

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Services at Dixon school house on Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

—Mrs. Wicks leaves today for a two week's visit with her son at Astoria.

—Lincoln County Leader: E. T. Hamar, the industrial teacher at the Siletz Agency, has gone to Corvallis for a two weeks' vacation at the Agricultural College.

—The First Spiritual Union of Corvallis will hold services tomorrow in Barrett Lyceum. Doors open at 2:30 Service at 3 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

—There will be services at the Catholic church tomorrow conducted by Rev. Father Springer. Mass at 10:30 a. m. and evening service at 7:30 p. m.

—After the name in the address on your TIMES there is a date. It shows the time to which your subscription is paid. Neighbors notice such things, you know, and comment about it.

—Presbyterian church, Sunday, Dec 20—A special Christmas service will be held in the morning; subject of the discourse, "The Three Magi." In the evening the subject will be, "The Seventh Beatitude—Peacemakers."

—Frank Edwards of OAC, who is taking a year's special work in chemistry at the University of California, at Berkeley, arrived Wednesday for a holiday vacation with his family. After four weeks, he will return to Berkeley to resume his studies.

—Rev. Father Jurek spent Tuesday and Wednesday, the guest of his old parishioners in this city. He has had a change of location recently, and is now located as pastor of the Catholic church at Francis, Washington, where he has a congregation of 400 members.

—Notes for Congregational church: Sunday School at 10; regular service at 11; Junior Endeavor at 3; Senior Endeavor at 6:30; evening service at 7:30. Morning sermon—"The God of the Old Testament." Evening sermon—"The God of the New Testament."

—Services at the Episcopal church tomorrow and Christmas; Tomorrow—Bible class at 10 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. On Christmas day—Holy communion at 10 a. m. The celebrant cordially invites all communicants in good standing in their churches to the fellowship of the Saints. "Unto you a Child is born, unto you a Son is given."

—Governor Chamberlain has named W. W. Cotton of Portland to succeed Benton Kiffin as a regent of the college. J. D. Howell and J. M. Church are appointed to succeed themselves. Mr. Cotton has a big dairy farm below Portland on which he keeps 400 dairy cows, and from which there are heavy exports of choice dairy products. It is said that he has \$30,000 invested in the business.

—In the December number of "The Violinist" published in Chicago, in the interest of the violin world, and foremost in its field, appears the following notice or review: "Prof. Ruthyn Turney, violin instructor at the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., has published a set of studies which he calls 'Violin Technique.' They are admirable for the use of a student who has carelessly run through a method for beginners and has the usual faults. All are melodious and the last two will be published with piano accompaniment." These studies were recently published by C. A. Gerhard of this city.

—The official notice of an amendment pending with reference to a change in the state constitution concerning the state printer and his pay appears in this issue of the TIMES. The amendment proposes a section of the constitution shall be made to read as follows: "That Article 12, Section 1 of the constitution of the state of Oregon be and the same is hereby abrogated and in lieu thereof shall insert the following: "The legislative assembly of the state of Oregon is hereby empowered to provide by law for the election of state printer, to provide for his compensation, and to prescribe his powers and duties." The amendment is to be voted on at the election next June, and it will be more than queer if a single ballot shall be cast against its adoption.

—Trainmen have had their troubles at the Southern Pacific station for the past few days. While the freight was transferring a number of cars from the S. P. to the C. & E. depot Monday night, a car loaded with steel rails jumped the track and butted into another car. The impact was violent enough to put both cars out of service, and to tear up a couple of rail lengths of track. The incident happened near the junction of the transfer track with the S. P. and at a time when the transfer was filled with loaded cars. The inability of a locomotive to pass the wreck congested matters in such a way that a special train had to be sent out of Portland to straighten out the tangle. A car repairer is at work on the two damaged cars, and it is expected that they will be able to leave the station this morning.

—Born Tuesday to Mr. Mrs. Watters daughter.

—Herman Tartar was among those in attendance at the Dairymen's convention.

—Mrs. Willis Vidito returned Friday to her home in Ales, after a three days visit with Corvallis friends and relatives.

—Mrs. C. E. Hour, Thursday afternoon entertained quite a number of lady friends at her new home on Fifth and Monroe streets.

—Representative Hayden is in Corvallis being on his way to attend the special session of the legislature. He goes to Salem by Monday's boat.

—A Christmas wedding is to occur in the southwestern portion of the city. The bride to be is a former Corvallis lady, now a resident of Portland, and the prospective groom is a business man of the same city.

—Marion Stokes, manager of the Basket ball team went to Albany yesterday afternoon to attend a meeting of managers of similar teams for the purpose of organizing a league. The colleges to be represented are Eugene, Salem, Dallas and O. A. C.

—J. G. Horning has sold out all the high-class poultry which he advertised in "The Times" and he wishes to give urgent notice to that effect. He is still besieged with orders and it is costing him much time and many stamps to answer inquiries.

—For giving liquor to minors, two young men were convicted under the state law in Justice Holgate's court Thursday. The complaint was sworn out by Chief Lane, who expects to prosecute vigorously under the state law all offenses of the sort.

—At the hour "The Times" went to press last night a dozen or more tickets to the football banquet remained unsold. Many of the ticket holders are ladies. The total number expected at the function is about 80. Persons desiring to attend could still get tickets of the committee, of which B. W. Johnson is chairman. The function was to begin at Hotel Corvallis at nine o'clock.

—Ben Woldt yesterday forwarded to Eastern friends five 25-boxes of the fancy-packed Benton county prunes put up by the local packing house. The quality of these prunes, which are of the Italian variety, is the finest the world produces, and every box of them sent abroad with labels accrediting their production and pack to Benton county, is a most effective advertisement. An open box of these prunes as packed by the local company is an object well calculated to charm the eye of an epicure, with its regularly laid rich fruit, lace paper and attractive label. There should be much local pride awakened by one of these packages.

—A double wedding occurred Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Tucker. The high contracting parties were Arthur C. Allen and Lella Maud Tucker, and Lewis F. Gray and Evelyn L. Tucker. Both brides are daughters of Mrs. Tucker. The parlors were decorated in ivy, myrtle and chrysanthemums. The brides were attired in gray traveling gowns. The march was rendered by Miss Grace Lowell and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Green. The guests numbered about 50. The evening of the wedding Miss Jante Newton gave a reception to both couples at which were present all the young folks from the country round. Mr. and Mrs. Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Gray are to reside at farm homes a short distance west of Corvallis.

—Within the past few days the organization of the Corvallis Athletic Club has been effected. The organization has rented the Whitehorn building at the corner of Second and Jackson streets, formerly the Salvation Army hall, and there the club has bars, trapeze, boxing gloves, Indian clubs, dumb bells and many of the other apparatuses required for physical exercise. There are sixty members in the organization and many of them nightly avail themselves of their privileges at the hall. J. C. McHenry is the president of the club, and Byron Taylor is secretary and treasurer. The membership fee is \$1 and the monthly dues which at first were fixed at \$1, it is understood, are to be reduced. Many of the business men about town have become members and much interest is manifested in the organization. As a means of assisting to pay off the financial obligations made in the purchase of furnishings for the hall, the club proposes to give a public ball on New Year's eve, which it will be the purpose to make the greatest social event of the old year.

Carpet Weaving.

If you want any carpet or rug weaving done send it to A. W. Herbert, south of College campus.

The celebrated stiletto pocket knives at the Bicycle Hospital. Every blade warranted.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Coupled with this wish to the friends and patrons of the Occidental Hotel, I wish to state that, contrary to report, I expect to continue in business at the same old corner.

Try our turkey dinner Xmas. H. M. Brunk, proprietor.

BUGS AFTER HIM.

And he is After the Bugs—Spencer and the Cockroaches.

There is bloodshed and death down at Spencer's barber shop, and the probability of a greater flow of gore and more work for the Man on the White Horse is imminent. There are big cockroaches by the million in the building where the Commercial restaurant was, and since the latter was closed, hosts of the bugs are over-running Spencer's shop. The bugs are so big and numerous that it has become a serious question with Spencer whether he or the bugs are to occupy his tonsorial parlors and run the business. To add to the complexity of the situation a shooting gallery has been opened by Harvey Sargent where the restaurant was, and the reckless shooting of the men who shall become patrons there, Spencer fears may cause an even greater flight of the cockroaches into his establishment.

After thirty years or more of success in the barber business in Corvallis, Spencer is not inclined to be run out of the trade by an impertinent bunch of cockroaches and he has made up his mind to stay with the shop at all hazards, and to fight the bugs to the last ditch. A sticky paste, fatal to such bugs, and left at night in the shop, provides much funeral material each morning, but still the marching thousands come, with no sign of relenting in their known design of capturing the shop. However, Spencer is determined to make good his claim to the right to run his own business, and will if necessary set steel traps for the invaders, or as a final resort make a last desperate stand for his rights by a valiant personal encounter, razor in hand.

His most comforting hope is that it may become a popular sport in the gallery to shoot cockroaches instead of at targets, in which event there is salvation for Spencer and millions in it for Sargent.

FIFTEEN DEAD.

Goats That Ate Mushrooms—Was it on Account of Poison.

Fifteen goats are dead on the farm of Ed Blake who resides on the Writsmen place on Soap Creek, and it is understood that mushrooms or toadstools are responsible for the fatality. A week or two ago, Lee Brown lost a goat, and a post mortem examination of the stomach showed the presence of mushrooms to which death was ascribed. At another time, a fine steer on the farm of John Smith in the same locality was found dead. A big toadstool or mushroom that had apparently been bitten by the animal was found near, and to this fact was generally ascribed the death of the steer.

The Blake goats were found dead in a fir thicket in which mushrooms were abundant. There is no doubt in the vicinity that the fatality is the result of eating the plant. Professor Pernot at the college is anxious to get specimens of the stomachs of the dead goats, in order to determine whether death was the result of poison, or acute indigestion. Portions of some of the carcasses were found buried, apparently by a wild animal, and is supposed that a panther is lurking in the vicinity. It is the purpose of men in the neighborhood to get hounds and rout the marauder from his lair.

Make your friend a Xmas present of a stiletto pocket knife. For sale by Berry & Carl.

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Lounges, Couches, Desks, Folding Beds, Etc., made to order. Particular attention given to special orders and repairing. All work guaranteed. One door south of R. M. Wade's, Main street. W. W. Holgate.

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Also gives reading by mail if given date of birth, color of hair, eyes, and three leading questions. Also I have a fine remedy for ladies who suffer with female complaint, a woman's friend. My address corner Third and Jefferson Sts. over the Corvallis laundry.

Christmas Headquarters

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Dolls' Xmas Fair, 1903.

You will find here an aggregation of dolls of every description—dolls that know when to open their eyes, and others that keep them open day and night, dressed or negligee, ready for dressing. Our prices are the lowest in the city and variety much the largest. 5c 10c 25c 50c 75c \$1 up \$7.50.

Games.

A large assortment of novel and fascinating games with plenty of excitement on land and sea. 25 50c \$1.00 \$1.50 to \$3.50

Xmas Handkerchiefs

For ladies and gentlemen, in plain, hemstitched, lace, and embroidered edges of all kinds. 5 10 15 20 25 50 and 75c.

Albums.

Photo and autograph albums of every description. 25 50 75 \$1 \$1.50 up to \$5.

Toilet Cases.

In all the latest novelties. 50 75 \$1.00 \$1.50 up to \$7.50



Xmas Slippers.

For ladies and gentlemen. Our line is large and very attractive. See window display. 50 75 \$1.00 \$1.50 \$2.00.

OVERCOAT SPECIAL.

The finest and best line of Overcoats in Benton county. They all go at reduced prices during the month. \$5.00 to \$18 00.

Ladies' Furs.

Rich Furs at low prices during Xmas week. \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.00 up to \$9.00.

Ties and Mufflers, Gloves, Suspenders.

All the late things at money-saving prices. 25c to \$1.50.

Silverware.

1847 Rogers, \$1.50 to \$10. Purses & Chatelaine Bags, all new goods, at 25 50 75 \$1.00 \$1.50 \$2.50.

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PICTURES AND DECORATED WARE.

The Big Store is now at its best, so just come in and take a look at our Xmas display. That is all we ask. S. L. KLINE.

On Jan. 5, 1904, is the time for you to enroll in the Corvallis Business College.

Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there is money on hand at the county treasurer's office to pay all orders endorsed and marked not paid for want of funds up to and including those of August 7th, 1903. Interest will be stopped on same from this date.

Dated Corvallis Dec 12, 1903.

W. A. Buchanan, Treasurer of Benton Co. Ore.

Something new—Japanese crepes, plaid and fancy, for shirt waists, kimonos, etc. Ladies call and see them. Nolan & Callahan.

Mask Social.

A mask social will be given at the Independence school house Friday evening Dec 18. Ladies will bring lunch for two and must wear a mask so they cannot be recognized by gentlemen. Gents will bid on masked ladies. Short program and a good time to follow. Every body invited.

Will keep open evenings until Jan 1, 1904, E P Greffoz, the Jeweler.

For Sale.

One good 1200 pound team, cheap. Enquire of B. Martin one mile northwest of College.

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Notice is hereby given that there is money in the city treasurer to pay all warrants drawn on the general fund and endorsed prior to January 15th, 1904. Interest will be stopped on the same from this date at Corvallis, Oregon, Dec. 15th, 1903.

Wm. McLagan, City Treasurer.

Dr. Wells, the Albany V S will be at Fruits livery stables every Friday of each week. Bring your horses and have them examined free of charge.

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- Kid Gloves, Cushion Girdles, Hand Bags.
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- Pompadour Combs.
- New Table Linen and Napkins.

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