

LOCAL LORE.

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—After a visit of several days in Corvallis, Thomas Bilyeu left yesterday for Portland.

—Mrs. H. F. Fischer and daughter Miss Martha, are in Portland combining business with pleasure.

—Miss Besse Smith left yesterday to commence her duties as teacher in the South Salem public schools.

—Miss Grace Scott left Wednesday for The Dalles after an extended visit with her parents in Corvallis.

—Mrs. Lesca Serraford was a passenger on Thursday's north-bound train for Portland.

—Elmer Clark, formerly of Corvallis, was a delegate to the Irrigation Congress that recently met at Ogden.

—Barley Hal, who purchased the Kitson farm a short distance west of Corvallis, sometime ago, now occupies the place with his family.

—Mrs. Schmit has arrived from Albany. With her husband, she has rooms at Mrs. Hemphill's on Teuth street.

—At Baptist church, corner 5th & Jefferson—Sunday school at 10, preaching services at 11 and 7:30. Y. P. M., 6-30. All may feel sure of being heartily welcomed.

—Miss Myrtle Harrington left Thursday for South Dakota, where she will be the guest of relatives. She is to pursue her musical studies and will be absent for an indefinite period.

—Miss Ethel Liville entertained a number of friends Thursday evening in honor of Miss Katherine Olson of Catlin, Washington. Ping Pong was the amusement, after which refreshments were served.

—At a meeting of the council Monday night, new sidewalks were ordered constructed along the north side of the court house block and in front of the China house.

—Adam Graham, son of the well known druggist, is the envy of all his friends now. It was a three-pint buck, big and fat. Adam killed it in Alaska the other day.

—The Hulbert Brothers across the Willamette took so many prizes for exhibits of poultry at the recent State Fair that they have not yet been able to foot up the total.

—George A. Houck enroute to Eugene from the Coast by private conveyance, was in town Thursday. His family is to reside at Newport for the next two weeks, pending the completion of a new residence in Eugene.

—Tomorrow, will be Rally Day at the Church of Christ, this city. The Sunday school and Y. P. S. C. E. will give special programs. At 11 the pastor will preach on "A Church Inspected." Evening theme, "Turning the World Upside Down to set it Rightside up."

—Salem Journal: Willie Lord, son of ex-Governor and Mrs. W. P. Lord, left Tuesday for Corvallis, where he will attend the Agricultural College. Miss Lord has gone to Portland to continue her studies at St. Helens Hall.

—Prof. John D. Lether, at one time acting president and for several years professor of mathematics at OAC, has recently accepted a position as professor and dean of the civil engineering department of Highland Park College, at Des Moines, Iowa.

—Officials of the Southern Pacific visited Corvallis for a few minutes Thursday. They traveled by special train, leaving down the Westside just ahead of the regular northbound train. General Manager James Agler of the western division of the road was among the visitors. Other members of the party were mostly division superintendents, among whom were Superintendent Fields of the Oregon division.

—The Corvallis police has been tendered a vote of thanks by a Portland society for courtesies shown the organization on the occasion of a recent Sunday excursion by Portlanders to Corvallis. A letter addressed to W. G. Lane, chief of police, Corvallis, and dated September 19th, is as follows: "Court Columbia, No. 2, Foresters of America, herewith tenders you a vote of thanks for the courtesies shown our committee on the occasion of our recent excursion to your city." The letter is signed by George A. Johnston, financial secretary of the order.

—R. C. Kiger's trotter, Pilot, is to have a year of training on a California track. Mr. Kiger and many of his friends believe that the animal is likely to develop great speed. Horsemen who saw him move in exercise on the track at the late State Fair were unanimous in the expression that the fleet sorrel has qualities well worth developing. Mr. Kiger himself believes that the highest possibilities known to horse flesh may lie with Pilot. The animal left Salem Thursday for Los Angeles, where he goes into the hands of one of the best trainers on the Coast. The horse is now six years old, and the present is the first attempt to develop his speed qualities.

—A marriage license was issued Tuesday to J. W. Peters of Box and Miss Minnie G. Rickard.

—W. D. Fry, a son of J. D. Fry, the Grant's Pass banker, arrived Monday and has resumed his studies at O. A. C.

—Mrs. B. R. Job, and daughters, of Cottage Grove, are in town, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Waggoner.

—Miss Kate Adams and Misses Wilson of Myrtle Creek are among the new students at college. The Misses Wilson are sisters of Miss Flora Wilson of the class of '02.

—Rev. Spels, the newly elected presiding elder of the M. E. church, South, is expected to arrive next week. He will occupy the residence vacated by Rev. Fitch, on Fifth street.

—Rev. E. L. Fitch, who has been sent by his conference as presiding elder of the Roseburg district, is to leave with his family next week for Oakland to reside.

—Messrs. Hinton and Miller arrived Thursday with a band of horses from Crook county, and have them on the Swick farm a short distance below town. They are a good lot of horses.

—Mrs. Frank Porter returned to Portland Wednesday, having been sojourning in Corvallis with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blakeslee for some time. Mrs. Porter's health was much improved by her stay here.

—Regular services at the Congregational church Sunday. Sunday school at 10; preaching service at 11; Christian Endeavor at 6:30; evening service 7:30. The offering in the morning will be for home missions.

—Arthur J. Stimpson passed through Corvallis Wednesday on his way to Newport where he will visit his parents during the brief lay-off which he has from his duties as mail messenger. He came up on the Westside and had a chance to see many of his Corvallis friends before the Yaquina train went out.

—Notice of appeal to the supreme court has been served in the Hundred Thousand Dollar lawsuit, involving sale of the Coe and other lands, for which the sheriff's notice of sale is now running in the "Times." This is the second instance in which the defendants have sought to arrest the sale.

—It is probable that the number of pupils in the public school passed the 400 mark yesterday. Wednesday evening there were 388, and there were additional enrollments on Thursday and yesterday. The number at the end of the first week of school was 303. The number on the same day last year was 251. The increase was 52, or more than 20 per cent.

—Away down, almost in the southwestern corner of Oregon is Gold Beach. It is one of the most remote towns in all Oregon. A day or two ago, however, a father arrived from there, bringing two sons, one a student for the agricultural college, and the other has been enrolled as a pupil in the Corvallis public schools.

—Real estate transfers have been filed in the recorder's office as follows: Gila Anna Irwin and husband to W. T. Butler, 100 acres near Alsea, \$1; W. J. Fitzpatrick et al to W. A. Well, 11-2 lots, block 10, county addition, \$5; A. O. Mangas to Mary H. Mangas, tract near C. & E. Depot, \$1; Albert Timmons and wife to John Harkins et al, 205 acres south of Corvallis, \$2,000; Mary M. Jacobs to Fred F. Lent, three lots in block 7, Dixon's addition and four lots in Job's addition, \$2,200.

—A considerable number of people in Benton have not yet completed payment of their taxes. Most of them paid half last spring, but have not yet paid the remaining half. The last day for getting square on the books without additional cost is a week from next Monday. That will be the 5th day of October. The next morning after that will be the 6th, and on all taxes paid then a penalty of 10 per cent will be added, together with 12 per cent interest on that remaining unpaid from April 6th until date of payment. Sheriff Burnett is anxious for all to save themselves the added cost, and requests this explicit notice of the facts to be given.

—Captain C. E. Dentler was in town Wednesday. He returned on a sick leave from the Philippines several weeks ago, and recently arrived at the Gellatly home southwest of Philomath, where he is spending his leave of absence with his family. Early next week he is to leave for San Francisco to report for duty. He has practically recovered from his recent illness, having gained 40 pounds in flesh since he left the islands. His regiment is not expected to arrive from the Philippines until midwinter, but Captain Dentler does not expect to join his command until it arrives in this country. It is probable that he will be stationed during the interim at San Francisco, where recruits for the service are being constantly received and drilled. When the Spanish war broke out, Captain Dentler, then a first lieutenant was 60th in the line for promotion to a captaincy. He no occupies exactly the same position with reference to promotion to major, having passed upward something like 600 niches in the interim. During his two years in the Philippines, Captain Dentler was on nearly all the islands, and saw much of the country and the people. His accounts of the character and features of both, together with his varied experiences are very interesting.

COURT SAYS SO.

Cannot Collect Taxes Next Spring—What if Supreme Court Affirms.

The uncertainty about whether or not taxes are to be collected next year, is worse than ever. A case to test the law has been brought, and a Portland judge has decided that under the laws as they stand, county courts have no right to make a levy for the collection of taxes next spring. The case was decided in Portland Wednesday, and appeal was immediately taken to the supreme court. It is supposed that the case will, on account of its importance, be hurried on the calendar, and that a final decision will be subjected to as little delay as possible.

The purpose of the case was solely to get from the courts a final judicial interpretation of the law. A Portland taxpayer brought suit to restrain the Multnomah county court from proceeding further with preparation for collection of taxes, alleging as a cause of action that the court was without authority to make the necessary levy. It was set forth in the pleadings that the new law repealed the old law on the first day of January, and that it was under the old law that the courts authority to make a tax levy was provided for, said old law having authorized the court to make the levy at its first meeting in January, which happens after the date the old law becomes repealed. The county demurred and Judge Cleland at once rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiff, which in effect holds that county courts cannot legally make a tax levy next January, and hence are without authority to collect taxes as was proposed next year. If the supreme court affirms Judge Cleland's decision, no taxes can be collected unless there be a special session of the legislature to remedy the defect in the law. An effect will be to disorganize the finances of the state and of the counties, and to set state warrants and county warrants into circulation for banks and money brokers to shave and speculate upon. It will render useless and worthless all the assessment rolls that every county in the state has prepared at great expense, and bring to naught all the work of all the assessors in Oregon this year, each of whom has practically finished his year's work. For the preparation of the assessments, the various counties have expended an immense sum of money. There are forty odd counties in the state, and it is probable that the assessment in the smallest of them will approximate \$1,000, while in some of the larger counties the aggregate cost will be half a dozen times as much, if not more. The true figures that these assessments have cost probably lie between \$100,000 and \$200,000, and yet the whole work is lost if no taxes are to be collected. Oregon legislatures have often bungled things, but this newest error is a giant.

The expected decision by the supreme court will be watched for with much interest all over Oregon.

WHEAT IS LOWER.

Only Seventy one Now in Corvallis—Market Weaker Everywhere.

Wheat has taken a tumble. It is but 71 in the Corvallis market now. The decline from 73 came two or three days ago. For the present at least, the many farmers who sold at 75 are congratulating themselves. The few who held for a higher figure when it was 75 cannot but be disturbed in mind, because the general tone of the market is not suggestive of immediate recovery. The price at Salem and Albany is 70; in Portland 78, in Chicago 77. San Francisco is now the best wheat market in the country. The price there is 85, or eight cents better than Chicago and seven better than Portland.

Millers say there is no particular cause for the lower prices, save that mills everywhere have secured supplies, and are no longer bidders in the market. Immediately after harvest sales, there is usually a dullness in the market, in which prices are wont to suffer. In the present situation it is millers mostly that suffer by the decline.

Farmers generally in Benton have sold. Most of them parted with their crops as soon as the market went to 75, some of them selling even before their crops were threshed.

—The first services for the new conference year will be held at the M. E. church, south, tomorrow morning and evening, at 11 and 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Reeves, the pastor will preach.

—Theme for Sunday morning at the United Evangelical church is "The Indwelling Word;" for Sunday evening, "Heaven's Call." Service at Dixon school at 3 p. m.

THREE BIG GAMES.

And Lots of big men—Gridiron men are Hard at Work—O. A. C. Prospects.

Work on the gridiron has already begun at the college. Tuesday afternoon practice began under direction of Coach McFadden, and every evening since it has been kept up with increasing spirit. Each succeeding evening the number of men in suits has increased until there were 34 Thursday afternoon, with a still larger contingent yesterday.

All those who know, believe the coming team at OAC will be a hummer. All the old men are not back, but they are coming. Burroughs, alone is believed now to be the only one who will not return, save Gault who left school early last year to engage in business. Root and Nash are still missing, but Root has written that he will arrive tomorrow, and Nash is expected early next week. Bowers put in an appearance Thursday and so did Rose. Cupper and Abraham have been on the ground all week, and Captain Pilkington for two weeks. Egerton with an avoirdupois of about 200, and Floyd Williams, brown, hard and swifter than ever were both a-field in suits Thursday afternoon.

What makes the interested smile is the array of new talent that is on the ground. Of these Frank J. Spagle, as good an end as a team needs, is one. Two years ago he played with the Pacific University, defending left end while his team put OAC down with a score of 17 to 0. Another new man is Mr. Von der Hellen of Jackson county, who has played several seasons as full back, and is over six feet in altitude. He is quick and active, and so far is the best punter on the field. Many other new men both of experience and otherwise are on hand and coming, but their names and records are not available. Of new and old, weights run from 175 to 200 and odd, and if he so desires Coach McFadden can put more beef into the breach than anybody ever saw in 11 men on OAC field. If something does not come as a result of present and promised proceedings, signs are not worth much.

The schedule of games has not yet been completed, but the list already includes three events of extreme interest, to wit: a game with the Pullman Washington team November 11th, the annual game with the University of Oregon November 21st and a Thanksgiving game with the University of Nevada on Thanksgiving day. The Pullman and Nevada games occur at Corvallis, and the game with the state university at Eugene. A game with Forest Grove team is to take place at Corvallis November 7th and a game with the McMinnville team October 17th, also at Corvallis. Negotiations are also pending for a game with the Willamette University team to take place on an October date.

For Sale.

A few registered Poland China hogs. Inquire at my place 10 miles south of Corvallis or address

Peter Whitaker, Corvallis.

Have you got a ticket on the Oldsmobile? If not, why not.

Prof. I. E. Richardson will be in Corvallis on the 28th in the Burnett building to organize classes in shorthand typewriting, bookkeeping, letter writing and business correspondence.

To Students.

Board by week or month; with rooms unfurnished or furnished; board without room \$2.50 per week or \$12 per month with room.

Good cooking and everything in good taste. Inquire two doors north of Baptist church or at J. W. Ingle's harness shop.

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Our men's, boy's and children's clothing stock is now complete, the strongest we have ever shown.—Nolan & Callahan.

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<p>Bucks for Sale.</p> <p>Oxfords and Grade Merinos—all two years old past. Good sheep with prices reasonable. Call on or address T. W. B. Smith, Corvallis, Phone Suburban 43.</p>	<p>Trespass Notice.</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that no hunting or other trespassing is allowed on our premises. Any person or persons violating the provisions of this notice will be prosecuted. W. S. Locke, A. R. Locke.</p>
<p>Piano Pupils.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Wanted.</p> <p>To buy mutton sheep and lambs. I will pay the highest market price. Call on or address Charles Carter, at Farmer's Feed Shed, Albany, Oregon.</p>

New Goods

At the Every-Day Bargain Store of

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Ladies' and Children's Coats.

Everybody can be pleased with this season's styles of Ladies' and Misses' Coats. While we have already sold a large number, our line is still complete. Box Coats are shown in the leading colors: mode, blue, red, and the shaded zibelines. Louis XIV Coats in mode, black, tan, brown, and red. Prices to please all.

- Children's Coats.....\$2.00 to \$9.00
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The department is well stocked with the season's desirable goods. Zibelines, Waterproofs, Novelties, New Braids, Ornaments, Silk Trimmings, Ami Silk Coat Lining, Figured Percales, and Bengaline Moreen for drop skirts. Heavy Goods for walking skirts, New Flannelettes, Outing Flannels, Navy Blue Flannel for gymnasium suits, Plain and Fancy Velveteens, Corduroy Waistings, etc.

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