

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.

—Mrs. J. H. Harris, and her son Earl are guests of Portland friends. They are to return home Monday.

—Miss Hattie Van Housen left Wednesday to teach a term of school at Peak, west of Philomath.

—Mrs. Sol Richardson is visiting at the home of her brother, T. H. Wellsher. She leaves next Thursday for her home at Hoquiam, Wash.

—The Grand Master will visit Corvallis Lodge A. F. & A. M. Monday evening April 25th. All Master Masons are requested to attend.

—J. Slinger has moved with his shoemaking shop into the room lately vacated by the Blackledge furniture store. His family is shortly to arrive from Portland.

—Congregational church—Morning sermon, "Monuments That Endure;" evening sermon, "Mordcaai, Cousin of Queen Esther," or "The Man for the Times." Watch for him in the cantata. Residents and strangers are always welcome.

—Dell Strong suffered the loss of the tips of two fingers on his left hand Thursday morning. He was operating a rip saw in the Corvallis sawmills, and in an unguarded moment the fingers came in contact with the swift-moving saw. The amputation is about the middle of the nail on each finger.

—Robert Johnson, Clem Hodes, Judge McFadden, Wade Malone and Virgil E. Watters went as delegates to the democratic state convention, held in Portland Tuesday. Matt Wilhelm and John Smith were elected delegates but neither was able to attend, and their proxies were carried by the others.

—The late conference of the United Evangelical church held at Hillsboro this week, returned Rev. H. A. Deck to the pastorate of the church in this city. The action is accepted with much satisfaction by the members of the congregation, all of whom hold their pastor in high esteem. Rev. Deck is in Portland but is to arrive today, and will occupy his pulpit at both the morning and evening service tomorrow.

—Dr. G. W. Maston, a former physician of Albany, who made numerous professional visits into Benton, is reported to be dying at Klamath Falls. Dr. Maston has been practicing his profession there for several years, and was on his way to Keno, a nearby town, when one leg was torn off at the knee in an accident, the details of which are unknown. An amputation followed, and at last accounts fatal results were feared.

—The first of the delayed Eastern mail arrived Wednesday afternoon. It consisted of 20 big sacks, and was followed a day later with an equally heavy consignment. Its arrival, after a delay of four and a half days, together with the regular Coast and Oregon mails, gave the postoffice clerks plenty of work to do. The most of Wednesday and Thursday afternoons was spent in wading through the big mass of mail matter.

—The foothills in the vicinity of Corvallis were white with a mantle of snow yesterday forenoon. There was a light fall of snow in town during the early morning, but it was insufficient to cover the ground. The weather for several days has been unpleasantly cold, but is bearable when there is read news from the east of street cars blocked with snow in St. Louis, and blizzards with the thermometer at zero in Vermont, New York and other states.

—"When the 'Times' went to press yesterday afternoon, nearly all Corvallis was preparing to attend the Queen Esther performance at the opera house last night. The box sheet opened Wednesday, and long before the day ended, all the desirable seats were taken. There were still a few reserved seats left yesterday afternoon, but all the indications were that the house would be packed by the time the curtain rose on the first act. The sale of seats for tonight's performance will begin about eight o'clock, this Saturday morning.

—The Democratic state convention held in Portland Tuesday, nominated Judge James Hamilton for re-election to his present position as circuit judge of the second judicial district. There was no opposition to his candidacy, his well-known fitness for the place and his high character and the excellence of his past administration having made his selection a foregone conclusion. For district attorney, of this district, the convention named Lee Travis of Eugene. R. M. Veatch was named as the democratic candidate for Congress to make the race against Mr. Hermann.

—The Herkis farm known as the Wells hop yard west of town, has been sold. The buyers are Mrs. Anna R. Drumpton and husband, lately arrived from Kansas, and the price paid was \$4,800. The sale was made by Ambler & Watters. Mr. Herkis is to go to California to reside.

—James Plunkett, the well known Kings Valley man who has been for some time in California, has been in town for several days. He arrived from Los Angeles three weeks ago, and is to reside at Wren. Mr. Plunkett says that to go to Southern California seeking health is folly.

—There is an abundance of water now at the city hall. In the past the supply has been so meagre that it was almost impossible to get water on the second floor. A three quarters pipe across the street to Taylor's main connected with a larger pipe in the hall was the occasion of the scarcity. A new and larger pipe across the street has changed conditions, and furnished the city building with a sufficient and satisfactory water flow.

—The ice factory is to resume operations next week for the coming summer's trade. There has already been a short run in which about five tons were manufactured. During the winter's shut down, Mr. Ek has repaired the plant, adding several new facilities and greatly improving appliances already in use. Shipment of the product to points down the westside has already begun, and during the summer a large amount will be disposed of to the trade in that section.

LAWYER SENATORS

ALSEA OBJECTS TO THEM AND SETS FORTH HIS REASONS.

Wants Fewer Brownells in the Legislature.—N-ighborhood News From B-llfountain—Also From Summit.

Under the head "The Ideal Senator" the following pen picture appeared in the Gazette a few issues before the convention met that was to name this "Ideal Senator."

Editor Corvallis Gazette. If you will allow me space in your valuable paper, I will try to express my judgment as to what constitutes an ideal man for state senator. He should be a man in the prime of life, so if he gives satisfaction to the people of his county they can send him again. He should be a good business man, capable of acting for the county in a conservative business way. A man with some idea of law so as to frame a bill that would stand in law. He should have the respect of all political parties for when he is elected he is the Senator for his opponents as well as those who vote for him.

Since the convention met and named the man painted above, the Gazette in its irresponsible columns has favored us with a real cut of this "Ideal Senator" together with a beautiful biographical sketch of this subject of political idealism.

Now when a man has his picture painted and hung up for public inspection we claim the right to adjust our glasses and examine the portrait on both sides. The correspondent thinks a man should know enough to frame a bill etc. Now let us consider this point a few moments. There was a large percent of the last legislature lawyers with an able lawyer at the head of each branch. Was their work perfect? The most profitable work a lawyer has is to overturn or dodge round the spirit as well as the letter of the law. We find many of them manifesting utter disregard for the law. Look at Henry E. McGinn the noted lawyer from Portland on the very day of organizing the last legislature and within a few hours after he had sworn to support the constitution and laws of the state, deliberately slapping the Kuykendahl clerkship law in the face, a law which had been solemnly enacted at a former session. This is only one instance out of a dozen where laws and articles of the constitution are utterly cast aside by our legislative bodies all under the leadership of lawyers.

Then again the very nature of their profession renders lawyers more susceptible to temptation than most any class or profession of men. All their work is done for fees and some lawyers will take most any kind of a case regardless of the facts or justice of the matter at issue if he can make sure of his fees. We do not mean this is a reproach to the profession, for there are many honorable lawyers, but this fact renders them easier to reach with a corruption fund than most any other class of men. Benton has had some "Ideal Senators" but they were not lawyers. Give us more Tom Cauthorns, Tol Carters, and John Dalys and fewer Joe Simons, McGinns and Brownells, and we will have more wholesome laws and lower taxes.

John Henry. At Summit.

Summit, April 21.—J. H. Crain and family left Tuesday for Winlock, Wash., to reside.

Lee Abbe, of Boise City, Idaho, came in on Wednesday's train to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Needham.

Mark Caves returned this week from Albany.

Ed Strouts has been transferred to Albany to work and Mark Caves is tunnel watchman during his absence.

Ruth Strouts gave a party to her young friends last Saturday evening at her home.

C. J. Harrison and Ed King returned Wednesday from Astoria. They met Louis Jones while there.

H. Harrison had business in Blodgett this week.

Mrs. Jasper Miller returned from Springfield this week. She visited in Albany and Corvallis.

School will commence next Monday the 25th for a three months term.

Mrs. Robert McFarland has gone to valley points for a visit.

Wanted. A girl to do general housework. Phone 501. Mrs. G. F. Brown.

LONDON, APRIL 21.—The military expert of the Times in discussing conditions at the front says:

"So far as we can judge by the telegrams from the seat of war, the Russians mean to make their stand at the Yalu, and in this case they will speedily require all of their skill and resolution to maintain such a dangerously advanced position. The Russian calculation is that the Japanese transports only land 48,000 men each trip and that a fortnight must intervene before the second contingent can reach the scene of action. Therefore should the Japanese land north of the Liaotung Gulf General Kourouptkin has sufficient men to fall upon the Japanese forces landed, and overwhelm them before the troopships can return with reinforcements. The Russian experts say they have nothing to fear from the army of General Kurokai, as it would take fully a month for him to move his troops to the support of the other Japanese army. Therefore, the Russian general staff, which is directing the campaign, is in a position to attempt on the part of the Japanese to operate in Manchuria.

"If these facts are obvious to the Russians, it would seem that they should be equally so to the Japanese general staff, which is directing the campaign. The appearance of the Cossacks at Chong Sen will certainly serve to remind the board that the right flank of General Kurokai's army is still vulnerable, although the danger does not seem to be very formidable. The fact that nothing has been heard from General Mischchenko and his force of Cossacks for three weeks may mean that the latter means to make a bold dash upon Northern Korea from the Northeast, and endeavor to strike in upon the line of communication between Seoul and Ping Yang and the reported advance of the Cossacks upon Chon Sen may mean just this. If the Japanese have taken the precaution to run a chain of forts and stout blockhouses across the northern part of the Korean peninsula, and have garrisoned them with their second line of troops, these raiders should do no serious injury to the Japanese, since the troops on the Yalu ought by this time to have sifted their base close up to the river and thus made themselves independent of the land line of communication.

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Since it became known that the bubonic plague was spread by rats, the question of means of destroying them has assumed greater importance. The discovery of a perfect rat destroyer would be of vast benefit to the public health, says the New York Sun.

M. J. Rosenau, director of the hygienic laboratory of the United States marine hospital service, has recently investigated a new method for destroying rats by means of cultures of a certain bacillus. This method was developed by J. Danyz. The virus which he obtained, while far from being a certain means of exterminating rats in a particular place, may be used as one weapon in the fight against them.

A culture of a bacillus isolated from a spontaneous epidemic among harvest mice was selected, and grown in bouillon to accustom it to an existence without oxygen. This was accomplished by growing the culture in flasks as completely filled as possible. The flasks were placed in an incubator until the culture developed, and then kept at an ordinary temperature until a deposit formed and the bouillon became perfectly clear.

From the flasks the culture was passed into a collodion sack, which was kept for from a day to a day and a half in the abdominal cavity of a rat, then kept anew in ordinary bouillon and thence again in flasks. This series of operations was repeated several times, and at the fourth or fifth repetition a decided increase in virulence for mice was noted.

Mice were then replaced in the experiments by young rats a month or six weeks old. Next older rats were used. Proceeding in this way the culture was specialized, and Danyz finally succeeded in rendering it regularly virulent for gray rats, black rats and white rats, whereas it was originally only slightly virulent for the gray rats and entirely ineffective for the others.

Dr. Rosenau fed 115 rats with the cultures during a course of various experiments with the virus. Of these only 46 died. The results seem to depend largely upon the amount of culture ingested. By starving the rats for a couple of days and then giving them all they would eat a very positive result was obtained. Twenty-seven rats so fed all died within a week. If the rats get only a small amount, however, not only is the effect uncertain, but the survivors become immune and can feed upon the cultures to their hearts' content and be none the worse for it.

It would seem that the virus is not unlike the laying of a chemical poison, depending as it does upon the amount ingested. But, while the chemical poison has the advantage of not producing an immunity, the virus has the very decided advantage of being, so far as is known, harmless for man and domestic animals.

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Administrator's Sale of Real Property. In the matter of the estate of Jane Elizabeth Fisher, deceased. Notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to an order of sale made by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton county, on the 11th day of March, 1904, in the above entitled matter, the undersigned, as administrator, with the will annexed of said estate of Jane Elizabeth Fisher, deceased, will from and after Monday, the 18th day of April, 1904.

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Notice of Publication.

Timber Land Act June 3, 1878. United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, Corvallis, Oregon, March 3rd, 1904.

FOR SALE.

Vetch seed at Corvallis Flour Mills. Notice of Final Settlement. In the Matter of the Estate of Martha J. Butler, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as administrator of the Estate of Martha J. Butler, deceased, has filed his final account, as such administrator, with the clerk of the county court of the State of Oregon, for Benton county and the said court has fixed Saturday the 10th day of May, 1904, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon as the time, and the county court room in the court house in Corvallis, Oregon, as the place, for hearing any and all objections to said final account and the settlement thereof, noted this April 2, 1904.

J. F. Irwin, Administrator of the Estate of Martha J. Butler, deceased.