

LOCAL LORE.

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—Services at the Catholic church tomorrow as usual.

—Service at Witham school house tomorrow at 5-30 p. m. by H. A. Deck.

—Mr. M. M. Davis gives a treat to a number of lady friends from half past two to five this afternoon.

—After a week's absence from college on account of sickness, Henry Shannon has resumed his studies.

—Mrs. Martha Burnett and Mr. Canon who have been at Los Angeles are expected in Corvallis within a few days.

—Plastering is now in progress on the cement building. Ed Felton is doing the work.

—Subject at the Church of Christ tomorrow morning, "God's Elect: 11 evening, "Fifteen minutes in Hell."

—Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gilbert returned to their home at Dallas Thursday after a visit with relatives.

—Miss Lettie Wicks is now a teacher at Hemmet, in the San Jacinto valley, Riverside county, California. Her health is much improved.

—Captain Bert Pilkington, who has been on a leave of absence from college for a business trip to his home in Douglas county, arrived Wednesday, and has resumed his studies.

—Mr. Robert Huston and daughter are now at Redlands, California. Little Helen's health is very much improved. Redlands is 65 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

—The enrollment in the Philomath public schools is some thing over 180. Fr. J. S. Pratt is principal and four teachers are employed. In an educational way, Philomath is far ahead of most country towns.

—J. A. Montgomery, the South Dakotan, who has been looking at Benton county farms with a view to making a purchase, left Wednesday for Salem. He is expected to return here today.

—Since January 6th, Mrs. W. I. Price has been at Tulare, California, where she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Walz formerly of the Belknap settlement in Benton county. She is to remain several weeks yet in the hope of benefiting her health.

—After an absence of several months, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Smith have returned to Corvallis. Mr. Smith has been employed in a big lumbering establishment in the vicinity of Bartin, Oregon.

—The organization has been perfected by which OAC is to maintain a growing exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Fair. The arrangements were perfected at a meeting of the executive committee of the board held in Portland Saturday. Dr. Withycombe is to have charge of the livestock arrangements, Prof. Lake of the horticultural display and Prof. Conote the vegetable exhibit. A plot of 12 acres on the exposition grounds has been set aside for the purpose.

—The next game of basket ball to take place in the College Armory will be between the University of Washington and OAC teams. It occurs next Thursday evening, and is expected to be a spirited and exciting contest. Basket ball is a new thing with the Seattle men, and they are out for honors in that line for the first time this year. They are to play OAC next Thursday evening and the U. of O. men at Eugene the following night.

—Taxes have been rolling in at the sheriff's office ever since the books were opened last Tuesday morning. The three per cent rebate is allowed under the law enacted at the late special session on taxes paid before March 15th, and it is apparent that tax payers are as anxious as ever to get it. The other provisions of the law remain the same as before. If half is paid by April 4th, the taxpayer has until October 3rd to pay the balance. If none is paid by April 4, a ten per cent penalty and 12 per cent interest from April 4th to the date of payment is added.

—An entertainment that is sure to be popular is to occur in college chapel on Saturday night of next week. It is to be for the benefit of athletics at the college, and all the talent in town is on the program. Those who know what the bill is, say it will be a \$1.50 performance but that only 25 cents admission will be charged. Sometimes to benefit entertainments the public believes it is to get about half as much on the program as it pays for. It is the purpose this time, to reverse the order and give the audience fully half a dozen times its money worth. There will be musical numbers in the bill that will leave music-loving auditors in a state of hypnotic and intoxicated delirium of delight followed by that ecstatic and exhilarating state of mind that prepares the listener to go home and sleep a sound sleep mixed with dreams of eternal bliss. Enough has been heard of the plan on the outside to start everybody talking of the coming event, and the story is that not a soul that has so far expressed an opinion will fail to attend. The date should be firmly fixed in the mind, so that no other engagements may be made. It happens on Saturday night of next week.

—Miss Eda Jacobs was an Albany visitor yesterday.

—F. P. Sheagreen was a business visitor at Mill City Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gene M. Simpson spend next week in the Oregon metropolis.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Irvine are guests for a few days of Brownsville relative.

—R. H. Cate left Wednesday for Bellmountain, where he is to accept employment in a prune orchard.

—W. H. Curran, of R. M. Wade & Co.'s Corvallis house, went to McMinnville Thursday on business.

—Harold Belt, of Aberdeen, Washington, has arrived for a six week's visit with his mother.

—Mrs. Young, mother of Mrs. A. J. Johnson of this city, died at Solo Tuesday. The funeral occurred Thursday.

—Mr. Reed of Portland, has arrived and is in charge of the steamboat office at the O. R. & N. Dock.

—George W. Henkle arrived Tuesday from a visit with his son Raymond, who is in the drug business at San Jose, California.

—The only brother of W. E. Waggoner was killed recently in a big mine disaster in Colorado. He was a man of considerable means.

—Mrs. Sarah Moore entertains a number of young people this afternoon in honor of the birthday of her daughter, Gladys.

—E. D. Mossie, the O. A. C. student who was recently stricken with paralysis, has been obliged to give up his studies at college, and has gone to Tacoma. His health, however, much improved.

—Mrs. J. H. Edwards, who for the past three weeks has been at the Orees home in this city, under the care of a physician, was able to return Wednesday to her home near Bellmountain.

—George A. Huck, a real estate dealer of Eugene, is in Corvallis, and hopes soon to consummate a business transaction of importance and of interest to this vicinity.

—Ladies of the Episcopal church are requested to meet at the residence of Mrs. C. E. Hunt next Wednesday afternoon. The object of the meeting is to reorganize the Guild and to discuss other business matters of the church.

—Miss Rose Ingram has returned from the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Ed. Looney, of Monroe. The twins recently born to the Looney household are two strong little boys.

—A handsome purse was made up and presented to Miss Hattie Potts by the members of the Lions at a meeting Monday night. Miss Potts is a member, but had not been in the organization long enough to be entitled to such benefits at the time of her recent severe illness.

—Joseph Greiner, of this county, went to Portland last week on business which he did not confide to his most intimate Corvallis friends. But his mysterious visit was explained Tuesday when he returned recently a mangled man. Mr. Greiner is a prosperous Austrian farmer of Blodgett, and the bride is a pretty young lady of the same nationality.

—Phillip Fowler and wife started Friday for Oskaloosa, Kansas, to remain. The parties came to Corvallis about six weeks ago from Kansas. Mr. Fowler obtained employment in J. L. Phillip's blacksmith shop, and seemed satisfied with his prospects. His acquaintances and friends here were much surprised to learn Wednesday that he had decided to return to Kansas.

—There was great excitement Thursday morning about Jake Blumberg's junk store on South Main street, occasioned by an alarm of fire in that vicinity. In some manner not certainly known Jake's bedding took fire and before the flames could be extinguished, a mattress, a number of quilts and an overcoat were destroyed. The fire is supposed to have been occasioned by spontaneous combustion.

—Members of the Corvallis Gun Club were busy Thursday collecting prizes to be awarded to participants in the big shooting tournament here on the 22d. All the articles now compose a handsome display in a show window in the Zierolf building. There is a varied assortment of merchandise and a quantity of cash. The arrangement of the articles is very tasty and the display is such as would be creditable to a first-class variety store. It would seem that every person who is likely to take part in the shooting contest might be able to secure a prize.

—It was Louis, the China Cook, who stood in front of the show window at Gerber's and admired a valentine within. It was one of the fancy affairs that maidens are delighted to receive on valentine's day. For a long time Louis gazed at it with admiring eyes and a face overpread with appreciation. Then he walked to the counter inside and inquired the price. "Oh, it costs lots of money; heap fine," responded the young woman behind the counter, little dreaming that she had a buyer. "How much does it cost?" asked the gallant celestial. "Oh, two dollars and a quarter, heap fine," was the answer. "All right; me take," responded Louis as he plucked down the cash and later walked away with his valentine, which, of course, some fair Corvallis damsel is to receive.

BOY SMOKERS.

They are Many—And can be Fined—So can Those who sell Them Tobacco.

A practice in Corvallis that has occasioned remark is cigarette smoking by small boys and minors. In recent years, the TIMES has frequently brought the matter to the attention of parents and others, but the smoking is still practiced extensively. Little chaps of 8 and 10 years are not infrequently seen puffing away with as much assurance as a veteran smoker. Boys of 14 or 15 years in some instances are completely addicted to the cigarette habit and smoke as regularly as they eat. In spite of the fact that it is forbidden by law and that the habit is destructive to the mental, moral and physical development, child smoking is said to be general all over town. It there is one thing more than another that deserves the attention of parents and of those anxious to promote the best conditions in Corvallis, it is this debilitating and unnatural practice.

Of especial interest in the matter is the question of where these boys get their tobacco and cigarettes. The law strictly prohibits the sale of cigarettes or cigarette material to minors. Every instance in which either is sold to boys is a violation of a statute for which there is a heavy penalty. Insistence upon the strict enforcement of this law with such vigor that cigarettes would be kept out of the hands of these youngsters would probably have many a one of them for useful manhood that is otherwise destined to become a physical wreck. Science and experience has shown that boys and cigarettes will not profitably mix. The one is the destruction of the other, and it is the boy that is always the victim. The asylum and penitentiaries are full of men who got their start on the down grade as cigarette smokers in boyhood. Their places there ought to be taken by men who are men enough to sell them the deadly wares. The man or men who will take the means to stop this sale in Corvallis will do a great deal for numerous Corvallis boys and carry glad tidings to parents for whom otherwise, future sorrows lie in wait.

The law on the subject of selling cigarettes to minors is as follows:

"It shall be unlawful to sell, barter, trade, give or in any manner furnish to any minor under the age of 18 years, any tobacco, cigar, or cigarettes in any form, or any compound in which tobacco forms a component part, without the written consent or order of such minor's parent or guardian, and when such minor has no parent or guardian, then in that case consent may be given by the county court, sitting for the transaction of county business, upon proper application in the county in which said minor may have his residence. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction, be fined in any sum not less than five dollars or more than \$50."

There is also a strict state law against the use of tobacco by minors under 18 years of age. It is as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any minor under the age of 18 years to smoke or in any way use any cigar, cigarette or tobacco in any form whatsoever, in any public highway, street, place, square, or resort. Any minor violating the provisions of this act, shall upon conviction, be fined in any sum not less than \$1 nor more than \$10, or by imprisonment at the option of the court, two days for each offense."

—The State Poultry Association's annual exhibit opens in Portland Tuesday next, and it promises to be the most interesting function of the kind ever held in the state. More than usual interest is manifested by Benton county poultrymen. Forty to fifty birds from the vicinity of Corvallis are to be entered in the exhibit. F. L. Miller will have at the show a number of Buff Orpingtons; Gene Simpson sends Buff Leghorns; Dr. Lester will exhibit White Wyandottes, and W. J. Fisher will send Buff Leghorns. A number of other poultrymen are talking of sending birds to the exhibit, but what they may finally conclude to do can not now be stated. It is certain that Benton county will be well represented by first-class stock.

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HYDRANTS NOT REMOVED.

A Mountain Water Scheme for Corvallis That Death Stopped—Something About it.

Though the first days of February have come and gone, there has been no removal of the fire hydrants, as was threatened in the late letter of the local Water Company to the city council. It seems to be generally believed that the company will not go to the extent of removing of hydrants. It is certain that the act would only have injected an animus into the situation that would have fallen unpleasantly on the company. There seems no doubt that the removal could have been enjoined by legal proceedings though it is doubtful if any attempt in that direction would have been made. The attitude of most of the members of the council was one of mere passiveness, in which it was proposed to allow the company to go ahead with the removal if it so desired, taking remedial measures on behalf of the city afterward. As it looks now, however, it seems likely that the hydrants will remain in service, and that some kind of negotiations may develop in which a more amicable arrangement may be effected.

Of course there is a phase to the situation that many a citizen fails to see. It is the natural desire of the Water Company to protect itself. It can ill afford to lay expensive mains and put in hydrants without some kind of a contract. Piping is high now and may be lower later. If the company puts in new pipes and the price falls possibly at the very moment the city proposes to buy the plant or contract with another company, the local company must lose, and lose heavily. For this reason, it is a hazardous step for the company to attempt improvements without some kind of contract.

On the other hand, the city hesitates to make a contract on a basis of Willamette water. Willamette water is better by far than many a town has, but the people want mountain water if it can be had. Smyth offered mountain water. It has also become known that another proposition for offering Corvallis mountain water was at one time fully matured, when it was suddenly stopped by the sudden death of a prominent Oregon capitalist, the heaviest investor in the scheme. This proposition is said to have included the purchase of the old company's plant by the new company, and an amicable arrangement all round. For these reasons the city authorities prefer to make no extended contract, but rather desire to let matters drift while they wait for something to turn up. The chance that the present high prices of piping may drop and that capitalists may seek investment in water systems are things that may happen at any time, and it is for something of this favorable character for which the council waits.

As in all questions, there are two sides to the water problem, and each party has facts to consider that the other does not always see. The first three days of next week, Feb. 8, 9, & 10 Dr. Lowe, the oculic optician will be at the Occidental hotel. Dr. Lowe has been coming to Corvallis for over 14 years.

The drift of water talk about town is turning in a new direction. A sentiment is forming in the direction of city ownership of water works. Many are pronounced in favor of a charter amendment by the legislature that will enable the city to issue bonds whenever it shall so elect. They claim that conditions may arise at any time in which a gravity system of mountain water may become feasible, and that the city at such a time should be clothed with power to assist if necessary, or to construct if advisable, a water system. Many think the present council should at the coming election submit to a vote of the people the question of whether or not the authority to issue bonds should be secured from the next legislature. They add, that with such authority at hand, the city would be independent of water plant promoters, and be in far better position to negotiate in the interest of a permanent and suitable water system.

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| Ladies' Jackets. | Brussels Carpet |
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| 1-3 off on Ladies Wrappers | \$1 25 Ladies Waists \$1 05 |
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| Three cans fancy sardines in oil..... | .25 |
| Two pounds Golden Sunrise coffee..... | .25 |
| Seven bars Daisy laundry soap..... | .25 |
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