

LOCAL LORE

Wheat 73. Miss Eunice Garfield is again in college. Zophar Tharp left yesterday for his home near McMinnville. Republican county convention tomorrow; democratic, Saturday. Buy your fishing tackle at the Bicycle Hospital. Large assortment just received. Earl Patton of Halsey, a former OAC student is visiting friends in Corvallis. Miss Jessie Finley of Carlton, arrived Sunday. She is the guest of Mrs. G. A. Covell. Vaud Moore is leaving with his family to occupy a farm recently purchased in the Big Elk country. Born in Kings Valley Saturday, to Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Johnson, a daughter. The service of Father Smith, a Paulist missionary, has been secured to hold a mission in the Catholic church in this city in the near future. Albany Herald—Miss Effie Michael of Corvallis returned home on yesterday's noon train after a brief stay with friends in the city. The room next door south of Zierolf's has been leased by Dallas parties who expect to open and conduct a candy store. The plan is to open the place sometime between the 1st and 15th. Revival meetings at the Church of Christ continue indefinitely. The interest continues to grow. There have been a number of conversions. Subject Wednesday evening, "The Healing of a Leper." James Flett is to leave Friday for his home in the Five Rivers country, for the summer. The hand that wielded the pen is henceforth to peel chittim. Mr. Flett is to be accompanied by his son Thomas, and is to be joined by the rest of the family when school closes. A subscriber hands in the following for publication: "The boys who own hounds in the vicinity of Mountain View had better be more careful about permitting them to run deer. William Knotts beat the dogs off of one in the road by the school house yesterday, but the deer died in the evening. Vocal solos by Miss Ethel Pierce and Miss Edna Allen, and a drill by 12 young ladies in Miss Crawford's department at the college, constituted the programme at a meeting of the Coffee Club Monday afternoon. The club is to give a dancing party Saturday evening. There was a search along Main street Monday for a suitable room for a shoe store. The searcher was Elden Irvin, one of the proprietors of a big store of the kind in Salem. The best room that was available was one of the wooden structures south of Harris' store. There is some talk that it may be occupied for that purpose. No guarantee goes with this tale: "A man in town the other day said: 'I know where Creffield is; but I don't dare tell. He is in hiding within nine miles of Corvallis. A line drawn from Corvallis to the spot where he is, would be in the direction of Philomath. That is all I can tell.' Flags are turned up and mail boxes on R. F. D. route number 2 are otherwise interfered with. The turning up of the flags on boxes in which there is no matter to be collected, makes needless bother the carrier. It is believed that persons who do the mischief are known. A term in the penitentiary is the penalty, and somebody is likely to get it. The Governor's case goes over to the next term of court. An affidavit by defendant says two witnesses in Lincoln county find that another is believed to be somewhere in Malheur county, and that all are material to his defence. By them he hopes, he says, to prove that his victim was born in May, 1887, and that therefore she is above the age of consent. The prosecution maintains that she was born in May, 1888. News of the death of A. J. Burnough, former student at OAC is expected in Corvallis at any time. He attended college two years and was a student again this year up to the holiday vacation when he went to his home at Elgin. Recent news is that he was operated upon for an attack of appendicitis, that the operation was a failure, and that the patient was fast sinking. He is a brother of Louis Burnough the well known athlete.

A SWIFT BURGLAR

He did Three Corvallis Residences in One Night—No Clues.

Thieves were abroad last Saturday night, and three Corvallis residences were visited. The house of Seymour Simpson was entered and many articles were taken. There was a similar experience at the home of Mrs. Espey, though the main building was not entered. The burglar entered the house of W. E. Yates, but his presence was discovered early in the game, and the thief fled without securing anything. The police have been busy on the case, but are working without clues, and are much at sea, with small prospect that the capture will be effected. At the Simpson house, admission was gained through the front door, which appears to have been unlocked. Thence the thief passed into other rooms, carrying off a bed spread, lace curtains, pillow shams and other articles of the sort found in a drawer. An overcoat was taken, a pipe and tobacco, and a number of knives and forks. From one of the rooms a key was secured to the fruit house, outside. Passing through the kitchen door, the fruit house was visited, and six jars of fruit abstracted. The key was subsequently found on the walk between the fruit house and the main building. The family was not disturbed by the movements of the intruder, although the house was thoroughly ransacked. At the Yates house, the thief was less successful. Entrance was obtained through an unlocked door and admission gained to the dining room. W. E. Yates occupied an adjoining room, the door to which was open. He heard footsteps in the other room, and turned on the electric light at the head of his bed. Bedlam at once broke loose in the adjoining room, when the thief made a dash to get away, and collided with the stove. He attempted another quick movement and that time struck the table. Mr. Yates hurried out to save his house from wreck just in time to see a dark form disappear through the open door. The incident happened about four o'clock Sunday morning. The Espey house was visited without awakening any of the family. There, however, the main building was not entered. A small fruit house in the rear was visited, and the remains of a ham abstracted. In the woodshed the overcoat, taken from the Simpson house was left. It was found the following day by Mrs. Espey, and restored to the owner. It is supposed to have been left there by the real thief in order to set up a false suspicion. The police have but one slender fact on which to base a theory. It is not sufficient to be called a clue. A small foot track outside one of the houses visited, might have been made by the boot of the burglar. It appears to be in size, a number five and a half or six, and from the sharp contour of the heel would seem to have been made by a rubber boot.

THE STOCK TAKEN

For new Telephone System in Corvallis—Something More About the Plan.

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SLEPT IN HIS BED

Ate his Breakfast—Rode in his Seat—A Traveler's Experience.

President French of the Normal school at Weston was a Corvallis visitor Sunday. He is making a tour of educational institutions in the Willamette valley, studying the question of boarding halls for students. The enrollment at the Weston normal is 125. The following curious incident happened last year while President French traveled in Eastern Oregon. He was enroute from Heppner to John Day. When he registered at the Heppner hotel, the clerk at once showed him great consideration taking him to the best room in the house. Next morning, much to the surprise of the guest, the same unusual attention was manifest. An early breakfast especially prepared was all ready for him in order that he might catch the stage. The traveler was immensely pleased at the treatment and was delighted again when the stage drove up at the door and he was informed that he was to have choice of the seats. He selected a seat by the driver and much flattered by all this consideration, the trip for the John Day began.

A few miles out of town a buggy driven at a furious rate overtook and passed the stage. A man in the vehicle glared at French as the buggy passed. This man stood on the platform of the stage station when the coach pulled in. "Say, is your name French," he said, as French alighted for a moment while the horses were being changed. "Yes; that's my name, thank you" was the response. Well, French, is my name also, and I wired the Heppner hotel people to reserve me a room and provide other conveniences. You occupied my room last night, you ate my breakfast this morning, you are riding in my seat now, and I am hurrying on to Portland to reach my wife, before you do."

PLEADED GUILTY

Final to a Raid Made by the Corvallis Police Force.

A sensational raid made a couple of months ago by Corvallis police on the confectionery store of Small & Son had its sequel in the circuit court Monday morning. The raid is still fresh in the minds of Corvallis people. A stud poker game was in progress, all the gambling devices fell into the hands of the officers, and Charles Small was arrested for conducting the game. At the preliminary examination, nearly all the players gave direct testimony concerning the character of the game, and Charles Small was bound over to the circuit court. The sequel occupied a few minutes of time shortly after the opening of court Monday morning. Judge Hamilton called the case, and after the indictment had been read, Judge McFadden appeared for the defendant and offered a plea of guilty in behalf of his client. Judge Hamilton asked Mr. Small if he desired to be sentenced at once, and the latter replied in the affirmative. Then Judge McFadden made a brief address urging the fact that the present was the first offense, and asked that leniency be observed in passing sentence. Mr. Small then stood up, and the court quietly announced that the penalty would be a fine of \$100 and costs. It is estimated that the costs will aggregate in the neighborhood of \$140, making the amount of the penalty about \$240. The sequel shows that gambling is an expensive business in Corvallis. Public sentiment here is bitterly opposed to it, and men who undertake to conduct games are sure to get into trouble.

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.

FOR SALE

Poland China boar, 22 months old subject to register. Alfred Bicknell, 5 miles north of Corvallis.

My Spring Display

My spring display of fine millinery goods will be ready for your inspection March 25 instead of March 25th, if it rains pitchfork points foremost. Mrs. J. Masop.

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 required 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 Fullamath, Benton County, Oregon. Dated March 23, 1904. JOHN M. WRIGHT, Administrator of the estate of Emily 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.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY. Now is the time to think about Chat Pair of Eyeglasses. You were to treat your eyes to. Come to me and I will fit your eyes, guarantee the fit, and will be here from 7 to 8 to make good my guarantee. E. W. S. PRATT, The Jeweler and Optician. Close at 6 p. m. except Saturdays.

EMERY'S ART STUDIO. South Main St., Corvallis, Ore. Carbon, Platinum and Platino Portraiture. O. A. C. ATHLETIC AND SCENIC VIEWS. Art Calendars, Sofa Pillow Covers, And other Photographic Novelties.

Stop-Look-Listen! To Gentlemen: Do you wish to choose from an elegant line of Negligee Shirts, in plain, colored, figured, and open work, for Spring wear? Come in and see a large assortment at— 75c. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50. "Seeing is believing." SPECIAL. We are closing out our All Wool Underwear at cost. \$1.50 Lamb's Wool, Extra Quality, for..... \$1.12 1.25 " " Guaranteed..... .88 Bargains also in Men's and Boys' Clothing. A complete new line of Men's "Kingsbury" Hats in all styles. F. L. Miller Corvallis, Oregon.