

LOCAL LORE.

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—Born at Vale, Oregon, Feb. 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed M. Clark, a son.

—Surveyor General Daly was in town over Saturday night on a business trip.

—Walter Sheasgreen returned Monday from Albany, where he went last week to relieve the Western Union telegraph operator.

—An examination of teachers for state and county certificates begins in the circuit court room at the court house at nine o'clock this morning. It is the semi-annual examination.

—Eugene's well known oculo-optician, Dr. C. W. Lowe is now at the Occidental Hotel. Dr. Lowe has been coming to Corvallis for over 13 years. He goes to Albany Thursday morning.

—S. L. Kline left Saturday for San Francisco to complete spring purchases that will be on exhibition at his mammoth establishment early in March. Mrs. Kline accompanied him.

—Melis Bartmes of Hood River, has been chosen valedictorian and Miss Maud E. Cochran of Aurora, salutatorian, of this year's graduating class. Other things being equal, the selection is the result of test grades. The class this year will number about 35.

—The Peronlan literary society of the college was entertained at the home of Miss Ethel Linville Saturday evening, in honor of Miss Mary Sutherland, who represented that society in the recent local oratorical contest.

—The well known farm of Mrs. Dellah O. Houck, which has been in the Houck family for years, was sold last week. The purchaser is W. O. Metcalf, who arrived a year ago from Nebraska. The farm comprises 104 acres, and the price is \$75 per acre, or in all, \$7,800. Possession is to be given by the 15th of March. The property owned by Mr. Metcalf in the western suburbs of town went on the purchase price at a valuation of \$2,000.

—New talent is now in the pulpit at the evangelistic meetings in progress at the Methodist church. Dr. Driver who has been preaching there for two weeks, left Monday for his home in Eugene. His place has been taken by Rev. G. H. Fesse, an Eastern preacher recently arrived in Oregon. Rev. Fesse is described as a powerful and graceful speaker, who preaches with much spirit and effectiveness. He occupied the local pulpit for the first time yesterday evening. The meetings continue at 7:30 in the evening every day this week.

—Tomorrow, Thursday night at the Armory, occurs the basket ball game between the OAO men and the University of Washington team. In the latter team is McDonald the big tackle and Hill, the effective end, who played in Corvallis with the Seattle football team last fall. Another player is Mr. Shoudy, who was manager of the football team, and is now captain of the basket ball aggregation. The other players are all experienced basket ball men, and the team conceded to be a very strong one. The play will be called at eight o'clock, and it is expected to attract a large crowd.

—The OAO basket ball men defeated the University team at Eugene Friday night by a score of 25 to 22. The game was evenly played throughout, OAO leading usually with three or four points to her credit. A few minutes before the close, it was a tie at 21. After that OAO threw two goals and Eugene made a goal on a foul, leaving the final record as above. Rinehart was out of the game on account of illness, and Stokes was only able to play in the first half for the same reason. Coates entered the game at the beginning of the last half, playing guard against Thayer with good results. Stewler was the other guard, and Grover Cate played center. Moores played a good game at forward, and Swann held down the same position with his usual skill. A return game between the two teams is to be played at Corvallis on the 26th inst.

—Police Judge Greffoz is the owner of a blue-blooded canine of ancient and perfect pedigree. The animal is a bull terrier, and is about two months old. She is the gift to the judge from a friend in Ohio, and made the trip across the continent in a small box, arriving Saturday after a journey of eight days. Most of the fanciers in town heard of her arrival and during the afternoon of Saturday paid her a visit and their respects. Dogs of the kind are noted as ratters and it is for the defense of his home and fireside against marauding rodents that the judge has made the importation. Incidentally, the new favorite can do a little side fighting if necessary, and in this respect will be comparable among the judge's game chickens. The kennel from which she comes in Ohio, is a very celebrated one, and his Honor feels a just pride in her ownership. A dog from the same kennel that Judge Greffoz formerly owned dined on salmon a couple of months ago and his life of promised usefulness was laid aside for a newly made and early grave.

—Born Monday, to the wife of George Dow, a son.

—Born to the wife of John Goos, Tuesday morning, a son.

—W. H. Currin went to Salem Monday on a business trip.

—William Sechler returned Monday from a three-weeks' trip to San Francisco.

—Eighty seven persons have paid their taxes at the sheriff's office up to noon Monday.

—Floyd Lane came out Tuesday morning with his big new red truck, recently completed by Horning Bros.

—An egg measuring 8 by 6 1/4 inches is a product of Johnny Winkie's poultry yards. It proved to be a double egg.

—Miss Mabel Davis left Sunday for Hood River, to accept a position as pharmacist in the drug house of Dr. Rowley.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Wilkins entertained a few friends at Whist Saturday evening. About a dozen guests were present.

—Henry Howell, assessor of Lincoln county was in Corvallis Friday and Saturday on a short visit to his parents.

—C. C. Hogue, one of the grand officers of the order, paid an official visit to the local lodge of A. O. U. W. Friday night. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hogue.

—Great is Oregon—A spruce tree has been discovered on the Nehalem which is 21 feet in diameter and 63 feet in circumference, claimed to be the biggest spruce tree in the world.

—Invitations have been received in Corvallis to the marriage of Miss Laurie Whitman and Mr. Frank Howe. The ceremony is to occur at Dallas February 24th. Miss Whitman was formerly an O. A. C. student.

—Letters received in this city from William Bogue announce that Floyd is much improved in health, having gained 25 or 30 pounds in weight. The family reside at Lava postoffice, near the head of the Deschutes. They left Corvallis October 1st.

—Tuesday evening's spiritualist seance was to have been held at the home of Seymour Simpson. Quite a number of persons were present to take part but the guides of the medium informed him that there would be no manifestations that evening. The assemblage was, therefore, dismissed.

—Eugene Register: The local oratorical contest will be held next Friday evening in Villard hall. The winner of the contest will represent Oregon in the inter-state contest to be held in Eugene next June and the one awarded second place will enter the inter-collegiate contest to be held at Forest Grove, March 12.

—The Central Planing Mills and Box factory, after a thorough overhauling and the addition of several new machines, has started up and will first clean up several orders for building material and will continue to run without stop. They are to have a much larger and more complete stock of building material than ever before carried in this city.

—At a meeting of the city council Monday night, a vote of thanks was extended Robert Johnson for his services in the reorganization of the fire department, and the matter of a new sidewalk and the opening of a street in Job's addition were referred to the street committee. Dr. Farra was present and there was an extended discussion between him and the councilmen with reference to their differences on the water question. An effort to an adjustment is in progress, with Councilmen Avery, Henkle and Rose as the council committee.

—Mr. Eaton, representing a Portland dealer in chemical engines was in town Monday to present the claims of his machine to the city council. For a two-wheeled engine with a capacity of 55 gallons, the price is \$700. The engine weighs charged, 1,340 pounds, and uses a three-fourths inch hose. A quarter inch, three-eighths or half inch nozzle may be used. The claim is that it will throw a stream 75 to 100 feet, and that one gallon of the chemical is equal to 40 gallons of water. The 100-gallon, four-wheeled machine weighs when charged, 2,400, and the price is \$1,075. The latter machine is kept in stock in Portland, and can be delivered at once. The smaller machine has to be ordered from the factory at Chicago and 60 days is required for delivery.

—Judge Greffoz was mighty mad all the forenoon of Monday, He snorted and tore around to such an extent that to uphold the dignity of the city, he was almost in the notion of going over to the police court room and filing himself the limit on a charge of disorderly conduct. On his own behalf he thought he could plead extenuating circumstances, but that plea don't very often obtain judicial cognizance in the city court and the whole plan was abandoned. The cause bell was the fact that the judge's old dominick game cock, Mark Hanna, was missed Monday morning from among his chickens. Somebody, of course, had stolen him. There was no other possible explanation. A shrewd boy was hired to visit all the hen houses in the city and county, and Chief Lane was set to work on the case. However, when Ed. went home to dinner the bright noon-day sun had dissipated the white mantle of snow which hitherto had obscured the corpse of his favorite bird. In the afternoon the detective force was called off.

Just arrived at Hall's a full line of Alden's cadies and taffy. Try them,

TWO AFTERNOONS.

Two Corvallis Matrons at Home.—Mrs. M. M. Davis and Mrs. Berchold.

Mrs. Fred Berchold entertained forty lady friends at her home on Fourth street last Thursday afternoon. Little Miss Florence Berchold told admitted the guests at the doorway and ushered them to the dressing room. A lively conversation soon filled the rooms, as the ladies busily plied needles, crochet hooks and knitters. During the afternoon Mrs. Green rendered a piano solo and Mrs. E. F. Pernot gave two vocal numbers very sweetly. As the day began to wane, needlework was laid aside for a most delicious luncheon. Mrs. Berchold was assisted by Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Helm and Mrs. H. Allen.

Mrs. M. M. Davis scored a pronounced social success Saturday, when twenty of her women friends were invited to spend the afternoon from 2:30 to 6 at her home on Third and Adams. Progressive Finch was the order of the afternoon until a delicious luncheon was introduced, after which piano duets were rendered by Misses Carrie Danneman, Pauline Davis and Mayme Cauthorn, and Miss Lulu Spangler delighted the company with two love songs. The guests were as follows:—Mrs. M. M. Davis, Kniesly, Cilla'an, L. Wilson, B. F. Irvine, Harper, Woodcock, Andrews, Lee, Cordley, Brunk, Lafferty, Covell, Horner, and J. H. Simpson; Misses Carrie and Bessie Danneman, Lulu Spangler, Mayme Cauthorn, Mabel and Pauline Davis.

POULTRY POINTERS.

Suggested at a Recent Gathering of Corvallis Fanciers.

In view of this locality's growing importance as a poultry center some encouragement is offered to dealers in poultry supplies and to inventors of conveniences for poultry raisers.

Schemes to prevent chickens from flying was under discussion Thursday. Many objections were offered to the custom of clipping the wings. The man, in the experimental stages of his poultry experience, once unknowingly set a hen with eggs boiled for Easter Sunday and wondered why so many proved unfertile, suggested as a means of preventing chickens from flying, that a light but strong cord be fastened at the joint of one wing, passed under the body, and tied at the point of the opposite wing. However, before the merits of this plan could be discussed, another was offered by a gentleman, who believes in the strict application of science to all methods. Said he, "You should take the chicken when it is young and let the joint water out of its wings by pricking. That, as everybody knows, will stiffen the wing joints, and, of course, prevent them from flying." Although this plan was thought to be rather inhumane, the gathering nevertheless indicated its approval.

Then the question of the best means of preventing chickens from scratching gardens was brought up. The one which met the approval of those present is an invention, it is said, of Will Horning of this city. It consists in attaching a pointed drag to one of the chicken's legs. It is hinged to a band about the leg, and in principle operates much the same as the old-fashioned drag long ago attached to the rear axle to prevent the wagon from running back when the team was stopped on a hill. This instrument allows the chicken to bring its foot forward, but the sharp point of the drag sticks into ground and prevents the fowl from making the damaging backward stroke. If the chicken is left-handed or right-handed, only one drag is important, but if it can use both feet with equal facility a drag on each leg is necessary.

The above information is not copyrighted nor are any of the appliances patented; so if any of the poultry journals wish to give their readers the benefit of the suggestions they are at liberty to do so.

Strayed.

From my place about Nov. 1st, a red, 2 year old Durham heifer, branded, ISH on right hip; earmarks, crop off left ear and split in right. Reward for information as to her whereabouts.

W. H. Ish.

Wells, Windmills and Pumps.

I am now prepared to do all kinds of well, windmill and pump work. See me before you have your work done. Send orders to Simpson's Hardware store.

A. N. Harlan.

It will pay you big to buy an over coat now for next winter at Kline's.

PASSED THE LIE.

One Clergyman's Savage Rejoinder to Another—Could Not Agree on Baptism.

At an afternoon meeting in the Methodist church the latter part of last week occurred an incident that was not down on the program. In the presence of his congregation and a number of other ministers, Dr. Driver passed the lie to Rev. Handsaker, pastor of the local Christian church. "You are a liar," thundered the veteran preacher as he glared back in fury at the younger man. The incident according to all accounts was marked by dramatic detail, and has, since been the occasion of much comment about town.

The trouble arose over the difference in the views of Dr. Driver and the Christian clergyman on the subject of baptism. In fact during a series of meetings recently held by Dr. Driver in Albany a spirit of controversy is said to have been aroused between him and the pastor of the Christian church in that city. Among other things the controversy led to a challenge for a public discussion of the subject, but the debate on some account never happened. The incident is believed to have been a legacy, to a certain degree of the bad blood engendered in a town down the Willamette.

Dr. Driver's Corvallis meetings began two weeks or more ago, and in his first sermon there was a sarcastic reference to the doctrines of the Christian denomination respecting baptism. This and other references of similar character are supposed to have reached the ears of Rev. Handsaker, and in his own pulpit the Sunday following there was a quiet reference to the matter of baptism, and a spirited defense of the Christian position. It is understood that Dr. Driver's discussion of the subject of baptism was at the request of a number of pastors and laymen who wanted a defense to attacks said to have been made by Evangelist Wilson of the Christian denomination in tent meetings held in Corvallis two years ago.

On the above afternoon it happened that Rev. Handsaker was among the members of the congregation, nearly all the local ministers being present. Shortly before the service ended, Rev. Handsaker asked permission to say a few words. Permission was granted by Pastor Moore and after stating that Dr. Driver was not correctly representing the Christian position a passage of words ensued between the two clergymen that soon assumed a personal character. Rev. Handsaker finally stating that when challenged by the pastor of the Christian church in Albany to a debate, Dr. Driver had backed down and failed to defend his position. "You are a liar," was the vehement retort of the aged preacher.

For a few minutes there was a scene of much excitement in which several of the ministers present spoke of the matter, but it soon gave way to a condition of peace. Thereafter, there was an extended but orderly discussion of points in baptism in which several of the local ministers took part.

The members of the Degree of Honor lodge gave an entertainment in their hall Friday night, clearing \$20 as a result of their efforts. A large crowd was present, and a pleasant evening spent. The program rendered was:

Recitation, Florence Berchold; song, "You're your Mammie's Only Boy," Agnes Peterson; farce, "Aunt Sophronia at the Opera," Mrs. Peterson and Miss Sadie Dixon; song, "King of the Coconut Tree, Adelaide and Bernetta Sheasgreen; burlesque pantomime, "Lock-invar" by Misses Florence Wicks, Essie Adams, Ethel Linville, Mary Elgin, Florence Adams, Margaret McCormick, Myrtle Harrington, Louise Gilbert and Bertha Wattres; recitation, Miss Golda Lamar; solo, "Tell Me," Miss Eythel Pierce; farce, "Aunt Susan Jones," by Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Sheasgreen and Miss Hattie Spencer.

Don't forget to try Alden's fresh taffy and pinoche at Hall's.

Taken Up.

Notice is hereby given that I have at my place, 12 miles southwest of Corvallis an estray two-year-old Jersey heifer, having white spot on left flank; no brands nor earmarks. Came to my place Jan. 26, 1904.

W. H. Ish.

For White Plymouth Rock Eggs

Call on or address, W. A. Bates, at Corvallis Flouring Mills, Corvallis, Or. One setting, 75 cents; 2 settings, \$1.25

FEBRUARY INVENTORY SALE

This month is cleaning up month, stock adjusting time—cleaning the deck for spring business. Therefore you will find here that goods are lower in price, not because they have decreased in value, but because our policy will not permit carrying them over another season.

Ladies' Jackets.

\$3 00 Ladies' Jackets \$1 50  
4 00 Ladies' Jackets 2 00  
5 00 Ladies' Jackets 2 50  
7 50 Ladies' Jackets 3 75  
10 00 Ladies' Jackets 5 00  
Children's  
5 00 & 6 00 Jackets 2 50

Brussels Carpet 50c Per Yard.

35c Cottage Carpet 25c yd.  
40c Win. Shades, 25c each.  
1-3 off on all small pieces of Matting.  
1-3 off on broken lines of Lace Curtains.

1-3 off on Ladies' Furs.  
1-3 off on Ladies Wrappers  
1-3 off on Ladies Skirts.  
Corsets in broken lines 50c on the dollar.  
A few pieces of 50c Dress Goods at 25c per yard.

1-3 off on Wool Waists  
\$1 25 Ladies Waists \$1 05  
2 00 Ladies Waists 1 35  
2 50 Ladies Waists 1 70  
3 00 Ladies Waists 2 00  
1-3 off on Ice Wool Shawls and Fascinators.

Values and the worth of materials not considered. It's only how quickly we can clean up and make room for the new spring fabrics. At

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Art Calendars, Sofa Pillow Covers,  
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GROCERIES.

D. G. Sugar, 100 pounds.....\$5.65  
Extra C Sugar, ..... 5.15  
Padlock brand Peaches, 35c cans, for..... .25  
Palo Alto brand Peaches, 25c cans, for ..... .20  
Extra Standard crnn, two cans for..... .25  
Extra Standard tomatoes two cans for..... .25  
Six packages yeast foam..... .25  
Six magic yeast..... .25  
Four packages Arm and Hammer soda..... .25  
Three cans fancy sardines in oil..... .25  
Two pounds Golden Sunrise coffee..... .25  
Seven bars Daisy laundry soap..... .25  
Six bars Silk laundry soap..... .25  
Twenty dozen clothes pins..... .25  
Ten packages toothpicks..... .25  
Defiance Washboards..... .20

DISHES.

One set decorated cups and saucers..... 50  
One set decorated dinner plates..... 50  
One set decorated soup plates..... 50  
One set decorated breakfast plates..... 40  
One set decorated pie plates..... 40

For Month of February only.

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