

LOCAL LORE.

Wheat 73. T. H. Crawford spent a few days in Salem during the week. Homer Davenport, America's greatest cartoonist, will lecture at the College Armory, April 9th. Subject at the Church of Christ tonight, "Baptism." Revival services continue indefinitely. Look at the date after your name in the address on your TIMES. You know why. Mrs. S. E. Trask arrived yesterday from Yaquina for a brief visit with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Moses. Nominees of the prohibition party for county offices promptly filed their acceptances with the county clerk Friday. Walter Wells of last year's graduating class at OAC, arrived Thursday from Portland and is the guest of relatives and friends. During the past week ten homestead claims have been filed with the clerk of Benton county. The locations are all in Alsea and the Five Rivers section. Congregational church:—Sunday morning, "The Feeding of the Five Thousand." Sunday evening, "Improvise, Providence," or "The Barter of one phase of Perdition for Paradise." Two of the best orators in the county will speak in Plymouth church on Saturday evening. Come out and hear them. Communion and offering for foreign missions Sunday afternoon at 3. John Sweek, a former OAC student, came up from Forest Grove Thursday to attend the students hop, which occurred on that evening, and to meet old classmates. A coop containing three of Judge Greflox fancy fighting chickens was shipped Thursday. Rumors that they were to be sent the Russians for the further defense of Port Arthur were all false. The birds went to a poultry fancier at Weston, Oregon. Work is being pushed on a modern two story dwelling in course of erection on lots owned by M. S. Woodcock in Job's addition. The outer siding of the walls in the upper story is of shingles, after a fashion now popular in town. The building will be one of the most sightly in the locality. N. F. Gillespie is looking forward with pleasurable anticipations to the arrival of Homer Davenport, who lectures in the Armory April 9th. The cartoonist and Mr. Gillespie were chums at Silverton in their boy-hood days, and were fellow conspirators in much mischief. The work of removing the Blackledge furniture store into quarters in the newly completed Thompson building has begun. It will not be completed until the first days of the coming month, on account of the fact that the plaster is not fully dry. A very handsome front gives fine opportunity for displaying goods. When finally arranged the place will be one of the neatest in town. Letters received in Corvallis announce the death of Grandville Pitman at the town of Taylor, California. He succumbed to consumption on the 20th inst. Mr. Pitman was raised in Benton county and has a number of relatives here. He was about 40 years of age and had been in business some time at Keswick. Interment was at Redding. "Shad" Shaw a former resident of Corvallis was with Granville during his illness. Thos. C. Bloomer, of Albany, has purchased the business fixtures and other appurtenances of the Hotel McClallen, in Roseburg, the house formerly conducted by C. Schmidt, but more recently by John R. Sutherland. During the latter's and Mr. Schmidt's management of the house, Lee Neely, well known here, was driver of the bus, but it is said that he will resign at once and go to San Francisco to accept employment again with Mr. Schmidt who is in the wholesale liquor business. R. L. Taylor was in town Thursday to close up a deal in which Mr. Taylor's barber shop here was transferred to C. P. Stewart who took charge Thursday morning. Chester Taylor, who has conducted the business for several months, will remain with Mr. Stewart for an indefinite time. R. L. Taylor had been shaving here for forty years, but recently he went to Coburg, Lane county, and in partnership with his son-in-law J. W. Baldwin, entered the confectionery and cigar business. Mr. Taylor states that he is prospering beyond his expectations.

STOCKHOLDERS MET.

Another meeting of stockholders for further consideration of the problem of how to install a system of rural telephones occurred in the county court room yesterday afternoon. It resulted in the determination to make an effort to establish an independent line in Corvallis, to operate in connection with rural lines. At the meeting the offers of the Pacific States Co., the Empire Construction Co. and Mr. DeVarney, representing a Kansas City Co., were submitted. The offer of the Pacific States was to the same effect as stated in Wednesday's TIMES; farmers to build and equip their own lines and pay \$6 per year for switching; if they rent phones; two dollars per year, if they buy and own their own instruments. The propositions were submitted by F. H. Stow. The first proposed the organization of a company Stow to own either a majority, a minority or half the stock, as best suited stock-holders; a complete system to be built in Corvallis with phone rates at a dollar per month for residence, no more than two phones on a party line, farmers to build and maintain their own lines, owning their own instruments, and pay two dollars per year for city and rural switching. The second offer of Mr. Stow was on a mutual basis, Mr. Stow to be manager of the company. In both the right is granted stockholders to purchase the system at its actual cost and six per cent interest at any time within ten years. The offer of Mr. DeVarney was as follows: A company to be formed with a capital of \$7,500, of which fifty Corvallis citizens should take fifty shares of stock at \$25 per share. Mr. DeVarney's company to carry the rest of the stock. Rates for city subscribers to be the same as offered by Pacific States people; rates to farmers not to exceed \$2 per month and not less than \$1 per month for each rural line, the cost to be pro rated equally among the subscribers on said rural line; Mr. DeVarney to be manager of the company, to serve without salary. The report of the board of directors, indicated a preference for the offer made by Mr. DeVarney. They said it contained features that seemed best suited to conditions in Corvallis. The meeting referred the matter to the board of directors with instructions to make a canvass for stock, and take such further action as might be necessary for installation of a new system. When the new company is organized and plans all perfected for proceeding with construction work, the present company is to be dissolved. New York, March 23.—There is a rumor here that ex-President Polcarpo Bonilla, of Honduras, has been tried by court-martial and sentenced to be shot to death, says a Herald dispatch from Panama. He was arrested and thrown into prison last month, with several other members of the chamber of deputies, it being alleged that a plot against the government of President Manuel Bonilla was hatching among them. For Sale. Vetch, speltz, timothy and rye grass seed. Poland China hogs. Shropshire sheep. One fresh milk cow, a pair of large geese, a pair of turkeys or trio, a two-horse feed power in running order. Timothy and vetch straw bright from barn. L. L. Brooks. Notice to Creditors. Matter of the Estate of William Groves, dec'd. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed the executor of the estate of William Groves, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County and has qualified. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned at the office of W. S. McFadden, First Nat'l Bank building in the City of Corvallis in said County, duly verified within six months from the date hereof. Dated March 10, 1904. EMMA K. GROVES, Executrix of the Estate of William Groves, deceased. Seventh Day Adventists. Will hold regular service at S. D. A. Hall East Main street between Washington and Adams streets each Sabbath or Saturday, as follows: Sabbath school at 2 p. m., Bible study 3 p. m. Preaching as announced from time to time. Rev. P. J. Cole, Pastor. Invaluable for Rheumatism. I have been suffering for the past few years with a severe attack of rheumatism and found that Ballard's Snow Liniment was the only thing that gave me satisfaction and tended to alleviate my pains. March 24, 1902, John C. Degnan, Kinsman, Ills. 25c. 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS. Settlers get Back Their Bees—Final Refund Just Made. The last of the settlers who were required to pay a double fee for filing on homesteads in Alsea are receiving a refund of the sums due them. They are the men whose claims were disputed by the O. & C. railroad company away back in the nineties but who went to law and won their fight first in the land office, then in the United States circuit court at Portland and finally in the supreme court at Washington D. C. all after the legal battle that lasted so long that some of the settlers died, before a decision was reached. Second filings on their homesteads were required of each, and though each had paid the regular fee formerly, they were compelled to pay again before they could obtain title. When they applied to the Roseburg land office for the amounts they had formerly paid, satisfaction could not be obtained, and for a long time it looked as though they would never get back the fees they had unjustly paid. Several months ago however, County Clerk Moses took up the cause of the settlers, and after unearthing all possible evidence at the court house, made a trip to Roseburg and went through the records there. With the evidence thus secured, he kept pushing the matter, and a couple of months ago, secured a return of the fees paid by five of the settlers. The five were A. M. Peek, U. W. Wren, Dora Barclay, Annie Nye and Mary E. Peters, the last three being widows whose husbands had died while the litigation was pending. Since then County Clerk Moses has kept up the campaign, and Tuesday he received a letter enclosing checks for the remaining settlers. These are, G. S. Seelye, William Carey, Mr. Huddleston, C. E. Banton and B. W. Jenkins. The fees now being refunded were paid in at the Roseburg land office in 1892. A difficulty in securing them was the fact the money was in the hands of a former official of the office, and there was little or no evidence, record or otherwise to show that he had it. THE REPRESENTATION. For Each Precinct in Benton—Primaries Occur Next Tuesday. As announced in Wednesday's TIMES the democratic primaries will be held in Benton next Tuesday. The hour for meeting is one o'clock. The voting for Corvallis will be, for the two north precincts in the county court room, and for precincts three and four, at the City Hall. As a matter of reference, the number of delegates for each precinct is herewith re-printed, and is as follows: Corvallis No. 1, 9; Corvallis No. 2, 12; Corvallis No. 3, 11; Corvallis No. 4, 7; Soap Creek 6, Willamette 8, Monroe 10, Kings Valley 5, Alsea 8, Summit 3, Philomath 13, Blodgett 3, Bellfountain 6, Wren 3, Fairmount 7. "BUTTONLESS SUSPENDERS" Are the Latest—Nolan & Callahan's has Them. Tell your tailor to leave the six top buttons off your Spring Trousers. They will only be in the way, You are an up-to-dater, and are going to wear "buttonless suspenders" the rest of your life. They are made just like other suspenders, only in place of straps with button holes the ends terminate in neat nickel-plated clips that take a secure hold on the trousers band and will not let go under the most strenuous circumstances. Cast-offs are provided both in front and in the back. Queer, isn't it, that the time-honored suspender button joke has been so long in setting inventors at work to do away with the treacherous button. The first one hundred pairs of these new "Buttonless Suspenders" to reach Corvallis are at Nolan & Callahan's now so you can buy a pair tomorrow and be one of the first one hundred pioneers to tell your grand-children when you are bald and gray that you remember the day when trouser buttons were cut off forever. Price 50 cents. Chief of Police. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of chief of police at the coming city election to be held May 16, 1904 and if elected will endeavor to see that the laws are enforced to the best of my ability. Lee Henkle. For Sale. 67 acres farming land, six miles from Corvallis, one mile of railroad and school on county road with mail route, well fenced, running water, no buildings, price \$2,000. Address owner, Howard Bicknell, Corvallis, Ore.

That's What Two Burnt Woods Boys Did After a Hard Run. A would-be passenger chasing a departing train creates a situation both pathetic and amusing, but the latter phase is always more evident. A large amount of feigned encouragement is extended by on-lookers as the unfortunate person bends every exertion to perform what is almost a hopeless feat. He is admonished to hurry, and he marshals his energies for a greater effort. When he is about to give it up he may imagine that the train is beginning to slow down and he lines out again, perhaps with a heavy grip in one hand which retards his locomotion and gives him the appearance of a side-wheel steamboat endeavoring to stem a swift current with one of the wheels inactive. When the man finds that his last impression was a delusion, he stops suddenly, takes a long look at the flying train augmenting its speed, and if he does not then give expression to a decree of profanity, he is mighty good stuff. But it was just a little different with two young men intending to return, by the C. & E. train, to their burnt woods homes last Wednesday. They walked leisurely towards the depot, carrying heavy satchels, and just before they arrived, the train moved westward, not upon its way to the bay, but simply to make room for an S. P. transfer train to reach the main track of the C. & E. The boys were surprised that the train departed so soon, but supposed that they were left. However, some person who understood the situation told them their train would stop for a minute just beyond the carriage factory, and that if they would line out pretty lively they might get aboard. They acted vigorously upon the suggestion, hitting the high places only, so to speak, in their flight. They anxiously watched the train, momentarily expecting it to move on from the position at which it had come to a stop. The boys were assisted in the race by encouraging yells from the depot crowd, and at length they victoriously grasped the railing of the car platform, drew a long breath, passed inside, seated themselves, and congratulated each other upon their successful run. Then they wondered why the train didn't move on. They waited and wondered some more. At length the bell rung and the boys settled back to enjoy the ride home, but the train moved in the wrong direction, and came to a stop again at the depot building where it remained for fifteen minutes. Meanwhile the young men received the highest commendation for the speed and endurance exhibited in their successful effort to catch the train. SONG AND SPEECH. Big Meeting at the Court House—It was in Behalf of Local Option. A big meeting in the interest of the pending local option law was held at the court house Thursday evening. The room was packed with people who went to hear the subject discussed by Prof. R. W. Kelsay, formerly a member of the faculty of Pacific College at Newberg, and to hear the singing by a trio of male voices, at the head of which, was Eugene Knox, the well known impersonator who recently appeared at the college with the Knox-Kantner male quartette. The address was given in sections, interspersed with local numbers. The performers at the meeting are touring the state in the interest of the local option law, and it is said, are to keep up the work until election day. The party has just returned from Eastern Oregon, where at the meeting Thursday night, the speaker declared there is a strong movement in favor of the proposed law. Spring Opening. Fine display of trimmed hats, latest styles in trimming and millinery novelties, Tuesday, March 29 and 30. You are cordially invited to call and inspect. Mrs. C. A. Gould, Corvallis, Oregon. My Spring Display. My spring display of fine millinery of goods will be ready for your inspection March 31st instead of March 25th, if it rains pitchfork points foremost. Mrs. J. Mason. Notice to Creditors. Notice is hereby given to all persons that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Emily A. Wright, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County. All persons having claims against said estate of Emily A. Wright, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same with the proper vouchers duly verified, as by law required within six months of the date hereof, to the undersigned at his home on Beaver Creek, or to C. W. Davis at his office, in Philomath, Benton County, Oregon. Dated March 23, 1904. JOHN M. WRIGHT, Administrator of the estate of Emily A. Wright, deceased.

First Glimpses OF SPRING FABRICS. All over the store the new Spring things are crowding in, swiftly turning the perfect Winter store into a perfect Spring and Summer store. New Arrivals: Beautiful Wash Goods, Exquisite Spring Silks, Taffeta and Fancy Ribbons, Fancy Lace Hosiery, Black Dress Goods, Plain and Fancy Veilings, New Allover Laces, Ladies' Belts, Latest styles, New Sorosis Petticoats, New Spring Trimmings, New Kid Gloves. We are showing this Spring a larger and better stock than ever before. At the first opportunity make a tour of this store and you will find many beautiful things to admire, at S. L. KLINE'S, Regulator of Low Prices.

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