

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Mr. and Mrs. Con Sullivan spent Sunday in town.

—The Babe Fisher Company will play Corvallis October 5 and 6.

—Miss Mary Klecker leaves today for Eugene, where she will visit friends.

—Will Weeks left Monday for Salem after a week's visit with Corvallis friends.

—Miss Mabel Withycombe arrived home Saturday from a three weeks' visit in Portland and Salem.

—Miss Florence Burton of Independence, is a guest at the Danneman home.

—Prof. Coote returned Saturday from Toledo, where he acted as a judge at the Lincoln County Fair.

—Miss Mabel Davis leaves today to assume charge of a drug store at Carlton.

—Mrs. M. M. Davis went to Newport Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. William Hofflein.

—Mrs. N. B. Avery left Saturday for California, where she will spend the winter.

—Harold Belt arrived Sunday from Centralia, Washington, where during the summer he received much reputation as a baseball pitcher.

—Miss Katherine Olson left Saturday for her home at Catlin, Washington, after a week's visit at the Linnville home.

—Rev. F. L. Moore left Monday to attend the annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, in session this week at Salem.

—The display of carbons that formed the exhibit of W. G. Emery at Salem can be seen at his studio on Second street.

—Among the arrivals on Sunday's train was G. H. Roor, the popular student and redoubtable half back. His coming has been eagerly awaited by his football friends.

—After spending most of the summer there, George Cahy arrived Friday from the Bohemia mines. He leaves this week to resume his work in the medical college at Salem.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cronk are to leave next Monday for Chicago and other points in the East for an indefinite visit with relatives and friends. Their absence may extend throughout the winter.

—Ed Felton has completed the foundation for the house Fred Herzog is to build on College Hill and the construction of the building is to begin in a few days. J. A. Fleming has the contract. The building will cost about \$1,500. The architect is Charles Ewart.

—The name of the teacher of drawing at the College is Miss Belle Williams. She succeeds Mr. McLouth, resigned, and is to arrive October 15th. Her home is at Pasadena, California, and she is a graduate of the well known Pratt Art Institute of New York. Her recommendations are such as to indicate that she will prove a most excellent person for the position.

—Perhaps the finest heifer in Benton arrived Saturday, and is on the stock farm of John Foster, south of town. She is one of the State Fair winners, and is out of the Ladd band of thoroughbred Short Horns. She is a two-year old, and is, according to the judgment of the buyer, as fine a heifer as was among the Ladd exhibit at the Fair. She is understood to have cost Mr. Foster about \$200. She is a beautiful animal, being a reproduction in life of typical Short Horn beauties seen in the pictures.

—The drop in the price of cattle has been emphasized in several instances by recent sales. John Porter bought four head of cows of John Rickard at \$20 each. All were three-year olds and when accompanied by a calf the price was \$22.50. Mr. Rickard has 53 head which it is said that he offers at the same figures. A fine three-year old heifer sold at the Robert L. Smith farm in Linn county Saturday for \$13.50, and another went at figures slightly better. The scarcity of grass, the high price of feed and the destruction of cattle ranges account largely for the drop in prices. In a few instances, farmers are taking advantage of the lower figures to stock up.

—The first of the usual functions attending the opening of College occurred in the Armory Friday night. It was the reception by the young peoples Christian Associations to new students, and an immense crowd was present. The purpose was the establishment of pleasant relations for the new students with the institution and its personnel, and in this respect the occasion was very successful. Opportunity was given to become acquainted, a privilege highly appreciated doubtless by some of the young folks away from home perhaps for the first time. The exercises included refreshments and the following programme, piano solo, Mrs. Carrick; welcome address, Prof. Berchtold; vocal duet, Misses Florence and Elsie Adams; address, Dr. Withycombe; vocal solo, Miss Mabel Cronise.

—Mordaunt Goodnough spent several days in Portland last week.

—Mrs. W. H. Hogan of Albany, arrived Monday for a visit with her sisters in this city.

—Opening at Miss Johnson's Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 1st, 2d and 3d.

—Mrs. R. W. Taylor, mother of Walter K., went to Portland Monday for surgical treatment.

—Z. H. Davis, who has been confined to his bed for several weeks from typhoid fever, is slowly recovering. He is now able to sit up during the greater part of the day.

—Fine new glass counters have been installed in Graham & Wells' drug-store. They are the latest design in such fixtures and add greatly to the appearance of the store.

—W. E. Wann, of Yachats, was a visitor in town Tuesday. He had delivered to Frank Dinges, of Southern Benton, 51 head of cattle which Mr. Dinges had bought on the coast.

—Mrs. May Motley and son, who have been visiting relatives and friends in the valley, returned Tuesday to their home at Cove, Union county. Mrs. Jesse Spencer accompanied them as far as Portland.

—A real estate deal, steered by W. A. Wells, has been consummated. In it the Paddock house and two lots changed hands. The lots go to F. L. Miller for \$605, and become a part of his residence property. The house goes to Marshall Miller for \$280, and is to be moved to lots owned by Mr. Miller in the block in which Mrs. Wicks' residence is located.

—Among the prize-winners at the fair was George Armstrong of Benton. He took a red ribbon and a cash prize for a display of winter apples. A requirement of the exhibit was that it should comprise at least five plates of apples. Mr. Armstrong's entry included six plates, as follows: Northern Spy, Gloila Mundl, Yellow Newtowns, Gravensteln, King Tompkins and Baldwin.

—Miss Bessie Michael, who has been in the dress-goods department of F. L. Miller's store for several years, took her departure Sunday for Rochester, N. Y. She is to remain there a year with her sister and brother-in-law, Rev. Sherman Wallace, who has a parsonage in that city. Miss Bessie's position at the store is to be taken on the 1st of October by Mr. Pruet, an experienced dry-goods man from Oakland, California.

—George Mason is endeavoring to acquire land sufficient for a good stock ranch on Lobster. During the summer he bought the Ben Bratton place, the Luman Ray place, and he recently added to his holdings by buying out Ed Ray. He has also bargained for other land adjoining him. Mr. Mason has a number of well-bred mares and horses on his Lobster ranch, and is engaged extensively in the breeding of high-grade Hereford cattle. He is making the settlers on Lobster believe that in their land they have something of good value.

—The Woman's Relief Corps is the largest patriotic and benevolent society in the world. From its organization until June 30, 1902, the W. R. C. has expended for relief \$2,347,956.04. During the past year the national organization has expended for relief, \$160,068.91; for W. R. C. home \$11,263.71; for army nurses not in W. R. C. home \$130,000; for the McKinley memorial fund \$1,000; for Southern memorial day \$855.45; for Sons of Vets, members university \$127,000; for Andersonville prison property \$1,237.80. The department for Oregon has expended for relief during the year \$289.90; turned over to posts \$229.05; estimated relief other than money \$354.60. Corps No. 7 expended for relief during the year \$25; estimated relief other than money \$75. The above is given the "Times" for publication by Mrs. Sarah Cronk, president.

—Honors have fallen to W. G. Emery as a photographer. It happened at the Photographers Convention for Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Montana and British Columbia, held at Salem last week. At the convention there were exhibits, open to all photographers of the states mentioned. From all the exhibits 24 pictures were selected by judges, to be sent to the annual convention to be held next year at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and finally at the Fair at St. Louis. Of the 24 pictures selected, two were photographs by Mr. Emery. One was a photograph of little Lois Gould, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gould, and the other a photograph of Inez Grant, aged about eight, both of Corvallis. After being exhibited with the collection in the cities referred to, the pictures will be returned to Mr. Emery in about two years. In the collection, of five photos awarded to Oregon artists outside of Portland, Mr. Emery took two. The other three went one each to a Salem, Eugene and a Grants Pass photographer.

TRIED STONE'S TRICK.

Of Locating Suckers on Timberless Timber Lands in Benton—But Failed.

A timber land steal, designed to defraud innocent people, is believed to have been attempted in Benton county within the past few days. The plan, as far as it is now understood, seems to be identical with the feat undertaken by Locator Stone, who located 38 Portlanders on timberless timber lands in the region beyond Alsea. The scheme has every earmark that is characteristic of the Stone conspiracy, and it has unfolded enough to indicate that wholesome fraud was the ultimate design of the perpetrator, whoever he or they may have been. The purpose was to locate people in the state of Washington on alleged lands in Benton county, southwest of Corvallis. It was represented to the proposed victims that the timber was within four hours drive of Corvallis, and that eighteen claims were there, each containing a million feet of timber and upwards. A fact that indicates the brazen character of the fraud is, that there is absolutely no vacant timber land in the region described, much less enough quarter sections to locate 18 people each on a quarter, making in all an aggregate of four and a half timbered sections. Had there been such vacant timber land in the locality, it would have been taken long ago.

The fraudulent scheme came to the surface last Friday. On that day there arrived in town a Seattle business man, accompanied by a surveyor, also from Seattle. On arrival they went to the clerk's office, and there made inquiry for maps of the county, together with information relative to certain vacant timber lands, four hours drive from Corvallis, and to the southwest. Naturally enough, County Clerk Moses almost immediately informed them that there was no vacant timber land in the section referred to. The strangers, however, insisted to the contrary, and for a considerable time refused to be convinced. They related that a timber locator had told them that he had 18 quarter sections in southwestern Benton, supposedly in the Alsea country. Clerk Moses showed them maps and other evidence to the contrary, and at length advised them to make inquiry about town, before they finally bit at the bait.

The next day, the strangers took the train for Seattle. They did not even wait to make the trip into the country as they had planned. After picking up what information was possible at the clerk's office, they made similar inquiry about town, and warned by what they had learned, left without taking the trouble to visit the alleged timber lands for personal inspection. Their return to Seattle was probably followed by a stormy interview with the timber locator who proposed to repeat the fraud that the wily Stone so successfully manipulated. Who the locator is, is not known.

—The Benton county board of equalization met Monday morning, and will be in session one week. Taxpayers will take notice and avail themselves of the opportunity of bringing to the attention of the board any errors which they believe may have been made in their assessment.

Grand Opening!

Thursday and Friday, October 1st and 2nd, of fall and winter pattern hats. The ladies are cordially invited.

Mrs. C. A. Gould,

Wanted.

A girl, at Occidental Hotel.

For Sale.

Grub oak wood. For particulars inquire of E. B. Horning.

School Clerk's Attention!

The districts of Benton county are notified that in order to receive the premium of \$5 for each teacher employed for coming term of school that holds a certificate of attendance at some county institute or state association, the said certificate must be filed in this office by the first Monday of October. After this date it will be too late to take advantage of this law.

Geo. W. Denman, County School Supt.

Wanted.

The Benton County Lumber Company has disposed of its Corvallis yard, and the accounts are in my hands for collection. An immediate settlement of all is desired, in order that our books may be closed up. The undersigned will be found at the lumber yard office, where all bills may be paid.

J. D. Irvine, Secretary and Manager.

KILLED THREE COUGARS.

With a Club—They Were Kits—Their Mother Would't Fight Billy Barclay.

Without firearms of any kind, and even unattended with a dog, William Barclay last week successfully attacked and killed three young cougars, and drove their infuriated mother from his presence, using only a club as a weapon of offense. Wild tales of border life in narratives of either truth or fiction afford few if any incidents of more striking character, than does the exploit of Mr. Barclay. The known fact that mother instinct in brute creation is as faithful and as desperate as it is in human life lends zest to the feat of Mr. Barclay, who when he encountered the old cougar and her young in the thick woods of the Coast Range did not take to his heels in a wild desire to escape, but dared the desperate mother brute to a duel and finally drove her from the spot.

The incident happened a few days ago in the mountains, southwest of Dusty, Mr. Barclay has a piece of timber land in the region, to which with his 12 year old son he was en route. While passing through the dense woods with which the locality abounds, he suddenly came upon a cougar and her three kits. The latter were larger than a large house cat, while the old beast was of regulation size, and in her fury with teeth exposed back humped and eyes blazing was an ugly thing to look at. The meeting was so sudden that both man and brute were for a moment, equally surprised. The former was without a firearm of any kind. His only means of defense was his two strong arms which however backed by his giant frame of more than six feet and 280 pounds weight, the cougar doubtless sized up as dangerous.

The first act of the cougar was to plan a retreat. With the usual danger signal of cat life, she endeavored to coax her kits to follow. This, however, the latter persistently refused to do. The sight of a man was strange to them, and they became more interested in the appearance of Mr. Barclay, than in the calls of their mother. They stood rooted to the spot or moved about in reckless abandon, while the mother from the brush a few feet away begged them in cougar language to fly for their lives with her.

There was thick fir brush about the spot. From the protection of its boughs the mother kept up her pleadings to her young, and her hisses at the human intruder. She scurried about frantically, approaching her young with great manifestation of maternal solicitude, retreating quickly at the threatening movements of Mr. Barclay. Finally, while Mr. Barclay paused to arm himself with a club, she boxed kittens about with such severity that she managed to get them to take refuge in some of the little trees, where a few seconds later, the huge club of the attacking party killed them one by one. As the destruction of her kits went on, the mother, here, there and everywhere, in the fir thicket answered their cries with her own, leaping about with an energy, furious and frantic. The sounds and their echoes through the wooded hills were enough to try the nerves of even the fearless, but with his club, Mr. Barclay went about his work, undisturbed and heedless. The mother, in spite of all the traditions did not venture to attack, and when the young had all been dispatched, Mr. Barclay offered her all sorts of inducements to try him a round, but she kept herself at safe distance until he finally quitted the place.

The scalps of the kits were brought to town by Mr. Barclay Monday, and left at the county clerk's office. The bounty on each is \$2.

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

Buy a ticket on the automobile, soon to be raffled.

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

Walk-over, W. L. Douglas and Hamilton Brown celebrated shoes for men and boys.—Nolan & Callahan.

Racine feet for men, women and children.—Nolan & Callahan.

MABEL GRONISE,

Graduate of Chicago College of Music, Teacher of VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, Corvallis, Oregon. Residence Over C. & E. Depot.

SPECIAL SHOWING OF New Dress Goods AT S. L. KLINE'S

We are now showing a very large assortment of New Fall Dress Goods. All should take advantage of the low prices we are asking for Good Quality and Fashionable Dress Goods.

- 42-Inch Zibelines, assorted colors, per yd. 75
52-Inch Zibelines, in blue, brown, red..... 1 00
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52-Inch Venicians, in all the new and popular shades, per yard..... 1 00
38-Inch Homespun, light, dark, and medium grey, per yard..... 50
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New Wool Waistings, handsome satin-striped and plain colors, per yard, 50c & 1 00

Latest Novelties in Dress Trimming, Belts Waist Sets, Etc.

OUR CLOAK DEPARTMENT

We call special attention to And ask you to call and take a look at the beautiful assortment of Jackets, Furs and Walking Skirts, at S. L. KLINE'S Regulator of Low Prices.

Strayed or Stolen. From the farm of R. L. Buchanan, about forty sheep, thirty old ones and ten lambs, ear mark swallow fork in the right ear, a crop and underbit in the left. Any information will be thankfully received and will pay for your trouble, R. L. Buchanan, Inavale P. O., Ore. Bucks for Sale. 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. 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. For Sale. Several hundred bushels of vetch seed. Order early before it is gone. Also Timothy, Spelts, and English rye grass seed. Shropshire bucks. One extra good registered buck from one of the best stocks in Iowa. Cows and heifers of the beef breed to see or trade for Jersey cows. L. L. Brooks. Trespass Notice. 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. Wanted. 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.

New Goods At the Every-Day Bargain Store of F. L. MILLER. 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 Ladies' Coats.....\$5.00 to \$15.00 Dress Goods. 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. F. L. Miller, = Corvallis.