

LOCAL LORE.

(Advertisements in this column charged for at the rate of 10 cents per line.)

—Wheat 73.

—Local News on fourth page.

—Captain C. E. Dentler has arrived from San Francisco, and is at the Gellatly home west of town.

—Z. H. Davis has been confined at home with illness for three days.

—Miss Mabel Stoval returned Saturday from a two month's visit with her brother at Grants Pass.

—Miss Mabel Withycombe left Monday for an extended visit with Portland and Salem friends.

—Saturday's Eugene Guard: —Fred D. Herbold arrived last evening from the upper M-Kenzie resorts.

—The receipts in Astoria during August were over \$1,000 from fines, practically gambling licenses.

—Mrs. W. H. Mahony of San Francisco is a guest for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Milner.

—Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bryson are visiting relatives in this city. After a week, they expect to leave for Eugene to reside.

—El Rosendorf left Saturday for the East to take a course in medicine. He expects to be absent four years.

—Harry Withycombe has accepted a position as pharmacist in a Vancouver drug store, and left Friday to begin his duties.

—Raymond Henkle is visiting his father in this city. He has resigned his position in San Francisco and contemplates going into business for himself in Walla Walla.

—Eugene Guard: Nathan Haroun, son of Prof. Haroun, arrived this afternoon from Corvallis, and will take a position with the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company at one of their stations in this county.

—By accident, Wallace Colbert got his hand in contact with a band saw in the furniture factory the other day and sustained a painful injury. The saw struck between the thumb and forefinger and a deep wound, half severing the member was inflicted.

—N. Young returned to his home at Seilo, Saturday after a visit of a few days in Corvallis. Mr. Young is the father of Mrs. A. J. Johnson, and he is considering the proposition of coming to Corvallis to reside. He will purchase residence property if he concludes to make the change.

—George Coote, chairman of the college committee for the purpose has several applications from both male and female students, who want places in Corvallis families to work for board. Any one desiring a young person on such conditions are requested to drop a card in the postoffice or apply to Prof Coote at the college.

—An operation for appendicitis was performed on Miss Delle Brown at the family home near Dusty, Monday, by Dr. Bennett, assisted by Drs. Perrot and Farr. The appendix was found affected, and was removed. News from the bedside yesterday was to the effect that the patient was improving.

—This newspaper business is not all poetry. A solicitor for a Seattle paper this week was getting the daughter of a Bremerton teamster to subscribe for his paper when the father came in and found his daughter on the newspaper man's lap. He grabbed a revolver and shot the man in the arm as he fled.

—The threatening condition of the weather during the last of the week and Monday created a very uneasy feeling on account of possible damage to hops, grain and fruit in the event of continued rains. But on Monday evening the clouds cleared away and Tuesday morning's sunshine warmed up the flagging spirits of the community to a very satisfactory degree.

—Samuel Lane and Rev. Taylor and their families left Friday for Colorado, to remain. They came to Corvallis about five months ago from Kansas, and have since resided in Job's addition. Mr. Lane was employed in the Benton County lumber yard. The new change of location was for the benefit of Mrs. Taylor's health, who hopes to be benefitted by going to Colorado.

—Picking operations are in progress in the Lilly hop yard. They began Thursday with 150 pickers. The price paid for picking is forty cents and even at that figure there are more pickers than are required. Up to Monday evening 1,500 boxes had been picked. About fourteen days from the time of beginning will be required to complete the job. The crop is good, and up to the present the damage from the showers is practically imperceptible.

—G. M. Ream leaves today for Hagerman, New Mexico, for a visit with his sister. It was twelve weeks ago last Monday that Mr. Ream was exercising on a horizontal bar in his room in the early morning and sustained a fall which injured his shoulder. He has since been incapacitated from work, and the indications are that an equal period may yet elapse before he will be able to resume his business. On this account he takes advantage of the opportunity for a visit with his sister in New Mexico.

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—Mrs. Joseph Teal of Portland, is a guest of Mrs. F. A. Helm.

—Henry Stone's fruit drier, which was put up this season at the south end of first street, is ready for the reception of prunes.

—Mack Hemphill has had placed in the front of his business house a large show window for the accommodation of his new tenants, the Misses Johnson, milliners.

—Walter Sheasgreen returned home Monday. During the summer he acted as railroad agent and operator at Newport. He is arranging to enter school for the winter.

—C. A. Danneman arrived Sunday from his Eastern Oregon home to be with his family a few days. He was accompanied by his daughters, Misses Bessie and Carrie, who have been with their father for some time.

—Mordt Keeney, who was formerly interested in the brick stable here, paid Corvallis a brief visit this week, accompanied by his wife. Since leaving here Mr. Keeney has been a street-car conductor in Portland.

—The Scottish Union and National Insurance Co. has made prompt settlement with E. J. Dunn on account of losses sustained in the late fire. Saturday the insurance was adjusted and Mr. Dunn received \$675.

—Reports from the King's Valley hop yards are to the effect that the crop there this season is much better than it was last year. Lincoln Allen began picking Friday; Hugh Smith, Thursday; C. L. Bump and Townsend Bros. began Monday. Both Whites and Indians are picking in the yards. Fifty cents per box is the price there.

—Saturday forenoon the last logs of the Hills' drive went into a boom at the mouth of Mary's river, and the loggers, who live in or about Eugene, took the Albany train on their return home. J. S. Bills remains here to complete the work of scaling and to turn the logs over to the Corvallis Sawmill Company.

—Billy Gellatly, who is operating in the north part of the county, kept his threshers running through the late showers and threatening weather. He has much work yet ahead of him. When he finishes below he will still have a number of large crop to thresh about Blodgett and Wren. He will probably be the last to put his machinery into winter quarters.

—Captain Hardin, professor of military tactics at the college, received orders a short time ago to report at Vancouver for examination for promotion. In compliance therewith he left for the post yesterday, the examination having been arranged to take place to day. The examination is for promotion to the rank of major.

—Billy McGee came to town Monday morning to secure the attention of a physician. One of Billy's eyes was bandaged, and his face was black, and otherwise appeared to have been made up to represent an unfortunate run. He had placed a cartridge in his gun, and before the breech was locked, the charge was accidentally exploded, the powder flash striking his face. His injuries are not serious, but his face may be permanently marked.

—Mrs. May Motley and Miss Hattie Spencer arrived from Eastern Oregon last Friday. Miss Hattie had been away from home almost a year and a half, and during her absence her health greatly improved. Mrs. Motley is a daughter of William McLagan of this city, but she has been a resident of Eastern Oregon many years, where, not long since, she lost her husband, O. V. Motley. Mrs. Motley will be here probably only a short time.

—Picking in the big prune orchard is expected to begin next Monday. Preparations for taking care of the great crop are now complete. There has been an overhauling of the mammoth drier, and it is expected that its work will be far more efficient than ever before. The crop in the orchard is of excellent quality, and the yield about two-thirds of a good crop. A large per cent of the trees are heavily loaded, but in other portions the yield is very light, reducing the average to about two-thirds of what it might have been.

—Miss Hattie Spencer brought from Union county a young magpie. It has its tongue split to enable it to talk, and its friends are using every effort to teach it the English language. Friends of Jesse Spencer are insisting on having the magpie brought down to his place of business for the amusement of patrons, but Jesse is determined not to do so. He says he don't want the bird to acquire a barber-shop education. It would learn to swear and tell yarns. The bird is learning the college yells, and the presumption is that it will act as O. A. C.'s mascot during the football season.

—J. L. Lewis is having better success than he anticipated in securing Bartlett pears for shipment from this point. Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, with an assistant, he was busy taking in, boxing and loading the fruit, and he may be busy for some days yet. He expected to secure probably one car load, but it seems now that two or more will be offered. Mr. Lewis furnishes boxes and pays 75 cents a hundred for pears which are 2 1/2 inches in diameter. Seven hundred boxes of the fruit fill a car, giving ample space for free circulation of air. Shipments of pears from this point, as well as from many other localities in Oregon, go to San Francisco and are utilized in canneries there.

WILL BENTON'S ORCHARDS DIE?

Experts say They Will Unless Sprayed

—San Jose Scale is After Them

—Infected Fruit in Market

Experts are certain that if spraying is not resorted to, orchards in this vicinity will soon be in the throes of a violent disease, and that in the course of a few years all the trees will die. It is now known that San Jose scale has secured a foothold in Willamette. Unlike the Codling moth, which only affects fruit, San Jose scale, if allowed to go untreated, kills the trees. It is said that under conditions favorable to the scale, but three or four years is required by the disease to finish the life of a tree. The insect preys on the sap, and multiplies in such numbers that once a tree passes under the infection, nothing but an insecticidal spray, applied in time will save the tree.

The Willamette valley has hitherto been comparatively free from the pest, but the latter is now present to such an extent that the fruit infected with it is daily on sale in the Corvallis market. Dealers have not learned yet to know the disease, and they buy and sell the fruit without knowing it. The public buys the fruit and eats the nasty little insects, probably smacking its lips over the diet.

Monday, Bartlett pears, fully infected with the scale were found in several grocery stores about town. In each instance the dealer was unaware of the presence of the pest in the fruit. The little red spot, here and there over the surface of the pear showed where the little oyster-like bug was located in the fruit and likewise told that when the dealer offered it for sale, he was violating a law of the state. But the market man did not know what the little red spot meant, and so the buyers kept getting the fruit and eating it down like a sweet morsel, bugs and all. It is both possible and probable that on various farms in the country where there are orchards, infected fruit is being daily eaten without knowledge of the fact, the insects being so small that the naked eye fails to perceive them.

San Jose scale is much dreaded, because when it does come, it must be fought with a spray, or the trees will ultimately die. It is, however to be found on trees in various dooryards in Corvallis. At Henry Gerber's place, various trees of fine fruit are affected. A pear tree in the yard of John Bier is reeking with the pest. Trees on the Callahan place on Fifth street and on the Groves lots in the same block are similarly affected. Some of them are in the last stages of diseased life. In the college orchard there is a similarly affected tree, but it is kept in that condition for purposes of experiment. In the big prune orchard there are a dozen trees more or less affected with the disease. Last spring Manager Johnson detected three or four, and at once cut them down and burned all the debris. That failed to eradicate the disease from the orchard, as is now understood by the discovery of several more trees, most of them but slightly affected. In the case of all the latter, Mr. Johnson intends to cut off all the branches and burn them up, applying such remedies as are necessary to save the trunk. The treatment will be heroic, in order to keep the pest under control. It is known that in several orchards in the vicinity of Philomath there are affected trees, and that the disease in that district is spreading. It is probable that in scores and scores of unsuspected orchards the pest is not only present but widely prevalent. The condition is due to the unfamiliarity of orchardists with the signs that mark the present presence of the insect.

In color the insect is an orange yellow. Its home is inside an ashy scale which in color and otherwise resembles ashes. They live in and on the bark in great numbers, and in passing the hand over the surface where scale is abundant, a soapy feeling is apparent. In springtime the males take wings and fly about, mating with the females. The latter give birth to six or seven generations in a single season, and the increase is immense. The one and only way to arrest the ravage is by spraying, and that is what every orchardist must make up his mind to do, or he must prepare resignedly to that other alternative—the complete loss of his orchard. Various sprays are in use in southern Oregon and California, where the pest is kept under control. There, trees are sprayed every year, whether scale is present or not.

San Jose scale is so named by reason of the fact that it was first discovered at San Jose, California. That happened thirty years ago. From San Jose the pest spread all over the Coast, and about ten years ago, it first appeared in the East. It is now prevalent in all the states

in the Union. The origin of the disease is supposed to have been in Northern China, near the line of the Great Wall. There it is kept under control by Lady Bird beetles which are its natural enemies.

BEGINS TUESDAY.

Rural Free Delivery Service on Routes Two and Three—The Carriers.

Next Tuesday Rural Free Delivery routes two and three go into operation. Inspector Clement went over both last week and found the number of families along each a little short of the requirements. On this account, in order to secure continuation of the routes after their establishment, it will be necessary for all the people to become patrons. Each patron anxious to have the service made permanent should see that his neighbors put up boxes and receive their mail via that means. Otherwise, after a few months, the routes may be discontinued for lack of sufficient patronage, as has been the case at many other points in the country. H. A. Cummings is to be carrier on Route Three, and Ben Elgin will probably act in a similar capacity for Route Two.

—Through W. A. Wells' agency, Jesse Foster has sold to A. B. Norwood 36 acres adjoining the Chick farm, being a piece which was separated from Mr. Foster's other land by the state road. The price was \$25 per acre.

Piano Pupils.

Miss Mamie Cauthorn wishes to announce that she will resume piano teaching October 1st, and that she will be found at her studio on Third street.

Auction Sale.

September 26th, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at my farm one and one half miles north of Hoskins the following: 40 head of cattle, 60 head of hogs, some sheep, one binder and other implements. Terms of sale, cash in hand.

George Neathamer,
Kings Valley.

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