera Ridenour's Letter to her Friend and its Answer.

A man out from the Big Elk country adds a curious detail in the unhappy circumstances attending the death of Vera Ridenour who committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid, several weeks ago. The melancholy event happened about five o'clock on a Monday evening. The mother had been out in the dooryard for ten minutes, leaving Vera in the house. When the mother returned there was a look of misery on her daughter's face. "Better lie down Vera; you don't seem to be well, the mother said kindly. The daughter arose with difficulty, and staggering into her room, sank helpless on the bed from which she never arose.

The curious incident in the case is that a letter written by Vera, was taken to Summit that morning by a member of the family. It was addressed to a young man in Washington. Later there came a reply from the address to which the letter was sent. When the man who told the story left Big Elk, the letter from the young man had not been opened, and there was much speculation as to whether or not its contents, or the letter to which it was an answer would throw light on the mystery surrounding the suicidal act.

**RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.**

Miles Starr is Injured—His Team Makes a Run of Five Miles.

The rural mail delivery team of Miles Starr distinguished itself in another runaway Monday and on this occasion succeeded in injuring the driver. Mr. Starr was in the Vineyard neighborhood and alighted from his vehicle to put some mail in a box. As he stood between the fore and hind wheels the team took fright and started quickly, cramping the wagon so that the fore wheel caught Mr. Starr in such a manner that he could not escape, and he was run over. Mr. Starr has been crippled in one leg for a long time and only for a few days had he been able to go without crutches. When he was run over, although no bones were broken, he sustained such injuries as together with his old affliction rendered him unable to stand or even to creep. He therefore rolled over and over until he reached a shade, feeling very weak. He called for help and in a few moments Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Vineyard came to his assistance. Afterward Mrs. Bicknell arrived with a buggy and conveyed Mr. Starr to his home in Corvallis. It will be some days before he is able to resume his duties.

The horses ran along their usual route, almost stopping at each mail box. They came down the hill road to Sulphur Springs, passed on by Mountain View school house and Brooke's farm, and on around to the Albany road, where they were stopped, having run a distance of perhaps five miles. Wm. Cress happened to be in that locality and led the team home behind his buggy. No part of the vehicle or harness was injured.

**WAS A HUGE TRAIN.**

Biggest Ever Went out of Corvallis—More Than a Third of a Mile Long.

What is supposed to have been the biggest freight train that ever pulled out of Corvallis went down the C. & E. to Albany Monday. It consisted of 42 cars, everyone of them loaded to the guards. The total weight of the freight was 664 tons, or enough to make a full cargo for a good sized schooner. The total weight of the train, cars and all was more than 2,000,000 pounds. The entire length of the train was not far from 2,000 feet, or more than a third of a mile.

In the main, the shipments were transfer cars from the Westside, but a portion was lumber and other local freight off the C. & E. The locomotive that pulled this unusual train was engine 1, Frank Blodgett engineer. The conductor was Mr. Dannels.

Before the train started, there was some doubt among trainmen as to whether or not so small a locomotive as No. 1 could pull it, but when everything was ready, the man in the cab opened the throttle gradually and with mighty puffs that increased in recurrence, the great power of the engine was applied, the drive wheels started slightly and commenced to turn, the long train began to move, the speed increased gently and in a few minutes the long serpentine succession of cars passed out of sight in the distance.

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

**A LAND CONTEST.**

Before Benton County Clerk—Philomath men are Contestants.

A land contest case has been in progress before County Clerk Moses since Monday morning. It involves title to a section of land in the vicinity of Thomas Coon's sawmill. A year or more ago homestead claims were filed on the property by members of the family of Mrs. Spaulding, who resides in the old Graham property at the corner of Seventh and Jefferson. Each homesteader filed on a quarter section. Of the four, two, a son and daughter, reside in the vicinity of Portland. The land is described as a timbered section, each quarter averaging about four million feet.

The contests are made on the usual grounds that a claimant for a homestead cannot take a homestead without actually residing on the property. The contestants are W. D. Mace, C. L. Davis, Henry Ambler, and the owner of the Philomath hotel. It is understood to be the purpose of each to file timer claims on the tract if they win in the present proceedings.

Among the witnesses for the contestants are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coon and Martin Butler. The testimony has brought out the fact that on each of the quarters there is a clapboard shanty, 14 by 20 feet. In each there are kept blankets, a little flour and some other articles of household use. There was a similar hearing of the case in Oregon City recently that occupied nine days of time. The present hearing is for taking of testimony to be forwarded to the land offices for decision.

**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.

Buy your white and red clover seed at Zierolf's.

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

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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.

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

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**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.**