

LOCAL LORE.

NEWS OF CORVALLIS AND VICINITY TOLD IN BRIEF.

The Comings and Goings of People, Social Gossip, Personal Mention and Other Items of Public Interest.

Miss Ethel Heslan a student at OAC, left Monday for Grants Pass.

J. K. Weatherford and Edwin Stone were in town on business Monday.

President Gatch returned Monday from a brief business visit to Portland and Salem.

Mrs. Hare of Albany, returned to her home Monday after a visit with Corvallis friends.

Oscar Healy left yesterday for his home in Portland, after a brief business visit in Corvallis.

Claud Hale, who finished the commercial course at OAC, is now stenographer in a prominent lawyer's office at Roseburg.

Clyde Phillips returned Sunday from the bedside of his wife, who recently underwent a surgical operation in a hospital at Salem.

Mrs. Jerome Post arrived Sunday from Santa Rosa, California, and is a guest at the home of her father, Ben B. Atain near Philomath.

The city election occurs on the third Monday in May. The announcement of the candidacy of Lee Henkle for chief of police appears in this issue.

Mrs. E. Bethers entertained a number of friends at her home Friday evening in honor of Mrs. A. D. Morrison of Cannon. The evening was spent pleasantly by twenty guests.

The county court is calling for bids for an artificial stone sidewalk to be constructed along the north side of the court house block. The notices to bidders is to be found in another column. Bids are to be opened Wednesday, April 6th.

Mrs. Jessie S. Pettit Flint recently received her ordination certificate from the State Spiritualistic Assn. of Oregon. This gives her, under the laws of the state of Oregon, all the rights and privileges of the clergy of other denominations.

The well being business and appliances of Mr. Wetman across the Willamette has been purchased by A. N. Harlan, recently arrived from Nebraska. Mr. Harlan is an experienced man at the business. His advertisement appears elsewhere.

Two Nebraska families arrived Saturday, and for the present are located in Corvallis, where they expect to reside. They are families of O. A. Stowe and A. P. Harlan, both of whom were in the law of J. J. Cady. They have a home in Holbrook, Nebraska. Two other families are expected to leave Holbrook on the 15th, with Corvallis as their destination.

Harold Wells of Eugene, won the Saturday Evening Post's prize trip to the St. Louis fair prize, for selling the most Posts during a given time in a city of less than 7,500 population. From November 7 to January 31 he sold 9,275 Posts, the next nearest being a boy in Pennsylvania, the third in Maryland and the fourth in Indiana. The prize is worth at least \$200 and besides during the contest Wells won \$29 in cash, a gold watch, silver watch and twelve watches.

Miss Alice Wicklund was winner of the local oratorical contest of the Prohibition League, held in college chapel Saturday night. She was awarded a gold medal as the fruit of her victory, and is to represent the local league in a state oratorical contest to take place in Philomath next month. Her subject was, "The Life and Achievement of the late Frances Willard. Second place and a silver medal were taken by Waldo E. Colbert. The other contestant was Mark D. McCallister.

What promises to be the best basketball game of the season takes place in College Armory Friday evening. It will be between the OAC and Dallas College teams, and until the last half ends, the outcome will be involved in doubt. Last year the Dallas team defeated the OAC and in the latter's own territory, and this season defeated them again at Dallas. The style of play of the two teams is very much the same, and so excellent is the play of the Dallas men that the OAC players account the game as the hardest of the year. The contest will undoubtedly attract a large crowd.

A pretty incident occurred in one of the society halls at the college Saturday night. It was the presentation of a gold medal by the Amicitias to John Witty who figured conspicuously in the award of medals in the late local oratorical contest in which he took second honors and was a close competitor for first place. The presentation speech was neatly made by Karl Stelwer in behalf of the society and called out a feeling response from the recipient. The medal is a handsome one and a fitting token of the very high esteem in which his society holds Mr. Witty and his efforts as their champion.

Dr. Wells, the Albany V.S. will be at Fruit livery stables every Friday of each week. Bring your horses and have them examined free of charge.

BENTON NEWS.

DOLLAR AND SIX BIT CASE BOBS UP AT PHILOMATH.

Monroe man Spilled in Flooded Road—Shipping Wheat from Eastern Oregon—Philomath Says Political pot is Boiling—Other News.

Miss Willoughby of Eddyville is visiting with Rev. Mrs. McElroy.

County Clerk Moses took in the sights of our city one day last week.

Philomath, Ore., March 7.—Prof. Denman was visiting the Philomath public schools last week.

The ladies aid society keep a supply of pastry and bread at Moses Bros. for the accommodation of students and others.

The loggers of the Benton County Lumber Co. have not been able to work for the last few days on account of so much ice and snow in the mountains.

Mr. Thomas Chandler, a former resident of Philomath has sold his interest in the mercantile business at Tangent. Mr. S. Moses was over there to help invoice the stock last week.

The political pot is beginning to boil. A Philomath correspondent of the Times indulged in a little undignified mud flinging in the issue of March 5th. County Superintendent Denman enjoys immense popularity in Philomath, not many would accuse him of making a fling at Philomath.

The "dollar and six bit case" will not down. It raised its ugly head again at the last meeting of the city council in the shape of a bill of seventy-five dollars for lawyers fees from Weatherford & Wyatt of Albany. This makes considerable over three hundred dollars for the tax-payers have had to "dig up" besides paying the original bill.

AT MONROE.

Mrs. Gartin's use is ill, and is at Mr. Peal's.

The mill has been shut down the past few days, the water being too high to grind.

On account of the river cutting in, Mr. Doidge has moved his house about 60 feet.

A. Wilhelm & Sons have had 15,000 bushels of wheat shipped in on the Junction and Harrisburg mills, recently from Eastern Ore.

The Royal Neighbors gave a supper in Wilhelm's Hall last Saturday. Taking the bad weather in consideration there was a good time and a general good time was reported.

John Nickelburg & Co's traveling salesman of San Francisco, Frank Peters will not be liable to come to Monroe again until the roads get better or the water goes down. He was coming from Junction City and when within a mile of this place and while crossing the water in front of Mr. Brown's house his back was upset. The sample trunks got

wet and the contents badly damaged. The driver and himself had a narrow escape and the harness was cut loose to let the horses out. The back still remains in the water. It looks as if the roads should be looked after in this part of the country.

Miss Ruth Drake commenced her school at the Godman school house Monday, Feb. 29th. X.

AT PHILOMATH.

Dell Henkle returned home from Portland Friday.

The Benton County Lumber Co's mill will start again Monday.

Mr. Miller who bought the Verstig place, came last Saturday, Oklahoma was his former home.

H. F. White will represent the Philomath League in the State contest next April. The contest will be held in Philomath.

The musical recital given by Prof's Goodnough and Turney in the College of Philomath chapel last Saturday evening was excellent.

Rev. J. W. Berryman of North-western Idaho has moved to Philomath. He will make his home in town having bought the Homer Wyatt place.

The contestants at the local Oratorical Contest were H. F. White, Oscar Weed, Merle Staines, and Andrew Whitten. The judges on composition were Profs Berchtold and Shaw and E. Bryant. All of the judges on delivery were T. T. Vincent, George Denman and A. F. Green.

IN IGNE.

Moscow, March 2.—Among thoughtful Russians, there is a constantly deepening impression that Russia will yet have to face the combined power of the yellow races, the cunning neutrality proclamations of China and Korea to the contrary notwithstanding. There are serious traces of despondency among the better class of Russians, and some solid Russian success is anxiously awaited and badly need as a tonic.

The government, knowing this fact, caused to be circulated a report of a Russian success at Port Arthur yesterday, in which a Japanese warship was said to have been sunk, but the news was received with open skepticism in the absence of direct official confirmation.

It is semi-officially stated that Japanese and Russian advances are in sight of each other, and news of the first land battle are awaited with a degree of apprehension.

News of the activity of the Chinese troops in the province of Chihli is confirmed from official sources. General's Yuan Shi Kai and Ma are concentrating their foreign-drilled forces at strategic points and trouble is feared.

New York, March 4.—At 2 o'clock this morning workmen in removing the body of Alexander Johnson, an ironworker, from the wrecked Hotel Darlington, uncovered Charles Laeck, a plasterer, who was alive, with an immense beam across his chest. He had lain 36 hours under tons of debris. The man died as he reached the door of the hospital. The known dead are 15—14 bodies have been removed.

Go to Zierolf's for fresh Yaquina Bay oysters.

Lumber and Building Material. From now on we will keep in stock a Full Line of Building Lumber. We have arranged with the Curtis Lumber Co. to handle their lumber at Corvallis. We are now prepared to offer Special Prices on a large stock of material. General Planing Mills & Box Factory.

HOME-SEEKERS! IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOME REAL good bargains in stock, grain, fruit and poultry Ranches, write for my special list, or come and see me. I shall take pleasure in giving you all the reliable information you wish, also showing you over the country. HENRY AMBLER, Real Estate, Loan, and Insurance, Philomath, Oregon.

E. E. WHITE REAL ESTATE CO. TO HOMESEEKERS. You have come from the land of ice and snow, and you don't know just where you want to go; You have not yet run short of cash and you want to invest so as not to smash. Perhaps you're a farmer—want someone to show Where the largest and best crops unfailingly grow And tell and assure you exactly where You will surely be dealt with just and fair.— Where they will not try to cheat and beat you, If you are earnestly trying to purchase a home Just call at the office of White & Stone, On Main street, Corvallis, they will be found Always ready and willing to show you around; If you would be used very nice and polite, You should make the acquaintance of E. E. White. We are certain to please with the farms to be shown By our gentlemanly solicitor H. M. Stone. They will tell you where the best prunes grow— They have been in the business and surely know, And where to grow fine grain, but if dairying you would try They can tell you just where a fine ranch to buy. They do your business,—deal in city lands And the renting of houses is in their hands. So when you come here, a stranger and alone, Just call at the office of White & Stone

CORVALLIS & EASTERN RAILROAD. Time Card Number 22. 2 For Yaquina: Train leaves Albany.....12:45 p. m. " Corvallis..... 2:00 p. m. " arrives Yaquina..... 6:20 p. m. 1 Returning: Leaves Yaquina..... 6:45 a. m. Leaves Corvallis..... 11:30 a. m. Arrives Albany..... 12:15 p. m. 3 For Detroit: Leaves Albany..... 7:00 a. m. Arrives Detroit..... 12:20 p. m. 4 from Detroit: Leaves Detroit..... 1:00 p. m. Arrives Albany..... 5:55 p. m. Train No. 1 arrives in Albany in time to connect with S P south bound train, as well as giving two or three hours in Albany before departure of S P north bound train. Train No 2 connects with the S P trains at Corvallis and Albany giving direct service to Newport and adjacent beaches. Train 3 for Detroit, Breitenbush and other mountain resorts leaves Albany at 7:00 a. m., reaching Detroit at noon, giving ample time to reach the Springs the same day. For further information apply to EDWIN STONE, Manager. H. H. Cronise, Agent Corvallis. Thos. Cockrell, Agent Albany.

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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. E. R. Bryson, Attorney at Law.

OPERA HOUSE---ONE NIGHT Tuesday, March 15th.

MAHARA'S BIG MINSTREL CARNIVAL. Attention!!!

Headed by the Only BILLY YOUNG and GORDON GOLLINS, Singing Comedians, assisted by Six Comedy Jesters and a Competent Lady Chorus, Elevated First Part. Big Second Part—Olio of Pleasing Vaudeville, concluding with the One Act Rag Time Opera, "Africa." Free Band Concert at 7:15 p. m.

BIG SENSATIONAL STREET PARADE AT 4 O'CLOCK.

—W. M. Jones of Dallas, is buying cattle in the vicinity of Corvallis.

—Born, March 7, on Dixon Creek, to the household of Burt Wood, a ten-pound boy.

—Robert Bowman, of Portland, a former resident of Corvallis, is here on business and for a week's stay with friends.

—J. G. Hornlog went over to Lake Creek the last of the week to build a house and otherwise prepare to live on his homestead.

—By a fall, Monday evening, Mrs. Welleher sustained a badly sprained ankle. For a time it was believed that the limb was broken.

—Miss Kathleen Canfield of Yamhill county, and Lee Thornton of Roseburg, were married in Portland a few days ago. Both are graduates and former well-known students at O. A. C.

—Mr. and Mrs. William Cores went to Portland Monday. The latter goes to be treated for rheumatism and will be away an indefinite time. Mr. Cores is expected home today or tomorrow.

—Prof. S. I. Pratt, a popular and successful school man, announces his candidacy for the office of county school superintendent. A card, declaring his purpose, appears elsewhere in this paper.

—At the annual meeting Monday night, the Citizens' League elected the following officers: M. S. Woodcock, president; E. Allen and Dr. Harper, vice presidents; E. E. Wilson, secretary and B. W. Johnson, treasurer.

—Very interesting lectures are in progress this week at the church of Christ. The speaker is Rev. G. K. Berry, an able pulpiteer of Portland, and the subject is "Church History." The lectures are given every evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, and are attracting good audiences.

—Copies of the proposed Primary Election and Local Option Laws are on file at the county clerk's office, where they can be seen by those seeking light on the subject. Both measures are to be voted on by the people at the coming election under the initiative provision of the constitution.

—Things were lively at the Lions Lodge Monday evening. After the business meeting there was a social at which 135 persons were present. A feature was the following program: solo, Miss Spangler; recitation, and encore, Mrs. Cale; reading, West Newton; solo, D. W. Pritchard; recitation, Beale Danneman; duet, Miss Carrie Danneman and Miss Spangler; recitation, Miss Huff. A banquet was the concluding feature.

—Of the 90 judges and clerks of election appointed by the county court, no less than 23 have failed to file notice of their acceptance. Formal notice has been given them by the county clerk of their appointment. They have also been told that it is necessary to file notice of their acceptance with the county clerk, but in 23 instances they have failed to do so. The condition is not understood at the court house.

—The average height of the Willamette river has been greater during the past month than has ever been known for the same period. At no time this season has it reached a very high stage, but it has maintained a heavy flow. For more than two weeks just passed the ferry here has been able to run only three or four hours. That was on last Monday afternoon, but before six o'clock the river had risen again so that the ferry had to discontinue its trips. Monday night the river came up three feet and its height gave promise of another continued rest for the ferryman.

—An inter-class field and track meet is one of the diversions for the near future out at the college. Each of the four classes is preparing to turn out a field and track team to contest in the various events. A pennant is to be the prize for the winner. In the contests the freshmen loom up with great material in Coares, Walker, Smithson, Rumbaugh and others while the juniors likewise tower with Williams, Abraham, Moores, Stelwer and other formidable figures. The meet is likely to occur April 9th.

—The cove, to the training track on the college athletic field, which went down in a stress of weather in the first attempt to stretch it, was successfully speed last Saturday, and was in use for the first time by the athletes Monday afternoon. A large number of track men were on hand to practice, and a large number of spectators were out to watch proceedings. The track is in excellent condition for use and the hurdles and sprinters from now on will have fine facilities for reaching best results in training. Director Trine is very much pleased with the new arrangement and with prospects in general.

Paris, March 4.—Madagascar 2-0 vices state that the great Comoro island craters still continue in eruption after two weeks with loss of many native lives.

Madrid, March 5.—An avalanche of snow today buried the village of Reas in the province of Grenada. Many of the villagers were entombed.

—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.