

LOCAL LORE.

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—Services as usual at the Catholic church tomorrow.

—Mrs. Mason left yesterday for a visit in Portland.

—Ira Jacobs leaves today after a visit to his parents in this city.

—Mrs. F. A. Helm gave a tea yesterday afternoon. Her guests were all widows.

—Henry Shannon leaves tomorrow for his home at Forest Grove, and will not return to OAC this year.

—Next Monday evening the Rebekahs of this city are to entertain their sister lodges from Independence and Philomath.

—George Horsfall arrived Thursday from Idaho, to remain for the present. He left on the afternoon train for Philomath.

—Ben Elgin leaves tomorrow for Carlton, where he has accepted a position in Dr. A. D. Morrison's drug store.

—The First Spiritual Union of Corvallis will hold services Sunday in Barrett Lyceum. Doors open at 2:30. Service at 3 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

—Mrs. John Allen returned Wednesday from a visit to Portland friends. She was accompanied by Miss Eliza Mayer who will be her guest for a month.

—Mrs. Henry Allen and little Eleanor left Thursday for the East. At Cedar Rapids, Iowa, they are to be joined by Mr. Allen and all will proceed to Washington, where they are to remain.

—It has been a long time since Corvallisites have had an opportunity to hear Jubilee singers. Monday night Flisk's well known Jubilee Singers are to appear at the Opera House.

—Congregational church—Sunday a. m., "The Forgiveness of Debts," Sunday evening, "George Washington." Members of the Masonic fraternity are cordially invited.

—The G. A. R. and W. E. O. will hold a meeting in their hall this Saturday evening. There is to be a literary program. The public is invited.

—Dr. Bowen Lester of Corvallis, was elected vice president of the Oregon Poultry Association at the annual meeting held last week in Portland.

—Mrs. Spangler is to leave Monday for Portland. There she will be joined by Mrs. Porter, and together they take the steamer that night for San Francisco for a visit with Mrs. Spangler.

—Albany Herald—Fred Englebard, a former Albany college student, left yesterday afternoon for Kansas City, where he has accepted a position with a large grain house.

—Tuesday, Record Keeper W. L. Sharp delivered to Mrs. Henry C. Miller a check for \$1,000 paid by the supreme tent, K. O. T. M. This makes two deaths for Corvallis tent No. 11 in the past six months.

—Rev. C. C. Polling will preach at Suver, Saturday the 20th, at 7:30 p. m., and also tomorrow at 11 a. m.; at Wells, 3:35 p. m. and at Suver at 7:30 p. m.

—An oyster supper is to be given at Plymouth chapel tonight. The proceeds are to be used for building a shed to shelter teams and vehicles during church service.

—Revival services are in progress at the United Evangelical church and will continue throughout next week. The interest is increasing nightly. Theme, tonight, "Hell;" tomorrow morning, "Heaven." Good singing. Welcome to all.

—Papers filed in the clerk's office announce the adoption of Robert Lynn Willey, a child of three months into the family of Robert A. Clark of Philomath. The child's mother is dead, and the father resides in University Park, Portland. The name is changed to Robert Lynn Clark.

—The return game of basketball between the OAC and State University teams takes place at the Army next Friday evening, and will doubtless attract a large crowd. The game is expected to be close and exciting. In a game at Eugene this season the University men were beaten by OAC in a score of 25 to 22.

—For several weeks, on account of the bad condition of some of the roads, a portion of the trip on R. F. D. route one was eliminated each alternate day. Monday the carrier began making the full trip every day as per schedule.

—Next Monday is Washington's birthday, and a national holiday. Carriers on R. F. D. routes will not, as a result of a special order from the postoffice department, deliver mail on that day. Patrons who call at the local postoffice before 2:30 can get their mail as usual.

—C. D. Belt and A. B. Muir, members of the city government of Dallas arrived yesterday to examine the sewage system of Corvallis. The city of Dallas is to install a system of sewers and information on the subject is being gathered. The visitors spent yesterday afternoon looking over the Corvallis system and matters incident thereto.

—Miss Emily Cauthorn of Portland, is the guest of Corvallis relatives.

—Miss Letha Patton of Halsey, is the guest of Corvallis friends.

—Mrs. Clarence Hout is in Corvallis on a few days visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilbanks.

—Mrs. H. W. Locke went to Portland Thursday on a brief visit.

—Miss Ida Locke is on a visit to friends in Eugene.

—W. S. Linville left yesterday for Dallas to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, David Cosper.

—Mrs. Bachelor of Portland, has arrived and is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Cameron.

—Mr. and Mrs. Schriber, of Independence, are visiting their Corvallis relatives, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Schriber.

—A. N. Harlan moved Tuesday into the Jackson house on Ninth street.

—Daniel Evans, a relative of Mr. W. J. Kent, is here from Burr county, Nebraska.

—One of the coming attractions at the Opera house is Uncle Tom's Cabin, for a late day in March. The same bill is also contracted to appear at the same place in April, 1905.

—Presbyterian church—the pastor will preach on "Soul Winning" Sunday morning and "Proximity to the Kingdom" in the evening. Splendid music.

—The mission band of the Presbyterian church agreeably surprised the pastor by sending him a valentine. It consisted of a handsome carriage robe with the picture of two lions thereon, significant of the lodge to which he belongs.

—The writer wrote, "The spring term of the circuit court meets the fourth Monday in next month." The printer set it, "The spring term of the circuit court meets on the fourth Monday in each month." The writer was right. It happened in Wednesday's issue of "The Times."

—In the Portland Telegram that arrived Thursday there was a photo and biographical sketch of Ruthyn Turney. Some of the statements are not quite correct, and Mr. Turney requests the Times to say that he knew nothing of the matter whatever, until after its appearance in the paper.

—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Healy have taken up their residence in Portland, where the latter has the promise of a desirable situation in a short time. Mrs. Healy went several days ago, while Mr. Healy took his departure Thursday. The Healy home has been rented by Mrs. Joseph Emrick, who will take boarders and roomers.

—A man came out of the west the other afternoon, with bared head and other signals of distress flying. He was John W. Ingle. The high water surrounded the sheep on his ranch west of town, and he went out to care for them. He was carrying a young lamb in his arms when both fell with a splash into the water. In the scramble for his own safety and the lamb's he lost his hat and was forced to make the trip to town without his usual head gear.

—While August Webber was on his way to town Wednesday from his farm near Granger, he captured a female China pheasant. In its flight the bird had struck a telephone wire and fallen to the ground as Mr. Webber passed. He secured the pheasant and brought it to town alive and apparently uninjured, and presented it to Hubert Hodges who, after clipping its wings, turned it loose in his chicken yard. The bird, however, is very shy, and Mr. Hodges expects to be able to keep it.

—The local packing company began Friday morning the work of packing a car load of prunes. The fruit in the packing house was graded and processed some time ago and the work now on hand is simply boxing. That now to be boxed is the crop of Paddock & Beck, who will ship to Milwaukee and take chances on the market there. Shipments previous years under similar circumstances proved satisfactory to Mr. Paddock, and as the market here is unfavorable, he decided to again try the methods which have been profitable in the past. The prunes are for the most part 40-50's, and they are to be packed in 50 and 80 pound boxes.

—The latest from the war is told in a dispatch, dated at London, February 19, which is as follows: News from the war center in the Far East indicates that the much-discussed land battle is at last imminent. The two opposing forces are lined up facing each other along the Yalu river and it is believed that before many hours have elapsed, the bear will make a desperate attempt to retrieve some of the prestige lost by the Russian naval forces. Who is in the front of the Russian line at present, but the troops are moving rapidly forward and extending their lines on both sides, so that the front of the Russian position will soon extend over a large amount of territory. The movements of the Japanese continue to be shrouded in deep mystery. The censorship on all points is of the strictest and nothing that indicates the movements of the army is permitted to be made public. It is certain, however, that most of the Japanese army is now in Northern Corea and practically ready to strike. News from the fleet is also lacking. There are many rumors of a third naval engagement, but these do not seem to be borne out by the known facts. It is likely, however, that another movement against Port Arthur is contemplated and it can be expected soon.

Go to Zieroff's for fresh Yaquina Bay oysters.

TEN THOUSAND PAID.

It is Tax Money—A Portlander's Question About Taxes and the Answer.

Ten thousand dollars in Benton County tax money has been turned over to the county treasurer by Sheriff Burnett, and it is probable that a payment on Benton's portion of the state taxes will immediately be made. The whole sum is less than half enough to pay the state tax, which is the largest in the history of the county, being \$24,745. The latter sum is more than \$6,000 more than the whole expenditure for conducting Benton county last year, the current county expenses being something over \$18,000.

Up to Thursday evening 328 persons had paid their taxes, as against 290 on the date last year. The more numerous payments this year indicates that everybody is hurrying to take advantage of the three per cent rebate, allowed for taxes paid on or before March 15th.

A Portland man who owns 120 acres of land in Alsea was notified by Sheriff Burnett that his taxes amounted to \$9.85. He wrote back immediately that there must be some mistake in the amount of his taxes, and requested the sheriff to explain. The Portlander said he had never paid so much on the land before. The sheriff is a busy man now, and had no time to answer. Thursday a second letter came from the Portlander, enclosing a stamped envelope and again requesting a reply.

To this the sheriff made the following response: "Your land is valued at \$600 and the levy is 16.4 mills, making your taxes \$9.85. You will get your money back and more in 1905." The reference was to the 1905 fair for which the state legislature made an appropriation of \$500,000, which is one of the huge appropriations that has so increased state taxes, and which is mostly responsible for the high taxes this year.

In spite of many explanations made in these columns, all people do not understand that the large amount of tax money now being collected is not due to high taxes for county purposes. The county levy this year is only five mills as against fifteen mills last year. The raise in valuation of property is 72 per cent. If the valuation were the same this year as it was last, the county levy, in order to raise the sum required for county expenditures would only be 8.6 mills. That is to say exclusive of rebate the levy is to yield about \$20,500 for county expenses. On the higher valuation it takes only five mills levy to do this; while on the lower valuation of last year it would take 8.6 mills. Save in the case of the Fischer estate on which the valuation was raised from \$26,000 to about \$75,000, of the Hays estate which was also largely advanced, and in the case of less than half a dozen others, every man in the county is paying a much smaller amount for county purposes than formerly, in spite of the higher valuations.

The figures show that the sum being collected for county expenses is very small, being smaller than it has been in many years. It is made possible by the fact that last year's expenditures were only a little over \$18,000, and the county court hopes to be able to conduct the county affairs as economically the coming year.

The big items of the tax now being collected are, state taxes, \$24,745; state school, about \$16,000; and county, exclusive of rebate, and including taxes that never will be collected, \$20,500. The items of state tax and state school tax, aggregate more than double the tax for county purposes. But for the munificence of the legislature in making appropriations last year, the tax collections this year would be comparatively low. Half a million for the 1905 Fair, \$100,000 for the Indian war veterans, and the big slices for the Portage road, all swelled into an aggregate, that in spite of the numerous vetoes of Governor Chamberlain which saved thousands, makes taxes again very high. As long as legislatures appropriate with generous hand, so long there will be no rest from taxes. It is an absurd proposition that Benton's portion of the state taxes should be more than it costs to conduct her county government; yet, that is the condition, the state tax exceeding the county tax to the tune of more than \$4,000.

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Rent for Taxes.

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WOULD ORGANIZE ONE.

A Business Man's Club in Corvallis—What the Plan is—Committees at Work.

A movement is on foot that has for its purpose the establishment in Corvallis of a club similar to the Alco club in Albany. The plan has been wrestled with laboriously by various committees and sub-committees for several weeks past. A point has been reached where those working on the matter have determined to endeavor to launch the enterprise, and a committee to canvass for membership with that end in view, has been appointed. The committee is, Thomas Callahan, Walter Wiles and Monroe Cameron.

The details of the plan have not been worked out. That has been left for the membership to settle, in case organization is effected. The general idea is to gather as many business men and citizens as possible into an organization for social, mental and physical development, and incidentally to supply a respectable resort to which students and others with time to spare may be admitted. The plan includes provisions for bowling alleys, a gymnasium, reading room, smoking room, billiards and other games, and for the sale of soft drinks, cigars and confections, or as stated by one of the committee on constitution, everything incident to such a club, except a bar and the sale of cigarettes.

The prospective constitution says the object of the club is the "development of the physical, mental and social capacity of its members." The management is confined to a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and five trustees, elected each for one year. Eligibility for membership is confined to persons, 15 years of age and over, and there are three kinds of members, active, associate, and non-resident. Active members must be 21 years of age, and shall pay an admission fee of \$10 with dues at one dollar a month, in advance. Associate members are to be between 15 and 21 years, and students of the Agricultural College are eligible. For associate members the admission fee is one dollar and the dues, 25 cents per month. Persons residing more than three miles from the city limits may become non-resident members, and their membership fee and club dues shall be the same as those of associate members. The privileges of the associate and non-resident members shall in nowise differ from those of active members, save that they shall not hold office or vote at club elections.

As stated above, the whole arrangement with reference to details so far is only tentative, and is subject to the will of the final organization, if effected. In preparing plan, the constitutions of organizations of the sort in neighboring towns, particularly those of Albany, Salem and Astoria have been studied, and the arrangement of the Alco club at Albany in particular has been largely followed, such changes being made as are necessary to meet conditions in Corvallis. While working on the plan a committee went to Albany and visited the rooms of the Alco club.

The movement had its origin among the ministers of Corvallis. A committee from them has held numerous joint meetings with a committee from the college faculty and a committee of business men. The college committee was, Dr. Withycombe, Prof. Cordley and Prof. Green and Rev. Moore. If the result of the canvass for membership justifies, a public meeting is to be called at which time there will be a full discussion of the matter.

FIISK'S JUBILEE SINGERS.

At Opera House Next Monday Night.

Corvallis will be highly favored next Monday night by the coming of the Fisk Jubilee Singers. Their reputation for exquisite harmony and surpassing melody has been firmly established by thirty years of remarkable success in Europe and America.

Their songs are those first sung at the secret meetings of the slaves when they would "steal away" unknown to their masters. The slave days are fast becoming dim in history, and we will not always be able to hear their songs as they were sung of old.

The singers come under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association and will appear at the Opera House.

Reserved seats, 50 cents. Tickets on sale at Graham & Wortham's.

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

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.

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| Ladies' Jackets. | Brussels Carpet |
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| A. & L. Rld. Oats, 22 pounds..... | 2.00 |
| Padlock brand Peaches, 35c cans, for..... | .25 |
| Palo Alto brand Peaches, 25c cans, for..... | .20 |
| Extra Standard corn, two cans for..... | .25 |
| Extra Standard tomatoes two 3-lb cans for.... | .25 |
| Corned Beef, 20c cans, three for..... | .50 |
| Dried Beef, 20c cans, three for..... | .50 |
| Three cans fancy sardines in oil..... | .25 |
| One pound Seeded Raisins in bulk..... | .10 |
| Two 1-pound packages Seeded Raisins..... | .25 |
| Four packages A. & L. Soda..... | .25 |
| Two pounds 15c Coffee..... | .25 |
| Three pounds 20c "..... | .50 |
| Three pounds 40c "..... | 1.00 |
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