

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Try Uncle Billy's horseradish—
 —Preaching services at Plymouth at 3 tomorrow.
 —Mr. and Mrs. John Allen went to Portland yesterday, to attend Ben Hur.
 —Preaching service at Mt. View school house on Sunday at 2-30 p. m. by H. A. Deck.
 —Our store will be open evenings until after the holidays, commencing Dec. 8. S. L. Kline.
 —The Albany football team has disbanded, after electing Griffith, captain for the coming year.
 —Miss Minnie Buxton has returned to Portland, after a months visit at the home of her parents.
 —Elwood Clark is employed in the freight department of the Southern Pacific at Portland.
 —James Gibson expects to leave next week to join his parents at Los Angeles, California.
 —Mrs. W. A. Buchanan, who has been seriously ill for some time, was slightly better yesterday morning.
 —A. J. Hall was up from his home near Buena Vista, the first of the week for a visit at the home of his son Harley Hall.
 —Elsie Fisher, the little daughter of Mrs. Anna S. Bryant, who has been ill with scarlet fever is convalescent under the care of Dr. Farra.
 —Albany Democrat—Hon. J. K. Weatherford and Con Sullivan, who have been in New York City, are expected home the last of this week.
 —A sky light has been added to the conveniences at the Homer Lilly meat market. The job was done by Norton Adams.
 —Miss Ruth Clark is to leave next week for an all winter's visit with her daughter at Pendleton and her sons at Vale, Eastern Oregon.
 —Uncle Billy Wright the horseradish man is in town. His horseradish is famous and housewives will do well to watch for his coming.
 —Mrs. Jessie Groves Kittredge and children, who arrived several weeks ago to attend the funeral of the late William Groves, left Wednesday for their home at Arcata, California.
 —The First Spiritual Union will hold services on Sunday in Barrett Lyceum. Doors open at 2-30. Service at 3 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.
 —On last Wednesday evening in the parlors of the M. E. church, from 8 to 10, Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Moore entertained about 90 young people in honor of Miss Minna Frickey. This was one of the most enjoyable social gatherings among the young.
 —The statement in Wednesday's TIMES that Miss Abbie Groshing had gone to Enterprise, was incorrect. She does not leave for that place until next Wednesday. The wedding is to take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Horning in this city.
 —Congregational church notes for tomorrow: Sunday school at 10 a. m., morning service at 11 a. m. and sermon, "Is There a God? How do we know Him?" Junior Christian Endeavor at 3, Christian Endeavor at 6-30, evening service at 7-30, sermon, "The Elder Son. Luke the 15th Chapter."
 —Albany Democrat—It is reported at the depot this noon that there is talk of the sale of the Corvallis & Eastern railroad to a syndicate, bonds for which have already been floated. That the sale includes 3,600 acres of timber land and the property adjoining Albany. The promoter will be here this week to look into this matter. Railroad men are skeptical.
 —Eugene Guard—W. L. Hayward, assistant trainer of the University of California, has been secured by Manager Earl to train the Varsity track team for next season. Hayward is well known on the Coast. He has been with the University of California for the past twelve years and last year trained the Albany College team turning out a championship aggregation. Hayward will have a number of last year's men in addition to considerable promising new material to work on and no doubt will turn out a winning team. He will begin work about April 20.
 —The extensive repair work on the Albany road, the other side of the Swick house near town, was completed at noon yesterday. A 600 yard stretch there has been in bad condition during the wet season from time immemorial. Early in the fall the county court undertook to make a permanent repair of the stretch, but the work has been more or less delayed by rains, which fell heavily about the time the grade was completed. Yesterday, however, the finishing touches were put on, and it is now expected that the stretch will hereafter be good road. The section has been thoroughly graded and drained. On the top of the grade there is a layer of brush and above all a heavy coating of gravel.
 —There is a sale of mens and boys overcoats now going on at Kline's.
 —Don't forget that Mrs. J. Mason is selling trimmed and untrimmed hats at from 25 c. up.

—Robert Gaynor of Dallas, is visiting in Corvallis, the guest of Frank Francisco and family.
 —Willis E. McElroy of Salem, was the guest Wednesday and Thursday of his uncle W. S. McFadden.
 —January 4th has been fixed as the date for hearing objections to the final account in the L. Diller estate.
 —W. A. Wells, who has been confined at home with illness for several weeks, is able to be on the streets again.
 —The inventory has been filed in the estate of Martin J. Butler. The property is valued at \$951. The administrator is John F. Irwin.
 —Mrs. Clapper of Chicago, arrived Tuesday for an extended visit with the family of her brother, C. F. Hotchkiss. The brother and sister had not met for many years.
 —Mrs. W. B. Davison, after a five-weeks visit in Benton county with her daughter, Mrs. S. T. Wyatt and other relatives, departed for her home in Portland last Tuesday.
 —Mrs. Archie Johnson, wife of the bank examiner, left Wednesday to join her husband at Spokane. During her absence, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Johnson of Salem, are guests at the home.
 —Grant Elgin has been appointed administrator of the estate of the late Frank Elgin, and his bond has been fixed at \$1,800. The appraisers are W. A. Buchanan, John F. Irwin and M. P. Burnett.
 —About twenty O. A. C. students left Friday to attend the Oregon-Idaho convention of the college Y. M. C. A., in session today and tomorrow at Forest Grove. A number of distinguished leaders in the movement are in attendance.
 —A seven-room residence under construction by J. B. Goodman, is nearing completion. The building is located on Eleventh street near Monroe. It is one of the most substantial residences in the city, and will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Goodman about February 1st.
 —The Eastern Star lodge has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Matron, Miss Lillie Groves; patron, Edward Buxton; associate matron, Mary Skelton; conductress, Anna D. Lafferty; associate conductress, Lucy Harper; secretary Bertha Davis; treasurer, Elmira Carter.
 —W. C. Schirler began the erection Thursday of a new dwelling house on his lots in the Western portion of town. He recently sold his property in Job's addition and purchased lots elsewhere. On the latter he built a barn in which the family is temporarily residing while the new house is being built.
 —The sum of \$14,143 is the balance of cash on hand in the estate of J. S. Hayes, according to the first semi-annual account of Caroline Hayes, the administratrix, and the amount has been ordered distributed among the heirs. One-half goes to the widow and one-fifth of the residue goes to each of the other heirs.
 —Several of the taxpayers whose names originally appeared in the advertisement of the delinquent tax list running in another column, have paid up their balances and had their names removed from the list. Though somewhat larger than last year, the delinquent list is unusually small. The entire aggregate of the delinquents is below \$1,000, and of the amount, over \$400 is against the lands of the Oregon Agricultural Company, limited, which are in litigation.
 —The Epworth League of the M. E. church held their semi-annual election of officers on Last Tuesday evening. The following were elected: President Miss Dora Lindgren; 1st vice-president, Miss Libby Rice; 2d vice-president, Miss Belle A. Williams; 3d vice-president, Waldo Colbert; 4th vice-president, Miss Lillie Groves; secretary, Miss Myrtle De Haven; treasurer, Miss Belle Matley; organist, Miss Eva Starr; assistant, Miss Georgia Herber; chorister, Frank White; assistant, J. G. Kelley.
 —There is more or less speculation as to what will be the ruling price for chittin next year. Of interest on the subject is the fact that a well-known dealer in the bark in this vicinity has received from Eastern brokers an offer to contract for such purchases as he may be able to make the coming season. Offers to contract have not been usual in the past, and this one is taken as a token that there will be at least, activity in the market again. Probably there is no dealer who will be insane enough to make a contract so far in advance.
 —A forward movement conference began at the M. E. church Thursday evening. Miss Frickey gave a blackboard study on the Book of Revelation, which will be followed up tonight. The pastor gave a brief talk on "The Kingdom of God." Miss Frickey will speak Sunday at 11 a. m. on the theme, "Christ—Our Passover." She will also participate in the League services. The pastor, Rev. F. L. Moore will preach at the Evangelistic services in the evening. The 15 minute Bible lessons during the week will include the books of Jude and Hebrews a few analytic verse studies, and a few character and doctrinal studies. The 15 minute Gospel talks will be upon such themes as Sin, Crafty and Cruel, Character, Its altitude, Sin in the Imagination, new song books—special music. Come all and bring Bible and note books.

IN TWO YEARS.
 Nineteen Thousand Clear Profit—And Only Three Chinamen, are They.
 It is good fortune that has fallen to the portion of the three Chinamen who hold a lease on the S. N. Lilly hop yard. Two seasons of fine prices for hops have made them rich enough to live on the fat of the land should they return now to the Flowery Kingdom. In China, as well as in some other countries, the length of a man's purse is the mark of his importance, and thus measured, the Chinese hop kings in question, would be lords among their lowly countrymen of the Orient.
 It was three years ago that the Chinamen took a lease for five years on the Lilly yard. The yard comprises forty acres, and is perhaps as good a yard so far as soil conditions are concerned, as there is in Oregon. The soil is strong and finely adapted to hop production, and the hop product is always of the finest quality and a sure winner of top prices.
 Hops were not bad the first year after the lease was taken, going at 12 to fourteen cents, and bringing to the almond eyed lessees a fair remuneration for their labor and enterprise. But it was the next season that brought them returns, such as rarely come to Chinamen. After the hops had all been gathered and baled, more than 60,000 pounds were available for the market. They brought something like 22 cents per pound, and the three operators, after paying rent, picking and all other expenses, had a clean \$10,000 in gold for their joint profit. They were so pleased with the outcome that they showered gift after gift on the man from whom they had leased the yard at only a fair fee, the aggregate passing in value into dollars by the hundreds. Then, some of the lucky hop growers celebrated their good fortune with a trip across the Pacific and a visit to the old home and its strange domestic relations in the Celestial fatherland.
 This season was almost as good as was that of last year for the hop kings. Their crop was great save that three or four acres were destroyed by mold and the hops thereon left unpicked. In spite of this, however, more than 50,000 pounds were picked and sold, and they went to the buyer at 23 cents, with a bonus of \$50 to make the bargain good. The net profit of the yellow kings, after every expense was paid was more than \$3,000 in bright, shiny twenty dollar hold pieces. The net earnings for the three in two years has been nearly \$19,000—more indeed, than most men amass in a lifetime of toil and trouble.

CHARLEY CHIPMAN'S AGE.
 He is Only 47, Says his Mother—The Correction.
 The printed announcement in the

THEY HAVE WOES.
 R. F. D. Carriers—Bad Spots in Roads Bring Them in Behind Time.
 Some of the carriers on R. F. D. routes out of Corvallis are, in the language of the afternoon tea, "up against it hard," with respect to roads. In particular, those on route 1, north of town and Route 2, via Fern and Beaver Creek have serious difficulties to contend with. Their allotted time for making the round trip is six hours, over a course of 25 miles. They are due at the Corvallis postoffice about six o'clock, but on the two routes in question, it is usually nearly eight p. m. before the carriers arrive. The condition is particularly unfortunate because the routes are newly established and the delay and hardships of the trip are detrimental to the service. Conditions ought, if possible, to be improved, to the end that a discontinuation of the service may not be occasioned.
 One of the worst places on any of the routes is a stretch of road, a mile and a half in length, between Fern and the Beaver Creek school house. The heavy rains have made the highway there muddy and sticky in the extreme, permitting the wheels of the carrier's vehicle to settle almost to the hubs in some spots. The trip over it cannot well be eliminated, because about twenty families are served with mail daily from the Beaver Creek school house. On several other stretches along the same route, there are bad spots that add to the difficulties, and keep the carrier from one to two hours behind his schedule.
 On Route 1, the road between Lindermann's and Blake's is in bad shape, in spite of efforts made by the county court and supervisors to keep it in good condition. On this stretch, the carrier sometimes ties up his team, and makes a part of the trip on foot in order to gain time. Another stretch on the same route that has given trouble is a 600 yard strip north of the Swick house near Corvallis, but repairs on it were completed at noon yesterday, and it is probable that no more difficulty will be experienced there. On route 3, though there are a few bad spots in the roads traversed, the carrier is able to make schedule time almost every trip.
 Concerning these roads, it is of the utmost importance that these initial R. F. D. routes should not fail. In many ways, residents along the routes can render co-operation that will here and there improve some of the places. Sometimes a ditch that will draw water off a bad spot can be put in with small effort and trivial expense, while in other ways the facilities for passing bad places may be at least temporarily improved. The whole matter deserves the attention both of supervisors and residents along the routes, who are sure to find the county court ready to assist in every way and to cooperate fully and freely. If Benton cannot maintain roads sufficiently good to permit of R. F. D. routes, then she will have to go without routes and her people be denied that which ought to be their due, and which people elsewhere constantly and freely enjoy.

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