

## LOCAL LORE.

(Advertisements in this column charged; for the rate of 15 cents per line.)

—Mrs. M. A. Canan left Tuesday for Portland on a pleasure trip.

—F. P. Sheasgreen returned yesterday from a business trip to Portland.

—Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Cal Thrasher are to arrive Monday from The Dalles.

—Mrs. S. A. Kisor returned yesterday from a few days' visit in Philomath.

—Glenn Ireland of near Monmouth, was a Corvallis visitor this week.

—W. T. Tate returned to Portland yesterday after a business visit of several days in this city.

—The Corvallis band made its bow to the public Wednesday evening, when a concert was given on Main street at seven o'clock.

—After a 15-months' stay in Corvallis, Mrs. J. Keefer leaves this week for a visit with Monmouth and Dallas friends, enroute to her home in San Francisco.

—The last Monday in May will be the date of the election of officers in the Ladies Coffee Club. The meetings of the club will be held regularly during the summer.

—News from Miss Bertha Thrasher is encouraging in nature. The last operation performed in a San Francisco hospital is successful and Miss Thrasher is again able to be about, the limb having healed in a most satisfactory manner.

—Thursday morning a canvass of the vote in the late city election was made by Police Judge Greffoz, County Clerk Moses and Justice Holgate. No error was found, the returns being the same as already given the public.

—The old Methodist church on North Main street is to be rebuilt into two seven-room houses on the block where the old edifice now stands. Charles Everett is the owner, and work on the new structures is to begin at once.

—May 28th is the date set for the Coffee Club picnic that will be held in honor of the 21st anniversary of the club. The picnic ground will probably be Beach's grove, and there is no doubt but what the affair will be one of supreme pleasure for those who attend.

—At their hall Wednesday evening, the United Artisans gave an ice cream social to a large number of invited guests. The affair was one of the pleasantest that the order has enjoyed this season. There were recitations by Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Peterson, an address, and plenty of ice cream and cake. Sixty persons were present.

—Besides the senior excursion Saturday, bills are out for the first "rhododendron" excursion of the season. The fare from Albany and Corvallis is \$2.50, and from points west of Chitwood, \$1.00, tickets being good from Saturday until Monday. The steamer Roscoe will make two trips out over the bar for the pleasure of visitors, and there will be rhododendrons in abundance for all.

—Thursday night a party was given by Mrs. J. W. Howard to the ninth grade graduating class of the Corvallis public school. The affair was the third in a series of parties given the class, the first being at the home of Mrs. Richard Graham and the second at the residence of Mrs. Carrick. The events have been highly enjoyed by the young people, who will ever remember, with a sense of grateful appreciation, the kind hostesses.

—At the Carnival of Nations, to be given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church next Wednesday Thursday and Friday, some features of special interest to the public are being planned. One is the appearance, at the Opera House, Wednesday evening of Mrs. Norton of Albany, the well known contralto, whose singing is said to be well worth hearing. Thursday evening the special feature will be "Living pictures," and Friday evening is to be given over to the rose show. The ladies are sparing no pains in their arrangements, and the event will no doubt prove most pleasant to all who attend.

—As usual, Memorial Day will be appropriately observed by Corvallis citizens. Ellsworth Post G. A. R., No. 19 and Ellsworth W. R. C. will join in the services of the day. The memorial exercises occur at the Presbyterian church at eleven a. m. Sunday, May 29th, and the address will be by Rev. T. T. Vincent. The line of march to Crystal Lake cemetery will form at the G. A. R. hall at 2 p. m. on Memorial day, and the decoration services will take place upon reaching the silent city. In the evening of that day, a memorial program will be given in the First M. E. church to which the public is cordially invited.

## TOOK REVOLVERS.

And Ammunition—Burglary at Hubert Hodes' gun store.

Thieves entered the gun store of Hubert Hodes Thursday night, and carried away small arms and ammunition in a considerable quantity. About a dozen revolvers, eight or ten watches, pistol cartridges of all calibres and manufacture, a lot of cutlery, two base balls and various nick nacks were among the booty.

Entrance to the establishment was gained through a side door in the rear of the building. A hole, six inches long and four inches wide was cut in the panel of the door. It was sufficient in size to admit the hand, and reaching through, the thief easily removed the fastenings and opened the door. A strange fact connected with the affair is that a similar attempt was made last Tuesday night. Then, the hole in the door panel was started, but for some unknown reason, the thief gave up his work without entering the building, having succeeded when he ceased operations in cutting a hole of the diameter of about an inch. His handiwork was discovered the next morning, and some precautionary measures were taken, but they failed to prevent an entrance on the occasion of the second visit, made two nights later.

The revolvers taken were of Iver Johnson and Harrington & Richard's manufacture. Some are of 32 and some of 38 calibre. The estimate is that at least a dozen were taken, and Mr. Hodes figures that their weight together with that of the large quantity of cartridges would make a pretty fair load for one man to carry. There are no clues. Everything about the place indicates that it was the work of an amateur. Parties arriving in town report seeing a man on foot at daybreak, traveling south yesterday morning. He carried a heavy valise and is said to have disappeared in the brush when approached.

## KILLED PRUNES.

And the Crop Expected to be the Worst Failure Known.

It is generally conceded now among prune men that the prune crop of Benton county will this year be nearer a total failure than at any time in the past. While some of the trees were yet in bloom Manager Johnson, several weeks ago announced that there would not be more than one-fourth crop in the big prune orchard. This announcement was followed by a statement from D. C. Rose that his orchard had fared no better. It was hoped that some of the later blooms would help out the prospect, and also, that the orchards on the uplands had escaped from injury. Disappointment followed the first expectation, and it has since developed that the upland orchards did not escape. Among others, the crop in the orchard of Charles Pernot is declared to be a total failure. The extreme limit of the product on the orchard of D. C. Rose is not expected to be over 100 bushels. In the big prune orchard the estimate is that there will be practically no crop. In fact there are prune men who express belief of a possibility that not a drier in Benton county will be in operation this year on Italian prunes.

The accounts are, that conditions are no better in other counties. A representative of a Portland house in town the other day stated that the Douglas county crop showed as bad a prospect as is the case in Benton. Polk, Washington, Yamhill, Linn and other counties present no better conditions. Marion claims that there are crops in the upland orchards, but Benton growers express a doubt as to the truth of the statement. In fact it is believed here that all the counties in the valley will show the worst failure of the prune crop ever known.

The condition is a matter of regret, not only among prune men, but among those who are pickers in the orchards in autumn time.

## Pathmark.

16 hands high; weight, 1,200; dark bay; Pathmark will make the season from the 13th of April in Corvallis, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, of each week. The rest of the time at Jesse Brown's twelve miles south of Corvallis Pathmark 2:09 1/2, Record 2:11 1/2 sired by Pathmont 2:09 1/2 sired of Pathmark 2:11 1/2, Bell air 2:14 1/2 dam Juliet 2:22 by Tybolt 2:27; sires of the dam of Volo 2:20. Tybolt was by Altamont, 3,600, dam Nellie Kohler by Mike, sire of the second dam of Klamath, 2-07 1/2. Terms \$15, \$20 and \$25. Good pasture free of charge for mares from a distance. Will not be responsible for accidents. Jesse Brown.

## Painting and Paper Hanging.

All orders promptly filled. Phone 05. Samuel Kerr.

## FARMERS WATCH OUT.

Time for the Blooming of Canadian Thistles—Some in Benton and Corvallis.

The attention of farmers is called to the fact that in various parts of Benton county there are patches of Canada thistle, and that the time for the plant to bloom is now almost at hand. The thistle spreads rapidly, and to exterminate it is next to impossible, so that great care should be exercised by all ranchers on whose property the pest appears. Only yesterday, a small patch of the plant was found in Corvallis, and vigorous steps will be taken by the city authorities to stamp out the weed, as after blooming time the seed will be quickly scattered broadcast and much damage eventually result. It should be the earnest aim of every farmer to see that none of the plant is allowed to get a foot hold on his place and in case a patch has already made its appearance, to set about at once to uproot and kill the same.

The law on the subject provides that all road supervisors shall be required to keep the county roads free from the Canada thistle, and to see that none appear in the adjoining fields; that property owners shall rid their fields of the same, and that each incorporated town shall take measures to prevent the thistle from being brought within the city limits, and in case such measures are not taken then the county shall collect from \$100 to \$200 as a penalty for the failure of said town to provide such protection against the pest.

## Look Here.

I have a good stock ranch for sale two hundred and ninety five acres with unlimited outrange, a small house and also a small orchard. This place is in the Belknap settlement one half mile from postoffice, six miles from Monroes, four miles from Bellfountain, 2 1/2 miles from church. Price to suit purchaser. Enquire of

A. W. Hawley,

## Wanted.

A girl to do general housework on farm. Clara M. Harding. R. F. D. No. 1.

Send your curtains to the Corvallis Steam Laundry. We will call for your work every day in the week.

## A Business Chance.

—Any person desirous of making easy money through the exclusive sale by counties of the most useful tool ever invented, can secure such an opportunity by a small investment. See W. H. McComas at Occidental Hotel.

The Rummage booth will be full of bargains.

Buy fans of the Japanese opposite the Russian booth.

## For Sale.

Vetch, speltz, timothy and rye grass seed. Poland China hogs. Shropshire sheep. One fresh cow a pair large geese, two-horse tread power in running order. Timothy and vetch straw bright from barn.

L. L. Brooks.

## Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

Disappeared from my barn on 11th street last Wednesday night, a Shetland pony, sorrel, white face. When last seen on Mountain View road two or three miles north of Corvallis. The return of the pony or information leading to its recovery, will be suitably rewarded.

A. J. Johnson.

Corvallis.

Our sample line of swell summer clothing is now in. OAC Pressing Co.

Our sample line of swell tailor made summer clothing is now in. OAC Pressing Co.

Go to Blackledge's for window shades

Don't forget tonight—famous Hazelwood ice cream at Miles Starr's.

Bricks of ice cream can be ordered at Miles Starr. Be sure and get the famous Hazelwood ice cream.

Nolan & Callahan's new spring stock is now complete in all departments.

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Imported black Percheron stallion will make the season of 1904 as follows, Mon., Tues. and Wed., Farmers Barn, Corvallis; Thurs., McFadden Farm, Bruce; Fri. and Sat., Monroes. Terms, \$15, the season, \$20 to insure.

T. K. Fawcett, Owner. Corvallis, Ore.

## For Sale.

Poland China boar. 22 months old subject to register.

Alfred Bicknell, 5 miles north of Corvallis.

## OUT ON THE HILL.

What the College People are Doing—Target Practice and Senior Excursion—Other Brevities.

Mr. Leavitt, who has been traveling through the western states in the interest of the Gerhart Conference to be held at Gerhart Park from May 28th to June 5th, will visit the college Saturday and Sunday and speak to the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

The seniors are busily engaged in preparing their play for commencement week.

The excursion to the bay Saturday cannot well be missed by anyone. The train will leave Corvallis at six o'clock. The boat will leave the wharf on the return about 5:30 giving the people about seven hours on the beach. The train will reach Corvallis on the return about nine o'clock giving fifteen hours of the very essence of pleasure for only \$1.50 or 15 cents an hour.

A circus is coming to town and the boys are beginning to investigate their board bill and see if they can afford it.

The cadets under the direction of Major Harden have been practicing in target shooting. Each day the men form one company meet to practice, Monday afternoon the men of company A. practiced with the result that the score was 23 points out of a possible 25 made by Private Emily, Tuesday company B. practiced, the highest score was 23 points made by Private Engle. Wednesday company C with the highest score at 21 points made by private Edward Thayer.

Most of the track men are training hard for the field meets with Eugene and Forest Grove which will take place in the near future.

President Mulkey of the State Normal school at Ashland, and Mr. Ackerman superintendent of public instructions were visitors at Cauthorn Hall Wednesday evening. Mr. Ackerman spoke to the boys upon the great opportunities which the state of Oregon affords to young men.

—The Junior hop at OAC occurs June 10th. The E. Elroy orchestra of Salem has been engaged to furnish music for the occasion.

—Webfoot true to her reputation, has exerted herself the past month to make up for the cold, rainy spring that threatened to prove most damaging to vegetation of all kinds. In the foothills at present wild strawberries are being gathered and the berries are said to be large and luscious.

—Elder Geo. Reaser, late missionary from Africa, will give a stereopticon lecture at the camp ground Sunday night at 8-30. No charge will be made. It will be worth while for the public to hear it.

The queen of the carnival will be crowned Wednesday evening at 8-30 o'clock. The mayor will present her with the keys of the city.

Hazelwood ice cream is the famous pure kind that melts in your mouth, and tastes better than any other.

Eat ice cream and cake with the Russians every evening.

Don't miss the living pictures May 25.

## Found.

A ladies black serge jacket. Owner can secure same at Starr's confectionary store.

The drill of national flowers Friday.

## For Sale

First class, second growth fir wood of uniform length, no round sticks. Guaranteed 128 cubic feet per cord. Leave orders at P. M. Zierolf.

D. S. Adams.

Have your fortunes told by Zingara, renowned gypsy.

See Blackledge's fine couches.

We make special rates to families. Corvallis Steam Laundry. Call up Main 274.

Carnival May, 25, 26 and 27 at the Opera House. Admission 10 cents.

Bamboo furniture at Blackledge's new store.

Blackledge keeps all kinds of table

At Zierolf's—Alfalfa, Red Clover, White Clover, Timothy, Orchard, Vetch, Rape Dwarf Essex and all other kinds of garden seeds.

Look for the name Crouse & Brandegee on your spring suit.

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Such style of cut—every latest effect with shapely yoke and proper flare—the straight front without a wrinkle.

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Such frillful fancies in the trimmings, ruffles and tucks, sherrisgs and plaits, render irresistible the daintiness of Sorosis.

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