

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Thomas Nolan returned Saturday after a few days' visit in Portland.

—Miss Hettie Lilly returned Saturday from a visit with P. R. and Salem friends and relatives.

—Misses Eva and Evie Applegate arrived Friday from Yoncalla and are the guests of friends.

—Miss Alice Stevens left Monday for her home at Centralia, Washington, after a two weeks' visit with Corvallis friends.

—Mrs. Corrad Meyer returned Saturday to her home in Albany, after a week's visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Philie.

—The Linn county council P. O. H. has adopted a resolution requesting the Linn county court not to employ a county road master.

—Arthur Garrett, Harold Rumbaugh, Royal Shaw and Forrest Smithson spent Sunday with Albany friends.

—A basket social is to be given by the Women's Relief Corps in Odd Fellows hall Friday evening. The baskets supplied by the young ladies will be sold separately. The proceeds of the social are for the benefit of the Corps. The public is invited.

—One of the Corvallis colony in Los Angeles writes home that she is eating green peas, green beans, green corn, and a variety of other vegetables incident to a webfoot summer. She adds that big oranges sell at 25 cents a bucket full, and that the ladies go abroad in summer attire.

—Nevada citizens are raising a fund of \$10,000 for the purpose of sending the Nevada State band to the World's Fair as an attraction. The band is composed of 40 musicians, and is one of the strongest musical organizations in the West. At the close of the exposition it is intended to make an eastern tour as an advertisement for Nevada.

—The officers elected Saturday by Corvallis Grange are: W. E. Yates, master; George Coote, overseer; Geo. W. Deuman, lecturer; Ellsworth Erwin, gate keeper; J. B. Horner, inside gate keeper; H. L. French, secretary; S. L. Shedd, treasurer; Mrs. James Withycombe, cares; Miss Margaret Snell, Pomona; Miss Helen Crawford, Flora; Mrs. Ida Callahan, lady assistant steward; Professor Cordley, assistant steward; Mrs. Isabelle Horner, steward.

—A letter from him, announces the arrival of J. H. Gibson at Los Angeles, California. The weather there now, he writes, is about the same as June weather in Webfoot, with the highest temperature ranging from 70 to 80 degrees, and the minimum from 45 to 55. Except a light shower in September, there has been no rain there since last April, and everything is dry, with much dust flying.

—The initial appearance of Dr. Driver in a series of lectures at the First Methodist church has been deferred to next Sunday morning, when it is given out as certain that he will be on hand. The latest delay in his coming is on account of a series of meetings that he has been conducting at Cottage Grove, in which so great interest was manifested that the local congregation consented to a postponement of his initial date here.

—Corn that has attained the ripe old age of 40 years, and yet appears to be as good as on the day that it was harvested, will be shown at the World's Fair by an Indiana farmer. L. L. Pence, a pioneer settler of Grant county, harvested an unusually large corn crop in the fall of 1864. He put aside 100 bushels of that year's harvest and kept it in an open crib. It has remained there ever since and received no treatment other than to allow the air to pass through it at all times.

—William Albrecht, the well known Corvallis gardener, suggests that this is the time of year for persons who contemplate planting, to look over their list of garden materials with a view to purchases of seeds, and new introductions of trees, shrubs, plants, etc. Send for them now, as you can get them at lower rates and secure the advantage of being able to get just what is wanted. Lay in a supply of manure so it may be on hand when wanted. Destroy the eggs of the destructive caterpillar if any are seen near the ends of the twigs. Much can now be done to facilitate the spring garden work.

—Sheriff Burnett is in receipt of an invitation to the execution of Pleasant Armstrong, scheduled to take place at Baker City at seven o'clock next Friday morning. The usual black banner appears on the edges of the invitation, in token of the character of the ceremony to which it bids the recipient. The contents recite that Armstrong murdered Minnie Esslinger on Christmas day, 1902, that he was convicted March 27th, 1903, and that he was sentenced March 31, 1903. The prisoner's attorneys have applied to Judge Belinger's court for a writ of habeas corpus, in the hope of securing a decision upon which to base an appeal to the United States supreme court, effecting thereby a delay without which, Armstrong will surely hang next Friday, as every avenue for delay in the state courts has been exhausted.

—Ben Woldt is on a business trip to Portland.

—H. M. Brunk is on a few days' visit to a brother in Polk county.

—S. G. Irvin of Newport, and Gale Hill of Albany, were Corvallis visitors Monday.

—Miss Gertrude Barclay has been in Corvallis the past week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Herrod.

—Next Sabbath Father Springer will attend the mission at Soap Creek and will not return until Monday.

—Among those who attended the Patti concert in Portland, were Mrs. F. L. Miller and Miss Pauline Kline.

—Mrs. P. M. Abbey and Mrs. Marie Chatterton and son Rich, of Newport, attended the Patti concert Thursday evening.

—Ed. Bowen, recently from Snohomish, Wash., has opened a confectionery shop opposite the Berman grocery store. He is manufacturing a choice variety of candies.

—Father Springer went to Portland last week, to attend the public installation of the newly-elected officers of the Catholic Order of Foresters, esthedral court.

—Lee Henkle has been incapacitated for work for about two weeks on account of an attack of rheumatism, but he is again able to look after his business to some extent.

—These who went to Portland to attend the semi-annual ceremonial session of the Myetic Shrine were H. W. Hall, Logan Hays, T. H. Crawford, Major Hardin, John Fulton, S. L. Kline and S. N. Wilkins.

—Hornig Bros. is building a new truck for Floyd Lane, of the Corvallis Transfer Company. The frame of the platform is 4x10 feet, and is made from 3x5 inch oak. When completed it will probably carry a greater weight than any other truck in the city.

—E. J. Garrow and friend, Mr. Miller, who have been visiting the former's family in Corvallis several weeks returned Monday to Cazelle, Calif. Mr. Garrow is in the sawmill business near Cazelle and Mr. Miller is the bookkeeper.

—The story is being told that Homer Davenport, having a two minute trer he could not afford to keep, he sent it to the sultan of Morocco. Now Davenport has just received a dispatch from the sultan that a herd of seventeen camels, six Barbary sheep, a hen and chickens and numerous rugs, etc., have been shipped to him.

—Benton county has by far the lowest tax levy of any county yet reported. It is believed to be lower by several mills than the levy of any other county in the state. The next lowest so far as reported is Linn, with a levy of about 22 mills. Benton's is 16.4 mill, or nearly 6 mills lower than Linn's.

—Notwithstanding unfavorable weather, work on the Thompson business house is progressing quite rapidly. The upper front has been covered with iron and a neat cornice is in place. The walls outside have been cemented and the roof is almost completed. This is the first building of the kind ever erected in Corvallis, but it is probable that others will follow.

—Registration matters are progressing slowly in Benton. The time for opening registration books was January 4th, but up to this time only two precincts out of Corvallis have requested necessary blanks from the county clerk, who furnishes them on application of justices of the peace and notaries public. The precincts having already requested blanks are Philomath and Alsea.

—The members of a basket ball team, with a new victory to their credit, arrived from Portland Monday. The score in the game with the Y. M. C. A. All Stars was 26 to 16. One of the Portland papers describes Swan as the wizard of the game, and says he threw 14 out of 16 fouls. Swan and Stokes were forwards, Moore was center, and Stelwer and Rinehart were guards. Coates was with the team, but did not enter the game. The next game is Friday evening with the Willamette University team at Salem, the next with the Dallas team at Dallas, and the next, probably with the State University aggregation at Eugene. In every case return games will be played with each team at Corvallis.

—The Glendale News publishes figures showing that the number of money orders issued at the Corvallis postoffice during 1903 was 1,832, aggregating \$10,101, and that the number of orders paid was 1,031, aggregating \$11,336. It adds figures from the Glendale postoffice and then says: "Thus it can be seen that Glendale is growing like a house a-fire, and not only does as big a postoffice business as towns four or five times larger but also in merchandise, and all other lines of business. Watch Glendale expand." The trouble in the thing is that the figures quoted from the Corvallis postoffice represent but a single quarter of the money order business of 1903, and therefore only about one-fourth of the business done during the year. While he watches Glendale expand there is chance here for the over-expanded News man to contract.

For Sale.

At about 50 per cent on the dollar large house, barn, and woodshed, 2 lots corner 3rd and Washington streets. Apply to owner. \$1800.

H. H. Kreger, Santa Barbara, Cal.

SEVENTEEN INCHES FELL.

In Four Months—Corvallis Rainfall—Totals for Past Three Years.

Four of the wet months of the present rainy season have passed, and the rainfall at eight o'clock on the morning of January 1st, was about one-half the entire rainfall of the year 1903. It was less than one-third of the total rainfall of 1902, which was the heaviest precipitation in several years. The four months in question were September, October, November and December. The total precipitation during the period was 17 inches as follows: September, .37 inches, October 1.73 inches; November 11.82 inches; December 3.08.

For the same four months the year before, the total was 24.02 inches as follows: September 1.16 inches; October 1.71 inches; November 11.23 inches; December 9.92 inches. During November and December of that year the total was 21.15 inches, or far more than one-third of the total rainfall of the year, and nearly two-thirds of the total precipitation for the entire twelve months of 1903.

During the last four months of 1901, the total rainfall was 16.24 inches, or a little less than the same four months in 1903. The figures are as follows: September 2.72; October, 2.24; November, 6.21; December 5.09.

The total rainfall for the twelve months ending December 13, 1901 was, 44.79 inches. For the year 1902, it was 54.03 inches, and for 1903, 34.13 inches. The figures are from the weather office at the college, and are correct.

For Sale.

O. K. Grubbers. Best in Oregon; three state premiums; one horse has the power of 99; can grub an acre a day. James Finney, Brooks, Or.

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 Overcoats..... 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.....
Ten cent outing flannel..... 8 1/2
Ten cent flannelet..... 8 1/2
Ten cent percale..... 8 1/2
Eight and a third cent shirting..... 7 1/2
Twelve and a half cent percale..... 11
Fifteen cent ribbon..... 12 1/2
Twenty-Five cent ribbon..... 20
Thirty Five cent ribbon..... 30
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.

All Mail Orders Received During Sale will be Filled at Clearance Sale Prices.

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>\$ 735 5.00 overcoats at..... \$ 400 8.50 overcoats at..... 6.25 10.00 overcoats at..... 7.35 12.50 overcoats at..... 9.25 15.00 overcoats at..... 12.00 18.00 overcoats at..... 13.85</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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>75 pairs Ladies' shoes worth \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50</p> <p>AT \$1.00.</p> <p>50 pairs children's school shoes worth \$1.25 and \$1.50</p> <p>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>\$4.50 Skirts at \$3.45 5.50 Skirts at 4.35 6.50 Skirts at 5.00 7.50 Skirts at 5.85</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 sardines... 6 for 25c Arm & Hammer and Schilling's Soda... 4 for 25c Napha soap... 4 for 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>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>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>	

Our Annual Clearance Sale includes every Department of this Great Stock of Good Merchandise, and the radical reductions apply to every article excepting only a few lines the prices of which the manufacturers control.

Regulator of Low Prices S. L. KLINE'S, The White House