

LOCAL LORE.

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

Mrs. J. C. Hammel returned Saturday from a visit in Portland.

The Afternoon Whist Club meets today at the home of Mrs. Helm.

Cedar shingles, Stars, for sale at the Corvallis Saw Mill, at \$1.75 per thousand.

Rev. Father Spilger was a passenger on Monday's Westside train for Portland. He will be absent several days.

There will be a special meeting of Corvallis Grange on Saturday next at 2 o'clock p. m. Important business. All members are urgently requested to attend.

Louis Hollenberg of Stuttgart, Arkansas writes a Corvallis friend that he has sold his farm, and expects some time in April to arrive in Corvallis on a trip of inspection with a view to securing a new location. His farm brought \$11,200 and represents but a portion of the landed as well as other property he is selling.

Miss Mildred Starr was tendered a surprise party Friday afternoon in honor of her birthday. Those present were, Frances Wiles, Laura Himpson, Josie Holmes, Ruth Horrahy, Esther Graham, Adelaide Sheasgreen, Myrtle Spaulding, Gertrude Lilly, Vivian Wellshe, Grace Smith, Floeste Happeret, Evaline Cathey, Ruth Avery, and Janet Blackledge.

Many of the letters received by Corvallisites now from friends abroad contain references to the Holy Rollers generally in a joking vein. Even business letters contain allusions, a local drug store man having received from the Standard Oil Company a letter in which it was suggested that, since tar had become so fashionable at Corvallis that perhaps a big supply of turpentine also would be required.

Jerry, a good old horse which worked in Smith & Hou's delivery wagon many years, departed this life a few days ago, at an age unknown to the oldest inhabitant, but seemingly he was little past the prime of life. His death was the result of an accident. While running loose in an enclosure at the slaughter house his head became fastened in a feed rack and in his efforts to free himself he broke his neck. His kindly disposition and valuable services while in life will doubtless be rewarded by a high station in horse heaven.

The appointment of E. D. Reesler of the Monmouth Normal School as an official for restoring athletics to amateur standing in college athletics has been announced by Prof. Horner. Authority for the appointment was vested in Prof. Horner at a meeting of college representatives held at Portland last summer. The meeting was attended by college presidents and other members of the faculty from all the leading educational institutions of the state. Prof. Reesler will have authority to hear all cases of alleged professionalism and if he sees fit, to restore such athletes to amateur standing.

The Farmers Hotel was reopened to the public Monday, with Manfred L. Selts as landlord. The building has undergone a complete system of repairs, and is in better shape now than at any time in twenty years. A new roof has been added, new foundation and new floors have been put in, a complete sewage system with new toilets has been placed, and the building throughout has been renovated and renewed. Mr. Selts expects to make a specialty of farmers trade where visitors will find a clean home place, with a good substantial meal at lowest possible rates.

A novel as well as a good advertisement of the town appears on an envelope received in this city from Cottage Grove. Below the ordinary request for return in the left hand corner appears the following: "In all this prosperous Northwest or Pacific Coast country no town or section offers more liberal inducements to the investor and home seeker than Cottage Grove and the country tributary thereto. In this territory is included a thriving, growing town, miles of undeveloped rich valley land adapted to fruits, berries, hops and field crops. Almost limitless forests of marketable timber, and Bohemia, a mining zone of great richness. Corvallisites might help the vicinity by adopting the plan."

At the Opera House this Wednesday evening, is to be presented, "Are you a Mason?" It is believed that the attraction is first class in every particular, and that Corvallisites have the opportunity now to show whether or not they want good theatrical attractions in the town. The management of the Opera House is proceeding on this basis, and the present instance is a test of whether or not theatre-goers want meritorious productions to the extent of being willing to pay for them. "Are you a Mason?" is a farce-comedy of high order, and the company that is to play it tonight comes with undoubted recommendations. It is to play for a week at the Marquam in Portland, which ought to be a sufficient testimonial as to its character. Of the valley towns, it only appears at Roseburg, Salem and Corvallis. If the present experiment in bringing good attractions is successful, the local management announces that others of the same class will follow at such intervals as patrons may desire.

James Morgan returned Monday from a week's visits to upper valley towns.

Up to Monday afternoon, only 31 voters had registered at the Benton county clerk's office.

Mrs. Ellsworth Irwin returned Monday from a visit with relatives at North Yamhill.

Mrs. J. Mason returned home Monday from Philomath after a ten days visit with her mother, who is in very poor health.

H. T. French, director of the Idaho Experiment station, left yesterday after a visit with Corvallis friends. He is in attendance at the National Livestock Association at Portland.

While in Eastern Oregon, Mr. Turner met Milton Morgan at Wasco. He is a son of F. P. Morgan and was formerly employed in the Gazette office. He is now employed on a Wasco newspaper.

R. R. Turner and Ira Turner are two of a party returning Monday from Gilliam county, whither they went for the purpose of locating homesteads on lands which have hitherto been "smuggled" by stock men. The party went by private conveyance through several Eastern Oregon counties, having shipped their team, wagon and camping outfit to The Dalles.

An effort is in progress to breathe new life into Corvallis Grange, and members of that organization are urged to attend a meeting to take place at Agricultural Hall next Saturday afternoon. At the meeting there will be an election of officers and a dispatch of other business of importance. The fact that the state grange is to meet in Corvallis next May, and that the National Grange is to meet in Portland the following November gives rise to a general sentiment among the members for a rehabilitation of Corvallis Grange, and it is probable that the effort in that direction will prove successful. It ought to.

The entanglements through which Amos Bloodgood, the central character in the roaring farce, "Are You a Mason?" passes, in his endeavor to prove that he is "Worshipful Grand Master" of a lodge when, in reality, he is not, and his lurid descriptions of lodge room tactics and Masonic intonations are wonderful examples of imagination and ingenuity. By the greatest tact and diplomacy, he convinces his wife for a time; but is finally trapped into attending a lodge social, where his deception is disclosed. To propitiate his wife's wrath, he eventually does jodel, and the complicated ends of this clever piece are deftly proven into a pretty love story at the fall of the curtain. "Are You a Mason?" will be presented here tonight.

Among the new students at the college is A. B. Coates, the well known Albany athlete, who has entered for a four years course in electrical engineering. He will undoubtedly be a member of the coming track team, and will add a great deal to the effectiveness of the aggregation. In the broad jump and hurdles, it is doubtful if he has a superior on the Coast, and with the training that Physical Director Tine will be able to give him, it is doubtful if he will have an equal in either event. He has a record of 16 seconds flat in the 120 hurdle race at Victoria last year. He holds the Coast record the 220 hurdle at 25.35 seconds, made on the OAC track last spring. He has an official record of 21 feet and 11.34 inches in the broad jump, made at Victoria last year, but has unofficial records that add 18 inches or more to this distance.

Adam Radir is one of the subscribers for the "History of Oregon," with whom the distributing agents had a misunderstanding as to the price of the copy he was to have. The agent made several calls upon Mr. Radir without coming to an agreement upon their business relations, and the latter endeavored to devise some means by which the agent might be estopped from further onslaughts upon his time and upon his pocket book. A circumstance enabled him to gain at least temporary satisfaction. A member of Mr. Radir's family was ill one day when the agent called. He sympathized with the family and ventured to inquire the nature of the ailment. Mr. Radir said that the attending physician had pronounced it smallpox. The agent immediately had business elsewhere for the time, but later the ruse was discovered and the book man returned to the attack with renewed vigor and finally on a compromise collected \$12 on a claim of \$18.

Workmen have discontinued further operations on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hereigs new residence until better weather. However, the home is so far completed as to allow them to occupy it. The interior is furnished, and the building is a very creditable addition to the many pretty homes on College Hill. The style is known as the California cottage, and it is truly a handsome piece of architecture, with its well-formed pillars supporting an ample veranda; unique roof formations, dormer windows, attractive painting, etc. The interior is a model of all the latest conveniences. The finishing is natural fir, the ceiling being for the most part in complimentary shades of rose pink, and in olive greens. The location of the cottage is such as to command a view of an expansive stretch of valley and of Mount Hood toward the north, and of the Cascade range and snow peaks toward the east, while Mary's Peak and the Coast range are in full view toward the west. Charles Ewart is the architect of the building, while Mr. Fleming and J. E. Felton performed the structure work.

NO FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Organization has been completely abandoned—Fire Chief's Report.

Corvallis has no organized fire department. The late organization has been completely abandoned, and there is no individual that makes claim that he is a fireman. There have been no meetings of the department for three or four months, and those who were late members deny that there is a department, or that they are members of it.

The matter was brought to the attention of the city government by Fire Chief Sheasgreen Monday night. He reported the facts to the city council, and urged that body to take official notice. He urged upon the council the necessity of keeping a fireman's organization in order to prevent insurance rates from soaring. He said there was an abundance of equipment for fighting fire, but that the maintenance of an organization was important for the care and preservation of the fire appliances, and for the maintenance of discipline at fires.

The matter was discussed by several members of the council and Robert Johnson was appointed as a committee of one to undertake the organization of a new volunteer department. Mr. Johnson has accepted the trust and will at once take measures to ascertain if business men want, and are willing to cooperate in the rehabilitation of a department.

Masquerade.

Members of Willamette Grange will give a masquerade dance in their hall, on Jan 15th. The funds raised will be used for building a banquet hall. 25 cents admission for gentlemen spectators. Suitable prizes will be given for best dressed character. Chairman of Com.

Red Tag Sale!

MEN'S CLOTHING.

All 16.50, 17.50, 18, 20 and \$22.50 Suits and Overcoats, for.....	\$15.00
All 13, 14 and \$15 Suits and Overcoats for.....	12.50
All 10, 11, 12 and \$12.50 Suits and Overcoats for....	10.00
All 8, 8.50, 9, 9.50 and \$10 Suits and Overcoats.....	7.50
All \$7.50 Suits and Ove coats.....	6.50

Twenty per cent reduction on all Boys' Suits and Overcoats, and Men's Extra Pants.

REDUCTION SALE.

Ten per cent reduction on lace curtains.
Ten per cent reduction on dress linings.
Ten per cent reduction on W. B. corsets.
Twenty-Five per cent reduction on back and fancy combs.
Twenty-Five per cent reduction dress trimmings, lace all over.
Twenty-Five per cent reduction wool waists.
Twenty-Five per cent reduction ladies' belts.
Ladies' and Misses' skirts 10 per cent reduction.
Ladies' and Misses' jackets 25 per cent reduction.
Wool shawls and fascinators, 25 per cent reduction.

REMNANT SALE.

Six and one fourth cent calico at.....	5
Ten cent outing flannel.....	8 1/2
Ten cent flannel.....	8 1/2
Ten cent percale.....	8 1/2
Fifty cent velveteens.....	45
Dollar and a quarter dress goods.....	\$1.00
Dollar dress goods.....	.85
Seventy-Five cent dress goods.....	.60
Fifty cent dress goods.....	.45
Twenty-Five cent dress goods.....	.20
Twenty cent dress goods.....	.15
Seventy-Five cent eiderdown.....	.60
Thirty-Five cent eiderdown.....	.25

MILLER'S, Corvallis.

34th—Great Annual—34th CLEARANCE SALE

Will commence to-day, Friday, January the 1st, like its thirty-three predecessors. It will continue for 30 days, and be conducted on the same broad plans that have made them the greatest bargain opportunities.

<p>Corsets</p> <p>50c corsets at..... 39 \$1.00 corsets at..... 85 1.25 corsets at..... \$1.00 1.50 corsets at..... 1.15 Broken lines at just half price, or \$1 corsets for 50c.</p>	<p>SUITS AND OVERCOATS</p> <p>\$10.00 suits at..... \$ 735 12.50 suits at..... 975 13.50 suits at..... 1100 15.00 suits at..... 1225 16.50 suits at..... 1310 18.00 suits at..... 1400</p>	<p>Gloves</p> <p>Wool gloves in plain and fancy colors. Regular 25, 35, 50c Reduced to 20, 30, 42c. Kid gloves: \$1.25 gloves at \$1. Dollar gloves at 90c.</p>
<p>Ladies' and Misses' Hosiery & Underwear</p> <p>This is the best money-saving chance of the year in the Hosiery and Underwear Department. Every garment at a greatly reduced price:</p> <p>30 cent garments at 21 cts 50 cent garments at 42 1/2 c 75 cent garments at 67 1/2 \$1.00 garments at - - 82 1/2</p>	<p>Silks and Dress Goods</p> <p>Black, white, and colored dress fabrics, black and fancy silks, velvets and velveteens, at a great sacrifice.</p> <p>\$.50 dress goods at 39 .75 dress goods at 62 1/2 1.00 dress goods at 79</p> <p>\$.75 silk and velvet at 62 1/2 1.00 silk and velvet at 82 1.25 silk and velvet at 99</p>	<p>Shoe Department</p> <p>Extra Special. 75 pairs Ladies' shoes worth \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 AT \$1.00. 50 pairs children's school shoes worth \$1.25 and \$1.50 50 CENTS.</p>
<p>Trunks & Bags</p> <p>Trunks, bags and suit cases at clearance sale prices. Toys, dolls, games, etc., all at greatly reduced prices</p>	<p>LADIES' SKIRTS AND JACKETS</p> <p>\$ 5.00 Jackets, \$3.95 10.00 Jackets, 7.95 13.50 Jackets, 10.00 15.00 Jackets, 11.85</p> <p>Children's and Misses' wraps are included in this great sale.</p>	<p>Groceries</p> <p>25c Armour's washing powder..... 3 lbs 15c 25c Home bak powder 19c 15c Rex 100 percent lye..... 3 for 25c 15c canned corn..... 9c Good s..... 6 for 25c Arm & S-hil..... 25c ling's..... 25c Naphtha..... 25c</p>
<p>Boys' Clothing</p> <p>\$1.50 boys' suits at..... \$1.15 2.00 boys' suits at..... 1.45 2.50 boys' suits at..... 1.95 3.00 boys' suits at..... 2.45 3.50 boys' suits at..... 2.85 4.50 boys' suits at..... 3.50 5.00 boys' suits at..... 3.95</p>	<p>Men's & Boys' Underw.</p> <p>\$.50 garments at..... \$.41 .75 garments at..... .67 1.00 garments at..... .79 1.50 garments at..... 1.20 2.00 garments at..... 1.45</p>	<p>Wool Waists</p> <p>1.25 wool waists at..... .90 1.50 wool waists at..... 1.20 2.00 wool waists at..... 1.45 2.50 wool waists at..... 1.95 3.00 wool waists at..... 2.25 3.50 wool waists at..... 2.45</p>
<p>Shawls & Fascinators</p> <p>During this great sale shawls and fascinators will be closed out regardless of cost.</p>	<p>Carpets and Lace Curtains</p> <p>Our entire stock of lace curtains and carpets at clearance sale prices.</p>	<p>Our Annual Clearance Sale includes every Department of this Great Stock of Good Merchandise. All reductions apply to every article excepting only a few lines the prices of which the manufacturer</p>

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