

THEIR FINE WORK.

School Pupils of Benton—Exhibit for St. Louis and Something about it.

In the county superintendent's office over at the court house is work to attract the admiration of every citizen of Benton. It is by the pupils of the public schools, and there are pieces that are a revelation to all who see them.

The exhibit will include such work as the following and from the following schools.

Corvallis Public Schools—Maps, language, number stories, illustrated poems, needle work on card board, besides other features.

Philomath Schools—S. I. Pratt's room, grammar, 8th grade, work analysis, arithmetic, grade 7th, solution of problems; C. G. Springer's room, easy lessons in English, sixth grade; advanced arithmetic, fifth grade; spelling, sixth grade; Mrs. C. G. Springer's room, maps of S. A., Fourth Grade.

Richland School—One week's work in spelling. Oak Grove School—Language, third grade; grammar seventh; arithmetic, third grade B division; arithmetic, fifth grade; arithmetic, second grade; drawing by pupils in seventh grade.

Alexander School—Maps of Oregon. Independent School—Maps of Benton County. Blodgett—Maps of Oregon, and work in composition.

District No. 93—Maps of Oregon drawings, and spelling tests. Bellfountain—Cabinet of native woods, oiled and polished, including curly maple, fir, yew, cascara, walnut grown in Oregon, oak, willow, chinapin, cherry, locust, vine maple, alder, cedar, crab apple, ash, myrtle grown in Coos County.

Mountain View School—Cabinet of native woods, including section of yew wood, ash, alder and grub oak. Hoskins—Work in composition. Beaver Creek—Busy work. This consisted of card board work. The pupils of first grade cut their card board, made it into a box then worked different figures with needle on sides, top, etc.

Monroe—Language lessons by first grade, number work for third grade, number work by first grade; spelling third grade. Bellfountain continued—Work of 8th grade in European history, Ella Dunlap's room; language work, fifth grade; language work sixth grade, Allie Reader's room.

Philomath College—Latin, first year one recitation, physical geography, first year, geology, freshman, Virgil, first year, first year Greek, rhetoric, cartoons, special work, exhibiting native ability. The commercial department special work in book-keeping, preparatory and advanced, short hand and type writing. There is also work in astronomy fourth year, geometry, third year, Cicero third year; history of philosophy, photographs and other work.

Work is expected from the College of Philomath, and OAC is to be represented by a well selected exhibit. With what has been received, and what is expected, Benton's exhibit will be a surprise to many.

The exhibit will also include all blank forms used in the county superintendent's office, such as diplomas, certificates of perfect attendance, certificate of awards, programs of parents meeting, local institutes, and copies of the Benton County School Journal.

The Benton County Court is to be commended for its liberal action in furnishing all the paper necessary for this work. The following teachers have contributed to the work: S. W. Holmes, G. A. Peterson, Earl Brown, Mabel Abbe, Meldora Jackson, S. I. Pratt, Anna Pagenkopf, Corlie Starr, Julia du Molin Allie Reader, Ella Dunlap, Mary Dunlap, Jennie Robins, R. A. Clark, B. E. Emerick, President Philomath College, and his faculty, N. Tartar, Olive, Mallow, Margaret Fowels, Grace Huff, Lena Campbell, Josie Fullerton, Lena McCormick, Ethel Kyle, Lulu Evans, C. G. Springer and Mrs. C. G. Springer.

THEIR WEDDING DAY.

Marriage of Miss Winifred Gilbert and Dr. Wisecarver of McMinnville.

A quiet wedding occurred Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gilbert. The bride was Miss Winifred Gilbert, one of the daughters in the family, and the groom was Dr. Wisecarver of McMinnville. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion in Oregon grape, ferns and carnations. The ceremony occurred at eight o'clock. Rev. Handsaker of the Christian Church officiating. The bride's bouquet was caught by Miss Florence Wicks. After congratulations there was a sumptuous wedding supper.

The bride is a popular and estimable young woman, and the groom a leading dentist of McMinnville. Mr. and Mrs. Wisecarver left on yesterday's Westside train for McMinnville, which is to be their future home. Among those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Wisecarver of McMinnville, M. and Mrs. R. M. Gilbert, Rev. and Mrs. Handsaker, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gilbert, of Portland; Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Smith, of Salem; Mrs. D. M. Smith, Misses Fae Wisecarver of McMinnville, Louise Gilbert, Marie Groves, Florence Wicks, Mary Elgin, Harriet Sheagreen, Ethel Linville, Robert Gilbert and Oscar Groves.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS.

At Corvallis Planing Mill—Mack Porter Sold Thoroughbred—Other Local News.

Sheagreen & Baxton have just completed two additions of floor space to their sash and door factory, in preparation for an expected increase in business the coming season.

Mack Porter has disposed of another yearling Aberdeen bull to Mr. Balch, of Dufur. Not long since, Mr. Balch purchased from Mr. Porter two bulls and two heifers for his stock ranch in Wasco county, and more recently decided to take another. The animals was brought to town Thursday by J. F. Porter and shipped on the Pomoca Friday morning.

Ralph Reed and wife arrived on Thursday night's boat from Portland to take up their residence in Corvallis. Mr. Reed is to relieve B. J. Thatcher as the Oregon City Transportation Co.'s agent here. Mr. Thatcher is hereafter to devote his entire time to the grocery and commission business of Dunn & Thatcher. Mr. Reed is an old employee of the steamboat company, having acted in the capacity of bookkeeper and auditor at Portland until last summer when he was taken ill from typhoid fever. It is only recently that he became able to resume active employment.

A reception was tendered Rev. Father Springer by the members of the Catholic church Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Sheagreen. Progressive Whist was the amusement. Miss Kate Gerhard winning first and Mrs. A. J. Metzger the consolation. Refreshments were served.

February 8, 9 and 10, no longer, Dr. Lowe, well known optician will be in Corvallis at the Occidental Hotel. Don't fail to have him test your eyes for glasses.

For Sale.

White Plymouth Rock hens. Address James M. Herron, Bruce, Ore.

For Sale.

Maule's strain Mammoth bronze turkeys, toms and hens. Address Mrs. P. A. Kline, Corvallis, Box 11.

Experienced Nurse.

Offers her services at reasonable rates. Address box 364, Corvallis postoffice.

SALE OF HOTEL CORVALLIS.

Twenty Thousand is the Figure—The new Proprietor is St. Helens man.

A news item in Wednesday's TIMES announced the transfer of the Hotel Corvallis property to a new owner. Samuel Swanson, who purchased the incompleting building and a series of delays brought it to a state of completion and occupancy has severed his connection with its ownership. The new owner is Samel Miles of St. Helens. He is sole proprietor, and is in possession, the deeds having passed the first of the week.

The consideration in the conveyance is \$20,000. Of the amount, \$8,000 is cash, represented by a mortgage that the purchaser held on the property for money advanced by Swanson. The balance of \$12,000 is Portland property, which Miles conveys to Swanson, the above figure of \$12,000 being the consideration in the Portland deed.

The sale of the hotel in no way interferes with existing arrangements. Landlord Hammell has a lease on the property for seven years, and no transfer can make any difference in his arrangements.

The purchaser is an old time resident of St. Helens, Oregon, where he is an extensive property owner. He has resided for many years in the vicinity, and his purchase of the Corvallis property is merely a side investment.

A MIDNIGHT FIRE.

It Was a Barn, and Its Contents Went Up in Smoke.

The barn and contents on the lot of Joseph Fierstein at the corner of Fifth and Washington, were burned to the ground in the early hours of Friday morning. The alarm was turned in shortly after one o'clock, and there was a prompt response by the department. The flames, however, had gained great headway, and the firemen found it impossible to save the structure. These efforts were directed to the saving of an adjoining barn in which the horses and other belongings of the Seely Truck Co. are kept. A stream from the hydrant at Dr. Cathey's was sufficient for the purpose.

In the Fierstein barn a quantity of wood, potatoes, tope, and other things of value and use were stored. Nearly all of the contents were totally destroyed. Upon the building destroyed there was insurance to the amount of \$100 in the McMinnville Company. The origin of the fire is uncertain. A smokehouse adjoined the barn, but there had been no fire in it for some time.

Degree of Honor Entertainment.

The members of the Degree of Honor Lodge will give an entertainment in their hall over Allen's drug store, Friday evening, Feb. 5th. A program will be rendered. Admission 15 cents; children, 10 cents. The public is invited.

—James Jeffreys of Welsch, Idaho, is looking for a new home. He is the uncle of Thomas Jeffreys, and of Mrs. Sarah Cauthorn, and is the guest of the latter. He came to Oregon in 1845, but since 1859 has lived east of the Cascades, where he has been a heavy operator in livestock.

Teachers' Examination.

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Benton County will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at Corvallis, Oregon, as follows:

For State Papers.

Commencing Wednesday, February 10, at nine o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday Feb. 13, at four o'clock p. m. Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, algebra, reading, school law.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, physical geography.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, physiology.

For County Papers.

Commencing Wednesday Feb 10, at nine o'clock, a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 12 at four o'clock p. m. 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade Certificates.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic school law, civil government.

Primary Certificates.

Wednesday—Penmanship, orthography, reading, arithmetic.

Thursday—Art of questioning, theory of teaching, methods, physiology. Dated this 30 day of January, Corvallis Oregon. C. W. DENMAN, County School Sup't

THE LAW VOID.

For Assessing Bank Deposits—But Legislature Could Make Valid one.

Last spring, the question of assessing bank deposits was a live one in Benton. Acting under instructions from the county court, Assessor Bush made a demand on the two local banks for lists of their depositors, and the amounts deposited. The information was wanted for the purpose of bringing the cash of the county into payment of a share of taxation. The course was authorized by a statute which purported to require bank officers to supply such lists to assessors, and which provided a fine and imprisonment for refusal. The statute had been a law for years, but there had been no attempt to enforce it. Some held that it was not a valid law, and could not be made effective. The Benton county court took the view that an application of the law would speedily determine whether or not the statute was effective, and that if not effective it should be repealed so as to give clear way for legislation on the subject that would be operative in the matter, the Benton court was in co-operation with numerous other county courts of the state, the action in Benton being for test purposes. The court pursued the matter to the extent of going to the grand jury with a complaint on the refusal of local banks to furnish the lists of depositors demanded.

The attorney general has rendered an opinion to the effect that the statute in question is not valid. A decision by the federal courts is quoted, in which it is held that the state has authority to make laws to compel bank officers to supply lists of depositors for purposes of assessment. The statute on which the federal decision was rendered authorized the assessor "to issue compulsory process to require the attendance of witnesses and to examine them on oath, and providing for punishment as for contempt in case of refusal to obey a subpoena to testify." The attorney general adds, "Our statutes confer no authority on assessors to issue compulsory process to compel witnesses to attend, but in the light of the foregoing decision the legislative assembly could so provide, and I have been unable to find that said decision has ever been disapproved."

The grounds upon which the Oregon statute is held invalid, is that the title of the act does not conform to the subject matter in the law. The title of the act is, "An act to empower assessors to assess bank deposits," while the body of the law is a command to bank officers to supply lists of depositors, and provides a fine for refusal so to do, neither of which is mentioned in the title, in which respect the law does not conform to the requirements of the state constitution.

To do one thing and to do it well is more to be commended and of more benefit to humanity than to do many things and none of them equal to the best. Dr. Lowe limits his practice to fitting glasses, and puts the cream of 17 years experience into them. Don't trifle with your eyes or let others do so. See Dr. Lowe.

Notice.

Commencing Feb. 1, residence rate new subscribers on party lines will be \$1.25. Rates for telephones connected before that date will remain as at present, Emma Crawford, Mgr.

Dr. Lowe's superior glasses cost no more than others and you have the benefit of his 18 years experience. See him at Occidental hotel February 8, 9, and 10.

Lost.

Between Philomath and Gonal's mill, small, black bear skin cape. Leave at TIMES office.

Dry Wood.

Maple or fir in any quantity. Leave orders at Hodes Grocery store, or order direct to undersigned at phone number 226. Frank Francisco.

Upholstering.

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.

Sale of Furniture.

These and other articles are to be sold at my residence, cor. 4th and Harrison streets. One upholstered parlor set four pieces, one large french plate mirror, pictures, one hall tree, one hall lamp, one center table, one side board, two pair nice lace curtains, one steel range, one small cook stove, one small refrigerator, twelve window shades, one stair carpet bed room set and springs. Mrs. J. O. Kauplich

Some Special Plums During Our Annual Sale.

- 1 Lot boys' overcoats, 5 to 12 years, worth from \$5 to \$7.50, Plum Price \$2.50.
1 Lot men's mackintoshes worth \$5.50 to \$6.50, Plum Price \$3.45.
1 Lot men's veal kip boots, worth \$3.50, Plum Price, \$2.48.
1 Lot boys' shoes, sizes 11 to 2, worth \$1.50 to \$2, Plum Price, \$1.
1 Lot men's shoes, worth \$1.50 to \$2.50, Plum Price, \$1.
1 Lot men's black duck coats, blanket lined, Plum Price, \$1.28.
1 Lot men's covert ulsters, Plum Price, \$2.69.
1 Lot men's odd pants, worth from \$1.50 to \$2.50, Plum Price, \$1 a pr.
1 Lot boys' knee pants, worth 50 cts, to 75 cts., Plum Price, 33 cts.
1 Lot boys' knee pants suits, ages 5 to 14, some worth \$1.75, Plum Price, \$1.00.
1 Lot boys' suits, long pants, ages 12 to 19, some worth \$6, Plum Price, \$2.98.
1 Lot men's wool fleeced underwear, Plum Price, 98 cts. a suit.
1 Lot men's frock suits, 33 to 37, worth from \$7.50 to \$15, Plum Price, \$4.98.
A broken line of "Gold" white dress shirts, \$1.50 and \$2 grades, Plum Price, 75 cents.
A lot outing flannel, Plum Price 4 1/2 cents per yard.
A lot embroideries, worth 25 to 30 cents, Plum Price, 15 cents.
All our cloaks, wraps, jackets, tailor made suits, furs and flannel shirt waists at HALF PRICE.
A lot of women's outing flannel night robes, 54 cents each.
A lot lace curtains, 56 cents a pair.
A lot ladies' eider down dressing gowns, 74 cents each.
A lot of ladies' outing flannel kimono, at 48 cents each.
A lot of women's gray and ecru vests and pants, 35 cent grade, Plum Price, 23 cents.
Broken lines of K & G corsets, \$1 grade 69 cents, \$1.50 grad, 98c.
\$12 novelty dress patterns, Plum Price, \$7.90.
\$8.50 novelty dress patterns, Plum Price, \$5.90.
A broken line of ladies and misses rubbers, 18 cents a pair.
A lot of ladies' \$1.50 shoes, Plum Price, 98 cents.
1 " " 2.00 " " 1.35.
1 " " 3.00 " " 1.90.
1 " " 3.50 " " 2.49.
1 " Misses 1.50 " " .98.
1 " " 1.25 " " .88.
1 " " 2.00 " " 1.29.
A broken line of children's shoes a big bargain.
A few ladies' and Misses' mackintoshes, HALF PRICE.

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OUR GARDEN SEEDS Are now in either Bulk or Package.

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For Sale. Bright cheat and rye grass hay, vetch, speltz, timothy, and rye grass seeds, Poland China hogs, Shropshire rams, Good, bright vetch straw, fresh from the barn, for sale at reasonable prices. L. L. Brooks, Corvallis, Oregon.

Wanted. One hundred to 200 head of goats—Address, giving description, of flock and price. A. J. Johnson, Corvallis.

For Sale. Twenty shares of stock in the Equitable Savings and Loan Association, Enquire Geo. E. Lilly, First National Bank. Bucks for Sale. Oxfords and Grade Merinos—all two years old past, Good sheep with prices reasonable. Call on or address T. W. B. Smith, Corvallis. Phone Suburban 43.

Shropshire Sheep. Ewes and Yearlings by Barkis 130841. Lambs by Freshman 188626. Well bred young stock of both sexes for sale. GEORGE ARMSTRONG, Corvallis, Oregon.

H. S. PERNOT, Physician & Surgeon. Office over postoffice. Residence Cor. Fifth and Jefferson streets. Hours 10 to 12 a. m., 1 to 4 p. m. Orders may be left at Graham & Wortham's drug store.

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