

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Wheat 72.
—William Crees left yesterday for Portland whither he goes for electrical treatment.

—Mrs. E. A. Wilkins entertained a number of lady friends Thursday afternoon.

—J. M. Nolan returned yesterday from a business trip to Portland.

—S. N. Wilkins left yesterday for Portland where is to be a member of a class of embalmers that is to undergo an examination today, before the State Board of Health.

—The next debate in the Gatch cup series takes place in college chapel this, Saturday evening. It will be between teams from the Sorosis and Jeffersonian societies.

—James Guier, recently bound over to the circuit court on a charge of rape, was arrested yesterday on a bench warrant issued by Judge Hamilton and his bond increased to \$1,000. His former bond was \$100.

—L. T. Harris, speaker of the Oregon house of representatives, and a formidable candidate for the republican nomination for congress in this district, was in town yesterday. He left at noon for points down the Westside.

—Six hundred and eighty five pounds was the weight of a huge Berkshire sow purchased the other day at the Lilly meat market. The porker was from the college and was two years old. The carcass was mammoth in proportions and attracted much attention.

—W. H. Hines, of Pattonsburg, Davis county, Missouri, writes, asking information as to the whereabouts of his brother, J. B. Hines, who was formerly a resident of Corvallis. A letter for the missing brother accompanying the request, can be had by calling at the local postoffice.

—Prof. A. C. Schmitt, who has served so acceptably as supply for Miss Chamberlin in the department of German and history at the college has resigned his place, his resignation to take effect on the 24th inst. Prof. Schmitt is a son-in-law of the late Judge Fling, whose death made a vacancy in the presidency of the First National bank at Albany. Cashier Langdon has been elected to the position, and Prof. Schmitt has been elected to the cashiership.

—Creffield, the Holy Roller apostle, is wanted by Portland officers on a criminal charge that the Oregonian says will likely land him in the penitentiary. The charge is made by B. E. Starr whose wife is named in the complaint. The allegations seem to be that under the cloak of religion the scoundrel was a betrayer. The TIMES always held him up as a fraud, and was criticised for it. Its position is more than vindicated by the revelations in the Portland courts, where it is the statement that he is liable to a dozen charges of the sort. The scamp is in hiding.

—While Oral Davidson and Carl Steiwer, two students were practicing basket ball Tuesday afternoon, they came together in such a manner that the latter's head struck the cheek bone of Davidson inflicting a severe fracture. The bone was broken inwardly, but the parts were successfully drawn to place by a physician. The proximity of the wound to the eye rendered study impossible and Mr. Davidson on Thursday went to his home at Harrisburg. While he is likely to recover speedily from the injury, it is said that he will not return to school this year. The young man has been unfortunate in experiencing considerable illness the present year.

—The mail via the new morning and evening route from Albany arrived yesterday morning. It comprised a heavy newspaper mail, including Portland evening papers, Valley papers and a large budget of eastern mail. A large Portland letter mail was also a part of the consignment. The whole aggregated almost two-thirds of the mail that usually arrives at noon and that consignment was correspondingly reduced. The arrangement relieves the heavy congestion always on when all at the mails of the day poured in at the local office at midday, and gives the office force opportunity to handle the mails with greater facility and dispatch. The departing mail in the evening closes at six o'clock. The arrangement, as it becomes more and more understood will continue to grow in favor.

ANOTHER INVASION.

A Fight to the Death, Maybe—Hope of Relief.

Jesse Spencer's barber shop is again suffering from an invasion of cockroaches from the old restaurant building, and it seems unlikely that there is enough grease and phosphorus in the town to arrest the influx. By placing small quantities of these ingredients combined, at various stations on the runways of the bugs. Mr. Spencer has in the past been reasonably successful in poisoning them. After partaking of the grease and phosphorus, the cockroaches swell up and die from heart failure, and in the dark their corpses glow with the brilliancy of a lightning bug.

It should be stated also that Mr. Spencer supplemented this method of fighting the cockroaches, by extreme vigilance and activity upon his own part. When he saw a stray bug racing along the wall or across the floor, he immediately attacked it in person and the ferocity with which he would throw chairs and men and other things out of the way, in order to reach and pursue his prey, is doubtless one of the principal observations which led to a recent promulgation of the scientific fact that a man does not always see snakes when he has the delirium tremens. A little more profound consideration of Spencer's case, however, would have as certainly disclosed another scientific fact, namely, that a man may not be suffering from delirium tremens although all the symptoms are present.

The latest invasion of the barber shop by cockroaches is occasioned by an extensive raising of floors and tearing down of partitions in the old restaurant building adjoining and the tonsorial parlors afford even a richer field than previously, for scientific investigation. Here it is readily proven that a sane man's realities may be to him what hallucinations are to the insane.

The bugs have eaten up all of Spencer's poison and the horde of invaders seems not to have been in the least repulsed. Friends are not disposed to attach as much importance to the circumstance as the proprietor does. At first they assisted him in a desultory manner, but so many became maimed by the misdirected efforts of Spencer that they finally deserted him to a man. When he found that he would be compelled to wage the war single-handed, Spencer addressed a few words, in the nature of an appeal, to the last departing comrade. "I expect," said he, "to die, if need be, in defense of my illihee, and if this result should ensue, I hope the boys will rescue my poor mangled corpse from these ghoully varmints." He might have said more, but at that moment a brigade of cockroaches swarmed through a crack in an unexpected quarter. Razors began to fly with uncertain aim, and the door closed behind Spencer's last hope of a faithful ally.

Latest reliable reports from the seat of war are to the effect that Spencer is battling manfully and holding his own, although the shop is said to be a total wreck. An encouraging circumstance is that friends prevailed upon Charley Small to cease operations in the restaurant building in the hope that the migration thence will subside and at least afford Spencer a chance to recover his wind and spit on his hands.

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L. L. Brooks.

To the Voters of Benton County:

According to the wishes of a large number of patrons and friends of our public schools, I submit my name to the voters of Benton county for the office of county school superintendent.

Very Respectfully,
S. I. Pratt.

Philomath, Oregon, Mar. 7, 1904.

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

AGAINST PRIMARY NOMINATIONS.

Decision in College Debate—Amicitians won—The Argument.

In a debate in college chapel Thursday night, three Amicitian society boys proved to the satisfaction of the judges that the proposed primary nominating law ought not to be adopted in Oregon. The question was, "Resolved that the proposed primary nominating law should be rejected." In summing up their arguments, the boys laid down these propositions:

- 1st.—It's success in other states has been extremely doubtful.
- 2nd.—It increases factional strife thereby weakening parties.
- 3rd.—It costs too much and this cost is unfairly distributed.
- 4th.—Portland would be too powerful in state politics.
- 5th.—Better candidates will not be secured.
- 6th.—The wealthy man has a great advantage.
- 7th.—The winning nominee may represent but a small minority.
- 8th.—The office holder is no longer directly responsible to a party.
- 9th.—Corruption in office would therefore be greater.
- 10th.—Instead of weakening bossism it would give him greater and more dangerous power.

The debate was between the Amicitians and Philadelphian literary societies. The subject, on both sides was handled in a manner highly creditable to the speakers, to the society they represented, and the institution in which they are students. Each speaker had fifteen minutes of time, and the leader of each team had five minutes for closing. The Amicitia team was, Horace Brodie, leader, David Hirstel and A. S. Wells, all Portland boys. The Philadelphian speakers were, H. C. Darby, leader, Elmer Rawson and Clarence Beaver. Darby and Beaver are Marion county boys, and Rawson hails from the vicinity of Vancouver. The judges were, Prof. Shaw, Prof. Berchold and Prof. Skelton. The decision was by unanimous vote of the judges.

The winners laid considerable stress on the proposition that a boss would have equal if not greater power under the proposed law than is possible under the convention system. The boss and his friends are, they contended, organized, and at any time can concentrate their whole strength on, and nominate a given candidate. Their opportunity to do this will be enhanced, because with numerous candidates the opposition will have its strength divided, and the bosses candidate be nominated, and that perhaps by a minority. The boys read extracts from newspapers published where the law had been tried to prove their contention. The negative disputed the contention, however, and insisted that the adoption of the system would eliminate boss rule.

The affirmative also contended that the system had not been successful in other states, and that its tendency was to eliminate poor men as candidates for office. In order to succeed in their candidacy they urged that candidates had to begin their campaign far ahead of nominating time, and had to use money in order to get voters to the polls, and that this fact gave wealthier men an advantage as candidates. The negative urged that its indifferent success in other states was because the law there is defective, while the proposed Oregon law is perfect.

The affirmative held up the added expenses of the system as a fatal objection to it. If the proposed law is better it must be enough better than the present system to make up for the added cost, they said. If it promises to be just as good but no better than the present system, then the added expense condemns it. If it is not as good as the present system then every consideration as well as the item of greatly increased expense calls loudly for its rejection. Then they proceeded to show that the expense for merely nominating candidates would be fully as much as the cost of an election, or, in other words, that if the law should be adopted the cost of electing county and state officers would be simply doubled. To this argument, the negative made no answer.

With much force the negative maintained that the proposed law would be in line with progress, and tended to place in the hands of the people more complete power in the nomination of candidates to office. They contended that the present system has been outgrown, and insisted that the operation of the law in Minnesota, in Cleveland and other large cities of the West had been attended with beneficial results.

Some of the speakers manifested a grace and ease of speech far above what might have been expected from boys of their years. They also showed a mental grasp of the subject most pleasing to their auditors and creditable to themselves.

CHITTIM PRICES.

Peelers Watching the Market—So are Dealers—A big Sale.

Chittim, and what its price will be this season is a subject of wide conjecture now. Dealers figure on it, peelers discuss it, and onlookers wonder about it. It is said to be the standard topic of conversation over in Alsea. It is almost a headquarters for chittim, over there, Wade Malone having bought 96,000 pounds, or about ten carloads of bark last season. The amount represents only a part of the Alsea product, large quantities having been hauled and sold to Monroe and Corvallis buyers. The average price paid by Mr. Malone, including the low price of the earlier and fancy figures of the later season, was 8 1/4 cents, making the amount paid out by him for the bark about \$17,000. Mr. Malone expects that as much bark as was peeled last year will be available in Alsea again this season.

It is generally believed that the bark will never drop again to the low figures of former times. Whether however, prices will soar again as they did last year, is a question that only the future can answer. No dealer offers to contract at any figure. He couldn't contract if he would, because, after the experience of last year no peeler would be likely to contract if he could. Everything connected with the subject of price is conjecture. It is said that there is enough of the bark in Eastern warehouses to supply the world's demand for five years. It is also related that when the prices went skyward in the United States last summer that large quantities of the bark that had previously been shipped from this country to London were reshipped to New York and that immense profits were realized in the transaction. It is also declared that a large San Francisco firm which has been the chief Pacific Coast operator in cascara in the past, has purchased large areas of chittim land in Clark County, Washington, and with an army of employes is to do its own peeling this season. All these things are cited as signals that show that sky prices are not likely to be in vogue again this season.

On the other hand, there are signs that point in a different direction. The well known Wilhelm firm at Monroe, which bought immense quantities of bark at top figures in the latter part of last season closed out the remainder of its holdings a couple of weeks ago at figures that are said to have brought the firm out even if not more than even on the season's business. What these figures were, nobody knows. They are placed by good guessers at 16 cents, or more. The lot comprised three carloads, and the transaction involved \$10,000 or more. This transaction leads many to believe that if there is now a five years' supply of bark in Eastern warehouses, the holders of it propose to have a price that will still leave a handsome figure for the peelers who are going to market bark this season.

Another statement of interest is, that at the present time the top New York price for chittim for delivery the coming season is about 10 to 11 cents, and that a small amount could be contracted on that basis, which would mean nine or ten cents in Corvallis. There is also excellent authority for the statement that recently in New York City the bark could be purchased in any quantity at 15 cents, delivered free of charge to the buyer. This was old bark, and of course, lighter than when it originally went on the market.

A large number of Lincoln county peelers passed through Corvallis a few days ago, enroute to the vicinity of Chehalis, Washington, where chittim trees are said to abound.

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