

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Miss Frances Balknap is spending the holidays with relatives.

—Clem Hodes come down from Eugene to attend the funeral of his late brother, Gustav Hodes.

—Andy Campbell has returned to Corvallis after an absence of several months.

—Mrs. Maggie Cummings returned Monday from a Christmas visit at Dallas.

—Mrs. H. W. Hall and son Arthur went to Portland Monday for a few days' visit.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hall returned Monday to their home at Buena Vista.

—Mr. and Mrs. Haenel of Monroe have been guests of their daughters in Job's addition.

—Miss Hattie Gillette arrived Monday from Toledo and is visiting relatives and friends.

—Mrs. Rialto Weatherford and children spent Christmas with relatives returning Monday to their home.

—Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Smith returned to Salem Sunday after spending Christmas with relatives.

—Miss Laurie Burnett went to Independence Saturday for a visit with relatives.

—J. C. Cox and son of Jefferson returned to their home Monday after a visit with relatives.

—Miss Besse Smith arrived Friday from Salem, and is visiting relatives.

—Miss Pauline Kline requests the Times to announce that she will be at home to her friends on New Year's day.

—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.

—Joseph Pironi and daughter, Miss Gettrude, returned Monday to Eugene, after attendance at the funeral of the late Gustav Hodes.

—Mr. and Mrs. Mose Milner have been guests for several days of Corvallis relatives. Mrs. Milner was Miss Grace Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Hall of Lion county.

—Mrs. W. D. Washburn of Brownsville, after visiting several days with her father, Caleb Davis and other Corvallis relatives, went to Soap Creek Monday to spend a brief time with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Smith.

—Oto L. Haese of Sisson, is here, accompanied by his wife, who is a daughter of E. W. Fisher. Mr. Haese is the publisher of the Sisson Mirror, and practices law in connection with his newspaper duties.

—W. C. Metcalf, who came with his family from Nebraska, and settled in Corvallis a couple of years ago, sold his farm in the East a few days ago. He is satisfied with his two years sojourn in this section, and expects to make further investments here. He already owns the property on which he resides near the college.

—M. A. Miller, state lecturer for the Modern Woodmen, is to deliver an address at the Opera House, this city on Tuesday evening, January 5th. A general invitation is extended, and it is certain that those who hear the address will be highly entertained. In addition, there is to be a musical and literary programme. There will, of course, be no admission fee.

—Philomath correspondent—Philomath had a sensation Sunday morning in the shape of a jail break. Three men were confined in the jail for disorderly conduct and during Saturday night they whittled a stick of stove wood into a wedge and pried off some boards of the ceiling, then used the boards to raise the roof. They were drunk and shooting off cannon crackers and otherwise making themselves obnoxious when arrested.

—Nine thousand seven hundred and fifty six pounds is the amount of milk given during the months ending in December by one of the cows in the dairy herd at the college. On a basis of the tests made of the milk product every week during the year, the yield of butter was 526 pounds. At an average of thirty cents per pound throughout the year the butter product alone was worth \$157.80. The cow is a full blood Jersey, and is four years old. Of course, she is not a wonder but a dozen or fifteen such cows on a well managed dairy farm would make their owner thrifty.

—There is a probability that the college authorities will have charge of a tract of five acres on the exposition grounds during the Lewis and Clark fair. The fair managers are anxious for such an arrangement to be made, offering to bear all the expense if the college people will take the matter in hand. The purpose is to make of the five acres either a model farm, or to have grown on it as great a variety of Oregon products as may be possible. The fair manager, figure such a feature would prove very attractive, and if properly handled, be of great benefit to the whole state in that, more than in any other way it would tend to show some of the agricultural resources of the state. Monday, Dr. Withycombe, Prof. Coots and Prof. Lake went to Portland to confer with the Fair Managers with reference to the matter.

—Wheat 71.

—Carrie and Bessie Danneman left Sunday for a brief visit in Western Oregon.

—Mrs. Ed. De Ormond came up from Suver Tuesday on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Maggie Cummings.

—Alex Rennie returned Sunday from McMinnville, where he spent Christmas with his parents.

—J. M. Cameron went to Portland on business Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Cameron and Daughter Wlonie.

—Mrs. E. M. Mays and children returned Monday to their home at Elk City after a two-weeks visit in Corvallis.

—The only new deed filed for record is, J. F. McCartney to Malinda J. McCartney, five acres near Monroe, \$1.

—Julius Wuestefeld went to Eugene Monday in company with a number of friends who came from that city to attend the funeral of G. Hodes.

—Miss Mattie Potts of Job's addition has been seriously involved with inflammation of the arm, but her condition was improved yesterday morning.

—Geo. B. Harder was the guest of W. E. Yates and family Monday night. Mr. Harder had been on a week's leave of absence and returned Monday to his home in Portland.

—While heavy fogs have hung over Corvallis for the past two weeks, the story is that Alesa, Blodgett, Summit and at the seaside a bright sun shines constantly through the day, and the climate is almost that of the good old summer time.

—The Presbyterian, Congregational and Baptist churches will unite for special meetings during the week of prayer, beginning next Sunday evening, at the Congregational church. As a preparation, a watch night service will be held in the Presbyterian church beginning at 10:30.

—Contractor Adolph Peterson arrived Christmas day from Condon, Gilliam county, where he has just completed a court house. The structure is of brick and stone, and cost about \$16,000. Mr. Peterson also did a lot of work for the Condon bank as well as for other people, and had altogether a profitable season's campaign in building.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Kline arrived Monday after an absence since September in the East. On the trip they visited Chicago, New York, Washington and other principal cities, concluding their long journey with a return a few weeks ago to San Francisco. They were met at Albany, on their way to Corvallis by their son Walter, who accompanied them to Portland and return.

—Alesa correspondent: N. J. Warfield recently purchased of Oscar Tom of Angora, 15 head of registered goats, 14 nannies and one billy, for which he paid \$15 each for the nannies and \$60 for the billy. It is doubtful if there are better goats to be found in the state than in Alesa. Mr. Warfield is an experienced goatman and knows the value of good blood when breeding stock of any kind.

—The new teacher for the public schools is Miss Margaret Fowells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fowells. She was elected to the position in order that the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Maud Kerns might be filled. Miss Fowells is to take the fourth grade now presided over by Miss Grace Huff, and the latter is to take the first grade, of which Miss Kerns was the teacher.

—R. H. Livville of Portland, and Malinda M. Lenger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Lenger of this city, were united in marriage at the home of the brides parents, Christmas eve. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. L. Moore. On account of the recent death of the brides grandfather, the wedding occurred in the presence of the immediate family only. Mr. and Mrs. Livville will remain in Corvallis for a few days, after which they will return to Portland, where the husband has steady employment as a plumber.

—Within the past few days there has been quite an exodus from Corvallis, composed largely of women and children going to California to remain from one to two months. Last week Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hays and the latter's sister, Mrs. S. B. Bain went to Portland to attend the marriage of these ladies' brother on Christmas day. This entire party went overland to San Francisco. On the same day they left Corvallis for Los Angeles a party consisting of Mrs. John Burnett, Mrs. R. H. Huston and daughter, Mrs. T. Whitehorn and child and Mrs. E. W. Phillips.

—The seat of power and light out at the college as well as heat is now at the heating plant. The addition to the building for housing the machinery of the light and power plant has been completed at the heating plant, and a portion of the former has already been installed. The remainder will be in place and be ready for use by Saturday. The addition is the same height as the original heating plant building and has a floor space of about 2,000 feet. By the change, the system which after use in furnishing power and light at the old plant went entirely to waste as exhaust will be sent through the heating system, and to be a source of much economy. There will also be a saving in labor and fuel.

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

A FISHING PARTY.

They Come to Corvallis' Bail a Locality, and Make a Good Catch.

The method of baiting is practiced throughout the whole range of animal nature as a means of ensnaring that which promotes existence or satisfies some other desire. Many of the lowest immobile forms of marine life obtain food by enticing other insects with a reach by means of baits or decoys. The fable of the spider and the fly is in point. The most successful method of catching fish with a hook is to bait them and allow them to feed unmolested for a time. The plan serves to bring many fish to one locality, and induces a sharp struggle for the morsel containing the deadly hook. The same method applies to killing ducks and geese. Baiting in one form or another will lure to death the most wary animal. Savages understand the principle as shown by many of their practices in the hunt and in warfare. The most enlightened citizens of the most enlightened nations are not immune from deception from bait in one or other of its multifarious and nefarious forms.

"Electric Bill" was the leader of a party that arrived in Corvallis Saturday on a fishing expedition. His attendants were a lady, probably Mrs. Electric Bill, and a gentleman whose name cannot be recalled. Shortly after noon Bill drove about the streets proclaiming to all the fishes within hearing, what a great feed he would in a few minutes give them at a stated locality on Main street. Thither a large school of fishes of every description assembled, and thither the fishermen arrived on time. He told of many wonderful things he would perform in their presence in a short time, but he was ever afterward too busy to carry out that portion of the programme. One of the things which he was to do was to cut off a boy's head and replace it as snugly as before the operation. As an evidence of good faith, he had in the buggy with him a live boy with a head naturally and securely fastened upon his shoulders, and a huge cheese knife with which to execute his purpose.

Bill's intention on that particular afternoon, as he alleged, was simply to advertise electric belts, a commodity which he would offer for sale during the afternoons of subsequent days, and raise the price a dollar each succeeding day. As a preliminary in such advertising he sold a large number of vials of headache medicine for any amount the purchaser wished to pay. At the close of these sales he presented the more liberal buyers with a quarter each to show that he was all right with other fellows that were all right. The next feature of the advertisement was to sell several electric belts for a dollar each and return to the purchaser the original price and \$1.50 in addition. After that when Bill sold a belt he added \$1.50 to the dollar he received, wrapped the \$2.50 in a paper, laid it aside in open view, told the purchaser to be sure to remain, and gave out the impression that there would be presently a grand distribution of cash among his patrons. Now and then he significantly advised a previous purchaser to take another belt. His advice was usually acted upon, as many believed that the more belts they purchased the larger would be the number of \$2.50 packages falling to their share in the grand distribution. In fact the fishes were eager for the bait and three four and as high as five belts were sold to each of a number of persons. It seems as though whole families must be afflicted, judging merely from the purchases.

When the harvest of dollars was complete, he asked many of his patrons if they had purchased from a speculative motive. They had not. Asked if they bought because they wanted the belts for self-protection they answered in the affirmative. Bill was very glad to know that they were satisfied, and that being the case he would retain the \$2.50 packages. After thanking his patrons for their liberal patronage he scooped the coin into a satchel which he held in his left hand. In his right hand he grasped his cheese knife, discharged the boy, and passed through the crowd toward his hotel, leaving many of his patrons overstocked with cheap electric belts worth 40 cents a bushel or more at the junk shop. In a brief space of time the fishermen were on their way to Albany in a carriage.

Lost. Last week, near First and Madison streets, four keys on ring. Finder will leave at this office.

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GENUINE OR BOGUS?

And the Question is, Which? Claimed to be Government Official.

Is he genuine? That is what Corvallis saloon men want to know of a man who was in town over Monday night, and who claimed to be an internal revenue officer. "Is he genuine?" is also echoed and re-echoed by people who have heard of his doings. He wore a star, on which was engraved the "words, U S Inspector." He frequently displayed this badge. He visited all the saloons. He was glib in speech about his official doings, and never refused a proffered drink.

At Broders he invaded the cellar unaccompanied, and later told the proprietor that he had found there numerous kegs of beer that were unstamped. Being unstamped, had his statement been true, would have constituted a violation of the internal revenue laws with a penalty of \$100. He confidentially informed Mr. Broders that it could all be straightened out on payment of \$25. The money was not paid, because the strange proposition excited Mr. Broders's suspicion, in which the question that was uppermost was, "Is he genuine?" If genuine, why did the alleged official offer to fix the thing up for \$25, a thing that he had no right to do.

The man left town so early yesterday morning, that nobody saw him go, leaving behind a strong suspicion at least that he is not genuine, but bogus. If genuine the officers over him should inquire into his methods, and apply correctives.

Fakirs Caught Both.

A fakir, and there are many of them now, recently sold needles about town at 15 cents a package, and effected many sales. He purchased the needles at a local store where they are regularly sold at 10 cents.

A daughter, whose father sold the needles to the fakir at the lower figure, bought them of the latter at 15 cents. The joke then was on the daughter. It is on the father now, however, because he bought electric belts of another fake, and took them in job lots.

VOTED FOUR AND HALF MILLS.

For School Purposes in Corvallis District—But Twelve Votes Cast.

Taxpayers in Corvallis school district will pay special school taxes this year, aggregating \$4,821. They paid last year on the same account, \$4,575. The taxes last year were on a levy of seven and one half mills on a total valuation of \$600,000. This year's higher tax is on a levy of four and a half mills on a property valuation of \$1,071,380.

The new tax was voted at a special school election held Monday. The voting was at the County treasurers office, and but twelve votes were cast. The number would have been even less but for the activity of the directors in going out and bringing in voters, several of the twelve being thus pulled in to cast a ballot. The propositions on which people voted were four in number. The total levy carried by a vote of 11 to one, one person alone registering nay to each proposition. What the money is to be spent for is set forth in the following, which appeared on the official ballot:

- 1st—1 1/2 mill tax to pay outstanding indebtedness on new building.
- 2nd—1 mill tax to pay for sewer, water closets and furniture.
- 3rd—1 mill tax to pay insurance and interest on bonds.
- 4th—1 mill tax to pay teachers salaries.

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