

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Shipments of bicycles for spring sales are now arriving.

—John Steiwer and daughters Lyle and Ruby left Monday for their home in Marion county.

—Revival services at the United Evangelical church every evening this week at 7:30. Singing from new song books.

—The total registration up to Monday evening was 511. With about 2,000 electors all told to register, it will be seen that progress is very slow. The period for registration is now one-third expired, with but one-fourth of the names on the rolls.

—Five prominent instrumental musicians rode the Modern Woodman goat Saturday evening and became members of the order. The recruits will compose an orchestra which will be present at such meeting of the order, and assist largely in the entertainment.

—The younger members of the Order of Lions prepared a fine entertainment for Monday evening, the regular meeting time for the local lodge. A large number of invited guests were present. A programme and banquet were features of the entertainment. Several visitors made application for membership.

—A St. Petersburg dispatch tells how a number of the czar's subjects were down on their knees in the snow, praying for the success of the Russian cause in the Orient. The little yellow men seem to mix their prayers liberally with solid shot, and to have a heap of faith in keeping their powder dry.

—While attending the poultry show at Portland last week, Gene Simpson purchased for J. M. Porter a trio of silver spangled Hamburg chickens. The birds are the best of that class exhibited at the show, and they will be an excellent addition to the many strains of blooded poultry in this locality.

—Monday morning John Stahlbusch shipped on the Pomona the red short-horn bull he has owned for some years. This bull is well-bred, and is of immense size. He goes to a dairy ranch below Portland, Mr. Stahlbusch also shipped a six-months-old bull calf of short-horn stock to the same parties.

—The continued ill health of Bay Rickard led him into a determination to make a change of climate and try the virtue of springs near Red Bluff, California. Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Rickard, he started on his journey Tuesday. His father will remain with him, but Mrs. Rickard will proceed to San Francisco, where she has relatives whom she will visit for a time.

—A meeting of the Guild of the Episcopal church is called at the residence of Mrs. Wicks this Wednesday afternoon. All members are urged to be present. All ladies of the church are requested to send in their applications to become members. At the Guild meeting recently held at the residence of Mrs. C. E. Hout, Mrs. M. A. Wicks was elected president, and Mrs. J. L. Jones was chosen secretary and treasurer.

—J. Sanger, recently of Portland, has taken charge of the shoe shop formerly conducted by J. E. Fowells in the Millie Smith building on South Main street. The new workman began business last Saturday morning. He has a family in Portland but expects soon to move his people to Corvallis. Mr. Fowells went out of the business on account of his strain upon his health and has accepted a position in O. J. Blackledge's music and furniture store.

—The promptness with which taxes were paid last year was thought to be somewhat remarkable, but this year they are coming in still more rapidly. Tax-collecting began in both years nearly on the same date. Up to the close of business February 13, 1903, there had been issued 88 tax receipts, aggregating \$2,995.56. Up to the close of business hours February 13, 1904, there had been issued 199 receipts, aggregating \$7,075.17. The difference in favor of this year is \$4,080.61.

—The Union county sheriff is notifying taxpayers, says the Dispatch, that the time has arrived for paying the 1903 tax. The total tax this year will be about \$159,000, against \$129,331.02 last year, and the taxpayers will be expected to raise this additional \$30,000. Figuring the population of the county at 20,000, the increase is about \$1.50 per capita, and it is directly traceable to legislative appropriations. Estimating the population of the county at 20,000, the 1903 tax figures out almost \$8 per capita; the 1902 tax raise over 1902, as previously stated, figuring about \$1.50 per capita. Taxes will be paid beginning March 1.

—A well attended meeting of the fire department occurred Monday evening. The constitution and by-laws were amended to fit the new conditions, in which the active membership is backed up by a large force of reserve members. The latter all pay a dollar a year dues, and are given all the privileges of active membership except in that they are not eligible to office or to exempt certificates. They are to do patrol duty at fires, and are not subject to fines for non-attendance at meetings, drills or fires. The captains have been directed to choose their teams for the hose carts and H. & L. truck. The reserves have control of Young America engine.

—Clyde Fox of Summit, spent Sunday in Corvallis.

—Regular meeting of W. C. T. U. tomorrow, Thursday. All are invited.

—Miss Helen Steiwer arrived Saturday and is the guest of friends for a week.

—Mrs. Edwin Stone of Albany, was the guest of Corvallis friends over Sunday.

—Master Teddie Irvine of Independence, was the guest over Sunday of his brother, Roy Irvine.

—The spring term of the circuit court meets on the fourth Monday in each month.

—Paul Spielman was summoned to his home in Portland Sunday, by a telegram announcing the death of his father.

—A big force of workmen is still engaged in tearing down the carriage factory building for removal to Albany.

—A lot in the rear of the Osburn residence property was sold at sheriff's sale Saturday. The buyer was Mrs. Mary Whitby, and the price about \$300.

—An initiation, program and other special features enlivened proceedings at the Lions lodge meeting Monday night. The order now has a membership in this city of 125.

—The Dusty mail carrier was unable to make his usual trip to Corvallis Monday on account of high water, and was only able to reach his destination yesterday by swimming his horses.

—Albany Herald—Lawrence Griffith came down from Mill City on last evening's train. He will remain until Monday. Mr. Griffith has played tackle on the Albany College football team for the last two years and will captain the 1904 team.

—News has been received in Corvallis by Mrs. W. H. McLagan, announcing the death of her sister, Mrs. Mary Barker at the age of 83, at Decatur, Ill. Mrs. McLagan is the only survivor of a family of ten children.

—Plans have been prepared for a residence that Lee Henkle contemplates building in the spring on lots he owns south of Marys river. A contract will be awarded later, if figures suit.

—The grading of papers in last week's teacher's examination at the court house was not completed until yesterday afternoon. The board was Prof. B. E. Emerick of Philomath College, and Prof. Tarrar of the Corvallis public schools.

—After an absence of 10 years, Elias Miller arrived Monday on a visit to his mother, Mrs. H. C. Miller, and his brothers and sisters. He is employed on the ranges of Wyoming, and arrived in his cow boy costume with the consequences that it was a long time before his relatives were able to recognize him.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed L. Bryan are now residents of Payette, Idaho, where Mr. Bryan is a member of the law firm of Cox, Solas & Bryan. The firm has offices both in Ontario, Oregon, Mr. Bryan's former place of residence, and Payette, and does a large legal business.

—Henry Ambler concluded three sales of property last week. The Ol Felger barber shop in Philomath went to Guy Frik for \$400, and the Homer Wyatt house and lot in Philomath went to J. W. Berreman of Southwick, Idaho, at \$450. The 50 acres of land owned by Abe Henkle near Philomath went also to Mr. Berreman for \$1,500.

—The rainfall for the 24 hours ending at eight o'clock Monday morning was two inches. The rainfall for the week ending at that time was 5.30 inches, and for so much of February as has passed at that time was 7.25 inches. The rainfall for the 24 hours was the heaviest for any 24 hours for three years, except for one day in January, 1901, when it was 2.52 inches. The rainfall for the week was the heaviest in three years. The total rainfall now shows the 1st of September is over 30 inches.

—A large plate glass window in the Whitcomb building, and forming part of the front of the room occupied by Small, has been ruined. A year ago a small hole was broken in one lower corner of the glass, but the break was not extensive. During Sunday night some person leaned heavily or fell against the glass, making a break extending from the previous injury entirely across to a point midway of its length. The glass is heavy plate and five by six feet in extent. Its value is about \$40, but half the glass may be utilized by reshaping it.

—Mrs. H. O. Mostert was summoned to McMinnville Friday on account of the death by accident of Albert Wilson. The latter was a visitor in Corvallis for a few days last fall. Thursday night while traveling foot with a companion from St. Joe to McMinnville, he fell through the railroad bridge into the Yamhill river and was drowned. It was dark at the time, and the companion was walking slightly in advance. He heard a noise behind, and turned in time to see Wilson drop between the ties of the bridge and fall with a splash into the swollen waters of the river. Search was instituted, but no trace of the body was found at that time. Wilson's wife is a sister of Mr. Mostert, who holds a position at H. W. Hall's.

THEIR WAR.

Is a Fight to a Finish—Independent Creamerymen and Their Troubles.

Butter fat is 30 cents at the local creameries. For a week recently it was 32½ at both, and one of them went to the farmer's door for the cream. The prices are higher than the figures prevalent in the East. In spite of the high prices of mill feed, they offer magnificent opportunity to dairymen. With the multiplication of silos and the growing of all feed on the farm, there would now be an immense profit in the dairy business. The lowest check Thomas Cooper has received at the creamery this season has been \$100, and it has run as high as \$150.

The butter fat figure in Corvallis last year averaged the extremely favorable figure of 27 cents. That is far above the figure in the East where in most localities it averaged for this year 16 to 18 cents.

The Oregon price is in part the result of the creamery war that has been going on for many months. A big Portland concern is trying to get control of the market by driving out all independent creamery establishments. It has succeeded in closing out the independents in many localities. The purpose, of course, is to make a trust in the butter and cream business. The farmer is told that if this concern once gets control of the market, the price of butter to consumers will be advanced and that a similar advance will be made for butter fat. Some farmers believe it and some do not. Those who do not, point to the low price of cattle as the result of the beef trust, and say that a butter trust would have a similar effect on the butter fat business. They say that the more bidders there are for butter fat the higher the price will be, and that the higher the price of butter fat the higher must be the price of butter. They are accordingly anxious to keep independent operators in the field. They claim that when a trust gets a monopoly of anything that it is not the rule to operate for the benefit of producers, but for the exclusive benefit of the trust.

Meantime the war goes merrily on, the price of butter is high, the price of butter fat soars, and the independents are fighting for life, sometimes, doubtless at an actual financial loss.

STRENUOUS TOM.

They Say he Played Football at Eugene as Well as at Corvallis.

The strenuous and effective use of his elbows and knees the giant basket ball player from Seattle attracted attention at Eugene as well as at Corvallis. The hint in the papers there is that he played more football than basket ball in the recent game there with the University team. This is what the Register says on the subject:

Washington State University, 19; Oregon, 17. Such is the score that tells the story of the fiercest basketball game ever played in Eugene. The game was fierce in every respect and to many of the spectators it seemed that the husky men from Seattle had forgotten that it was not to be a football game. Time and again "Tom" McDonald, the big Washington captain, would tear through the Oregon interference and toss the leather in the basket. McDonald threw four baskets from the field in the first half and scored the only basket for his team in the second scrimmage. He won the game for his college, and although he was criticized for adopting football tactics, yet it must be considered that he is a big man, and was pitted against one of the lightest men on the local team.

Two fouls were committed by Oregon and Captain McDonald threw basket. Nine fouls were called on Washington and Oregon threw three baskets.

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

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.

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

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

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

Go to Zierolf's for fresh Yaquina Bay oysters.

IN DISTRICTS NOW.

Fire Alarms in Corvallis are to Show the Location of Blaze.

Corvallis is divided now into four fire districts, and signals have been established so that the alarm will show in which of the districts the fire is located. The dividing line of the districts is Fourth and Madison streets. The four districts corner at the intersection of the two streets. That part lying to the northeast of such intersection is the first district. That to the southeast is the second district, that to the southwest, the third district, and that to the northwest, the fourth district. In other words, James Taylor's barn is in the first, the City Hall is in the second, the Opera House is in the third, and the Methodist church is in the fourth.

When the fire is located anywhere in the first district, the signal is two taps of the fire bell, given at intervals after the regular alarm. For the second district, or that part of town lying south and east of the City Hall, the signal is three taps, given in the same manner. For the third district, or that part of town lying south and west of the Opera House, four taps is given. For the fourth district, or that part of town lying north and west of the Methodist church, the signal is five taps. One tap of the bell indicates that the fire is out.

The purpose of the arrangement is to give firemen an immediate idea of the location of the fire so that they may not, as has often been the case in the past, lose time in getting to the scene.

IN SWIMMING WATER.

Vehicle Overturned and Mother and Son Thrown out.

A team in swimming water, the wagon overturned, and its occupants, a young man and his mother, floundering in the water, was a scene in the south end of Benton Saturday. The party was Burt Norwood and his mother, who were enroute from Harrisburg to their home at Bruce. They were traveling along the wagon road a mile and a half beyond Monroe, on the Monroe and Junction route. The Long Tom was swollen, and the water was so backed up that the adjacent country for miles at a stretch was under water. At the point named the team for some cause, probably from swinging off the grade, plunged suddenly into swimming water, and began a terrible struggle for safety. The vehicle was at once turned over, and Mrs. Norwood and her son thrown into the swift current.

The situation was hazardous in the extreme, and consequences far more serious might have resulted. Fortunately there was a row boat in the immediate vicinity, and members of a family near, hastened with it to the rescue. The son managed in the meantime to keep his mother above water until the arrival of the boat, so that a severe wetting in the cold water was the only damage sustained. The team and vehicle were also rescued.

WILL BE SUBMITTED.

Governor's Proclamation Already Issued—Local Option Law—What It is.

A sufficient number of signatures has been secured and at the coming election the local option law is to be submitted for adoption or rejection by the people. The number of signatures secured to the petitions is 8,816.

If the law should receive a majority at the coming election and be adopted, the privilege would be given communities at a stated period to vote on the question of whether or not license should be issued to saloons. After the adoption of the law, if a sufficient per cent of the voters of Monroe should request that the question of saloons or no saloons should be submitted to a vote, and a majority should on such submission declare for no saloons, the town would become dry or if the majority was in favor of saloons saloons would continue to be maintained. It is a proposition to allow each community to regulate its own affairs with reference to saloons.

The proclamation of the governor ordering the submission of the law appears in another column of this issue.

Remember Nolan & Callahan's Remnant and Rummage sale will close Wednesday evening Feb 23.

Rent for Taxes.

E. W. Fisher has three acres of land close by the College for rent to any person who will pay taxes on same.

E. R. Bryson, Agent.

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,
And other Photographic Novelties.

Reductions for February

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, for20
- Extra Standard crrn, 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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