

**LOCAL LORE.**

(Advertisements in this column charged for at the rate of 1 cent per line.)

Rockey E. Mason of Albany was doing business in town Monday.

—Dr. George Ainslie and sister are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith.

—Miss Addie Hecker, of Wells, was the guest over Sunday of Miss Ella King.

—Miss Katherine Meiring, of Salem, was the guest of Corvallis friends the first of the week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Waldron of Oregon City, have been guests of Corvallis friends this week.

Mr. Handy, of Des Moines Iowa is a guest at the home of his cousin Rev. Handsaker.

—Chittim peelers are much in evidence now a days. Loads of them pass through town nearly every day, bound for the neighboring hills.

—Henry Cummings and family are to occupy the Denman residence the coming year, during the absence in Pittsburg of Mrs. Denman and Miss Anna Denman.

—The juvenile performers in the late production of "Queen Esther" enjoyed an outing Saturday afternoon with Mrs. J. R. Smith as chaperone.

—Mrs. Brunk and Miss Bessie Danneman returned Saturday from attendance at the grand assembly of the Rebekah lodge at Astoria. They report the session a very successful and interesting one, and the attendance large.

—Walter Bartges, the old O. P. conductor, accompanied by his wife has been a Corvallis visitor for several days. They left Tuesday for Philomath, and today are to leave for their home in Ashland, where Mr. Bartges is engaged in the mercantile business.

—Norris & Rowe's circus was the attraction in Corvallis Friday. The huge tent, and the usual number of side shows, were pitched on the flat near the S. P. depot, and there was a large attendance at both the afternoon and evening performances. The trained animals did some splendid work, and this feature alone was worth the price of admission.

—All the second hand goods available about town have been rented by the Adventists' for use in their camps in Jobs addition during the coming meetings. The grounds in the western part of town are already thickly dotted with tents, and 500 or more brethren of the faith are expected to be in attendance from May 26th to June 5th.

—George Wallace, the well known section foreman, who was for several years in charge of the O. & C. section at Corvallis in the old time, died on the 17th inst at Silver Lake, Southeastern Oregon. His malady was heart disease. He was buried on the 19th at Silver Lake. His wife was Miss Kittredge, a Benton county girl, who with a daughter, survive him.

—In the College chapel on the evening of May 28th, an entertainment in the lecture line will be given under the auspices of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. The speakers of the evening are General Joubert and Captain McDonnell, battle-scarred heroes of the Boer war. The admission will be 35 cents, and there is no doubt that the affair will be intensely interesting to all who attend.

—The Woodmen's steamboat excursion to Salem Sunday was very successful, and according to all accounts was very much enjoyed by the excursionists. Two hundred people, accompanied by the Corvallis cornet band left down the river at seven o'clock. At Albany a few people joined the party, and still others were taken aboard at Independence, at Buena Vista and when the Steamer Pomona pulled into her dock at Salem 300 souls were aboard. The arrival at Salem was at 11 o'clock, and the start for the return trip was at four. It was five minutes to twelve when Corvallis was reached.

—Sam Moore, residing a mile northwest of this city, and who embarked in the fancy poultry business less than a year ago, has 1000 young chickens now in his poultry yards. These were hatched in incubators, and are thrifty and good rustlers. Mr. Moore intends, next year, to have 2,000 broilers ready for the Lewis & Clark fair, and in case the latter is not opened for another year, as some people predict, he will try to have 4,000 young chickens ready for the hungry visitors who will be in Portland for the big event. Mr. Moore pins his faith to the fancy poultry business, and thinks there is a fortune in it for the person who goes about it in the proper way.

**CHITTIM TALK.**

**A Few Suggestions as to Present and Future Prices.**

"The season for peeling chittim bark has arrived and the output this year promises to be larger than usual, as scores of men, women and children are hard at work in the region where chittim trees abound. A special and peculiar knife has been invented for peeling this bark and is for sale by some dealers in this city. It has a stout straight blade, with a broad, sharp end, which greatly facilitates the starting of the sheet of bark from the limbs, after it has been slit down one side by a small blade projecting at right angles from the back of the main blade. The price to be paid for chittim bark this season is 3 1-2 to 4 cents per pound, which is not so much as ought to be paid, but is a slight advance on the old price of 3 cents, for which tons have been sold. A settler who lives in the vicinity of a grove of chittim trees and has a large family can make quite an addition to his income by gathering the bark as his family can render assistance in peeling and drying it. There is no diminution in the demand for the bark, which is an excellent physic, and still retains its good qualities which induced the Franciscan Brothers of early days to give it the name of "cascara sagrada," sacred bark. Probably some day when chittim trees have become scarce, the bark will bring a higher price."—Oregonian.

In parts of Benton and Lincoln counties any news concerning the chittim business is read with much interest at this time, being the opening of the peeling season. Still, the enterprising reporter, in his zeal to give the readers of his newspapers the mental food which they wish to sample, ought to offer that which is true to name. The statement in the above clipping as to the price to be paid for bark this season, is doubtless an assumption merely. It may be said that the market has, as yet, scarcely opened up, and while there is no disposition to discourage the wisdom of any reporter, it is indeed a wise person who can state with assurance of the Oregonian reporter, that "the price to be paid for chittim bark this season is 3 1-2 to 4 cents." The fact is, that this early in the season Corvallis dealers are paying 5 cents per pound for chittim bark.

It seems likely that an unusual amount of bark will be placed on the market this season owing to the relatively high price of last year. This, together with the possibility of buyers entering into a compact to hold the price down, constitutes the sole basis for the assumption that the price will be low this season. Bark peelers understand that they cannot know beyond doubt what the price will approximate, but among the influences which would naturally give the commodity an upward tendency, is, first, that there is no adequate substitute for medical purposes; that it is becoming scarce while the demand, by physicians and others is increasing; that the bark may be preserved indefinitely and that there might be a disposition to purchase a greater supply than there is needed for immediate use, and thus in a measure prepare for the time when it shall be difficult to obtain fresh supplies at any price; and lastly these conditions being understood, the speculator not heretofore a purchaser, may be expected to see that the commodity is not sold to any combination of dealers at a price much below that of last season. It is commonly believed that within a short term of years chittim bark will reach a figure compared with which last year's prices shall appear insignificant.

**Look Here.**

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

A. W. Hawley,

**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 sired of Pathmark 2:11 1/2, Bell sir 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.

**A WILD WEST INCIDENT.**

**Faithful Dog Killed by Cougar While Defending a Child.**

The narrow escape of a child from the jaws of a famished cougar, the fatal encounter of a faithful dog which essayed to defend his child companion and the final death of the monster wild animal and the connecting details, constitute a thrilling story of pioneer life, the scene of which is near the line of Benton and Lincoln counties, in the Fall creek settlement.

Eckley Beals is a rancher who resides with his wife and several children on Digger creek, a tributary which empties into the Alsea a short distance above the mouth of Fall creek. A few days ago while the older children were at school and the father was away from home a small child scarcely able to talk wandered a short distance from home accompanied by a large and savage old dog. Subsequent events rendered it conclusive that the little tot and the dog unknowingly approached near to where a large cougar lay in wait to pounce upon its prey, which in all probability would have been the child had not the dog seen and attacked the animal. Upon its return home the little one gave an indistinct account of the attack by the dog upon something and of the disappearance of the contestants down into a deep canyon. However, not much importance was at the time attached to the child's narrative.

This happened on Friday, and on Sunday the family had begun to feel uneasy respecting the whereabouts of the dog, more especially as Mrs. Beals remembered to have heard the dog howl as if in distress, the previous Friday, but at the time supposed that some person had struck the animal. However, no search was immediately made.

Sunday afternoon while on his way to Sunday school Mr. Beals found the remains of a sheep covered with leaves and fern. This circumstance convinced him that a cougar was in the neighborhood, and he notified Otto Dieckhoff, who with other persons and his dogs went out to hunt down the varmint. In a short time the dogs came upon a large cougar which essayed to fight the dogs but was presently compelled to seek safety in a tree. Upon the hunters arrival the animal came down to battle with the dogs and if possible make his escape. But the dogs understood their business and the cougar was speedily treed again, and several shots brought the animal to the ground, dead.

The cougar was a very large one but in poor condition. His stomach however, was abnormally distended as a result of his recent gorge. The animal was conveyed to Mr. Dieckhoff's home where the cougar, the hunting party and the dogs were photographed by Mrs. Dieckhoff. All the circumstances led to the belief that the Beals dog had been killed by this cougar. Search was made in the vicinity of the Beals house, and down in the canyon indicated by the child, the remains of the dog were found. Only the head and the larger bones of the body remained.

**Wanted.**

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

**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.

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., McPadden Farm, Bruce; Fri. and Sat., Monroe. 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.

**THEY WERE ENJOYED.**

**Thursday and Friday Evening Programmes—Close of Institute.**

At the Opera House Friday evening an immense audience crowded and jostled and hurried to gain admission in order to listen to the musical programme that was scheduled as a feature of the institute week. Not a seat was left, and many people were standing when the first number on the program was given by the OAC orchestra. Following this Ruthyn Turney rendered one of his own excellent compositions with splendid effect, being accompanied by Prof. Goodnough. Another number by the orchestra was followed by a solo by Otto F. L. Herse, who was called back for still another song. The orchestra was again cheered, and Prof. Goodnough followed with a splendidly rendered piano number, being obliged to respond to an encore. A final selection was then given by the orchestra and the ladies' chorus sang "Annie Laurie," as the closing number.

The entire program was meritorious and has since been the subject of much complimentary discussion about town.

Friday evening a crowded house greeted George L. Paul, who was on the institute program to give Corvallis people a treat in elocutionary work. The program was, selection, OAC orchestra; "The Uncle," George L. Paul; dumb bell drill, Philomath College; music orchestra; "Ostler Joe," George L. Paul; club swinging, Mr. Betz; "The Tell Tale Heart," George L. Paul.

Mr. Paul appeared to advantage in each of his numbers, and did not disappoint in the least, the expectations of his many friends. The program throughout was well rendered and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

**In Answer to Challenge.**

Prof. S. I. Pratt,  
Philomath, Oregon.  
My Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 9th, in which you as an "independent candidate" for school superintendent of Benton county, Oregon, challenge me to a joint canvass, received. In reply to the same, permit me to say that the canvass of Benton county for the candidates, on the republican ticket, in this campaign is in the hands of the chairman of the republican county central committee. I have, therefore, turned your letter over to him for his consideration. You will no doubt, receive his reply in due time. His decision in this matter will determine my course.

Very respectfully,  
GEO. W. DENMAN.

**Goats for Sale.**

Inquire of John F. Irwin at the county clerk's office.

**For Sale.**

First class cedar posts for sale. Inquire of

B. F. Ireland & Bro.,  
Corvallis R F D No. 2

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

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 fortune 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.

**We Sell Sorosis PETTICOATS**



Sorosis Sights are visions of sightliness. No mere word-jingle that, but the expression of stylish-loving women everywhere. And its truth will impress you startlingly when you let your eyes gladden at the sight we've assembled for today.

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

Such quality of material! The rustling richness of silk itself is in this mercerized sateen.

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

But it's the price that makes this sale significant to the thriftest among you.

Isn't this economy figuring? Prices \$1, 1.25, 1.50, 2, 2.50 up to 5.

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