

# The Corvallis Times.

WEEKLY AND SEMI-WEEKLY.

Vol. XVII.—No. 23.

CORVALLIS, OREGON, AUGUST 17, 1904.

R. F. IRVING  
Editor and Proprietor.

## Big Cut on Regular Prices For August

All ladies fine shoes at a big discount and some odds and ends in all kinds of shoes at half price. Summer cotton and wool fabrics at a great sacrifice. Lots of bargains for this month.

Come and See  
**J. H. HARRIS.**

## CORVALLIS IN BIOGRAPHY

### Business Men and Firms of Prominence.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CORVALLIS.

This bank claims by right a leading place in these pages, as it is an institution which is a great credit to our city and is doing a large and increasing volume of business. It is one of the soundest and most liberally patronized banks for a city of this size in the state, and it is an important factor in the prosperity of our city and community. Only the safest kind of banking is transacted by these gentlemen, and they realize that the officials of a bank must be especially careful in all their dealings for theirs is a sacred trust, indeed. The growth and development of this bank is a matter of local pride and every inducement is offered our people to open accounts, whether the amounts be large or small; and this bank has ample resources to make loans to its customers.

The officials are men of honor, of marked financial capacity, and no worthy movement for the benefit of the community ever appeals to them in vain. The bank was established in 1890 and is capitalized at \$50,000. This bank having safely protected the financial interests of its customers through the several panics of the last two decades, merits careful consideration.

The officials are M. S. Woodcock, president; C. E. Moore, vice-president; Walter T. Wiles, cashier; George E. Lilly, assistant cashier, and C. F. Wiles, director. It is with pleasure we reward this bank a high place in these columns.

HOTEL CORVALLIS—J. C. HAMMEL, PROPRIETOR.

The luxury and magnificence of this house would open the eyes of the most fastidious Easterner and he would marvel indeed to find in a town of this size on the Pacific Coast such a well appointed, large and altogether superb caravansary. It is an imposing brick structure, occupying the best location in the city, and nothing that the most luxurious guest could desire is lacking. It has been under new management since last October and no expense was spared in remodeling, fitting and furnishing the entire establishment and excellent taste, and a thorough knowledge of up-to-date high class hotel requirements have been shown throughout.

A word should be said concerning the home-like atmosphere of the place, despite the luxury, and the guest is made to feel at ease immediately on crossing the threshold of this establishment and nothing is left undone to cater to the slightest desire. The service is prompt, courteous and obliging. The table would suit an epicure and the best markets are ransacked by Mr. Hammel to place before his patrons the most tempting dainties and finest viands. Nothing is too good to be placed before his guests and the service is on par with the sumptuousness of the table.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammel, the popular host and hostess, have the faculty of handling to its perfect satisfaction the tourist and traveling, as well as town custom. Personally they are of pleasant address, suave, and believe in deeds rather than words, preferring to let their record speak for itself. Mr. Hammel has been in the West for 16 years and was a prominent representative of the lumbering business for a number of years. His location here is a source of congratulation to the people and we would add that Hotel Corvallis is headquarters for the traveling and transient trade to Newport, and the tourists who have traveled all over the West, takes pleasure in saying a good word for this house.

AMBLER & WATTERS, REAL ESTATE

To our many readers we point with pride to this enterprising realty firm. They stand at the head of the real estate dealers in Benton county. This firm is thoroughly identified with the west and moreover are well acquainted with Benton county, its people and resources. Mr. Watters is our county judge and Mr. Ambler has operated in this line during the past twelve years. Judge Watters and Mr. Ambler united their forces harmoniously and effectively last March, and have many genuine bargains for

investors, speculators and home-seekers. For further information apply to Messrs. Ambler & Watters of Philomath, and Corvallis, for their bargain LIST.

W. J. EMERY, PHOTOGRAPHER.

None of the "arts" come nearer our homes and affections than does photography. By its means the poor as well as the rich are enabled to preserve the pictured resemblance of loved ones and to adorn their walls with productions of the master artists. Among the most skillful members of the profession in this part of the state is Mr. W. J. Emery of Corvallis. He is a true artist of talent and attainment whose heart is in his work. He has been in this place since boyhood. Prior to embarking in this commercial enterprise, he followed, for many years, the broad and noble field of teaching.

CORVALLIS BICYCLE WORKS—T. W. DILLEY PROPRIETOR.

It is a satisfaction to mechanics of all kinds to know that a shop is close at hand where every conceivable kind of repairing can be done. Such a place is the Corvallis Bicycle works, operated by Mr. T. W. Dilley. He is an expert workman and skilled in everything pertaining to his line. He makes a specialty of repairing bicycles, safes, typewriters, guns, locks, etc., thus meeting the constantly growing demand in this community. Mr. Dilley has conducted this business successfully here for seven years and operated a gun, lock and light machinery repairing establishment in Scio for 15 years prior to locating in Corvallis. He served on the city council three years, and two years was city marshal of Scio. He is an expert machinist and merits generous mention in this edition.

W. S. GARDNER—PHOTOGRAPHER

The desire to preserve the pictured semblance of loved ones is as natural as life itself and we take pleasure in presenting to our many readers a brief sketch of Mr. Gardner. He is an expert artist and has been many years in the business. He does all kinds of photographic work in a thoroughly artistic manner. He is located near the college walk and is a great favorite with the students who are always good judges of that kind of work. He is an earnest, enterprising, progressive citizen and we take pleasure in according him a high place in these columns.

J. H. HARRIS—DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, SHOES, ETC.

Mr. Harris is a substantial business man who should be given due credit in these pages as having taken a prominent part in the development and progress of our thriving city. Though originally from Mississippi, he has been a Westerner for many years having operated in Corvallis for fourteen years. This is the place to get full value for every penny spent. The stock consists of clothing, dry goods, notions, hats, caps, boots and shoes, gentlemen's furnishing goods, and articles of many kinds.

Mr. W. B. Lacy, a graduate of the State Agricultural College, is head clerk, and is manager during Mr. Harris's absence. He has been with the establishment for eight years and is a young man of brains, and sterling honesty and integrity of character. He is the type of young man whom men of large enterprises seek for responsible positions.

We must not forget to mention Mr. E. R. Alexander for seven years and is one of the most popular and efficient salesmen in our city. We assign this house a high place in these columns.

CITY STABLES—VIDITO BROTHERS.

Feeling that this mention is thoroughly deserved we take pleasure in directing the attention of our many readers of this special review edition to this livery establishment. They are gentlemen of integrity and practical knowledge and their large trade is proof that they run their barn on correct business principles. Nowhere are horses better looked after and their rigs and turnouts leave nothing to be desired. They

believe in giving full value and they make it a rule to satisfy customers no matter how difficult they may be to please. Promptness and trustworthiness characterize them and a good rig can be had at any hour of the day or night. They have been established in the livery business one year and have both farmed in the county for a number of years. They have both filled the office of city constable, Virgil Vidito being the present efficient incumbent. The Vidito Bros. rank among our progressive business men.

CORVALLIS STEAM LAUNDRY.

This is an institution which well deserves cordial endorsement at our hands. It is one of the best equipped steam laundries in this section of the Willamette Valley and merits very generous mention in these columns. This is a model establishment and is open for inspection at all times, and the entire machinery and whole force can be seen at a glance, as the customer steps across the threshold. Skilled, reliable help is employed, good wages paid, and every package is returned without a single article missing or scratch, tear or burn.

Prices meet all competition and Mr. J. K. Johnson, the popular proprietor, who has operated here one year, is building up and establishing a remarkable trade. Laundries such as this are of great advantage to a community and Mr. Johnson bears an excellent reputation. He is of the progressive type that merits a high place in these columns.

THE BRICK LIVERY STABLE—FRUIT & WAGGONER, PROPRIETORS.

Messrs. Fruit & Waggoner operate the Brick Livery Stable which is in every way up-to-the-mark, therefore in mentioning the livery interest of the town we will say a good word for these gentlemen. They understand this line from top to bottom, and they are splendid horsemen themselves. They conduct their business in an honorable, progress way and they leave no stone unturned to satisfy their patrons. They are well qualified for trade and we do not think one can be better served in the livery line in our city. They also do considerable in the feed and sale lines, and they in short, rank among our energetic, enterprising business men. They have operated here as a firm for two years and Mr. Fruit has officiated as deputy sheriff of the county. They are gentlemen to whom we award a high place in these columns.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY BANKING CO.

One of the chief causes for the prosperity of this favored section is the development and extension of our banking facilities and the history of this institution has been an unbroken record of success and progress since opening in Sept. 1902. It has been conducted on sound conservative principles and its management has been characterized by sagacity, energy and the most honorable principles. Altogether the affairs of the bank are in a most gratifying condition. The officials are men of the highest social and commercial standing and are rated as gilt edge. The officials are Thomas Leese, president, William Scott, 1st. vice president, J. C. Dudley 2nd vice president, and N. Wilkinson, cashier. We award this bank a high place in these columns.

O. J. BLACKLEDGE—FURNITURE STORE.

If there is any business man in Corvallis who should be well spoken of in these pages, it is Mr. Blackledge, for he has built up a large business and his establishment is a credit to the city. Mr. Blackledge has always carried on his affairs in an honorable, progressive manner and he stands high in our community as a pushing, wide-awake, strictly honest merchant. Mr. Blackledge carries a heavy stock of household and office furniture and no house gives better value for the money than he. He has been here for some years and was formerly a teacher. He is a progressive citizen of the best type, and we accord him an honorable place in these columns.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL—M. M. BRUNK, PROPRIETOR.

We must lay special stress on our hotels, as the stranger must first of all seek accommodations. Fortunately our city is well equipped in this way, and we wish to state emphatically that the Occidental is a well managed, comfortable and suc-

cessful establishment. It is well located and pains are taken with every patron to make him feel at home. The table is excellent, service first-rate, and the rooms are nicely furnished. A room can be had here at any time of the day or night and by the day, week or month. Mr. Brunk is an excellent business man, knows just how to handle custom and is a model host. Therefore we award him a high place in these columns.

R. C. CRAVEN, MERCHANT TAILOR.

We have excellent tailoring establishments here, but none better than this concern, and Mr. Craven's standing is such that he is entitled to commendation at our hands. He carries a very select stock and by patronizing him one can be as well dressed as if his clothes were made by a metropolitan tailor. He has a splendid location and has followed the business for a number of years. For style, fit and finish he is unexcelled and his credit in commercial circles is first-rate. The work of Mr. Craven during his residence here speaks for itself and needs no encomiums at the hands of the press.

G. A. GERHARDT—BOOKS, MUSIC AND STATIONERY.

This gentleman is one of the leaders in his line. He gets a large part of the trade here and is a man who can always be counted on. He handles books, stationery, newspapers, musical merchandise, etc., and he conducts all his affairs on the high plane of honor and enterprise. He is a native son of Oregon, having been born in Corvallis and he graduated with honor from the Mount Angel College. He has proved a most important and welcome addition to the business interests of the city, believing firmly in the West and in "printer's ink."

R. H. HUSTON—HARDWARE, IMPLEMENTS, ETC.

The mercantile career of Mr. Houston during the past fourteen years is one that speaks for itself and needs no encomiums at the hands of the press. His large and well-selected stock of hardware, tinware, stoves, farm implements and machinery of all kinds, buggies, wagons, etc., will compare favorably as to quality of goods and prices quoted with any other house of the kind on the Coast. He believes in giving full value every time, and the large trade which he enjoys and reputation which he has established for himself and his house are attested thoroughly by the constant swing of his doors, and by the very liberal patronage of the community.

B. W. JOHNSON, POSTMASTER.

A very competent official of Corvallis entitled to a place of honor here is our popular and efficient postmaster. He has filled this position during the past six and a half years and post office affairs never ran more smoothly. Mr. Johnson is prompt, polite, and courteous to a degree and was proprietor of the Gazette 4 years before he was appointed to this important responsibility. He was born in Pennsylvania and came to Oregon in '79 from Nebraska. He is a gentleman of the "royal blood" type who believes in adjusting ones self to the higher law of life and then assist the RACE to do the same. UNISON is the word of the AGE.

MISS ELLA JOHNSON—MILLINERY.

This is a millinery emporium which merits a good word at our hands. The latest hats and bonnets are here displayed, and prices are never high. We do not hesitate to say that our ladies can do just as well in this establishment as they can at any other place in the state. She has excellent taste and deals only with the leading firms in the millinery line, obtaining the latest styles as soon as they are out, and she takes the greatest pains to suit her customers. Her parlors are well stocked with hats and bonnets that would please the most fastidious, and she holds her trade remarkably well. Miss Johnson is a lady of refinement and sound business judgment, and during her past ten years of commercial life in this business has established an excellent custom. We, therefore, award her a high place in these columns.

Dr. Logan, Physician.

The professor of medicine is one of the noblest as well as the most important of callings and those who adopt it must be at once learned or sound judgment, energetic

Continued on Page Two.

Free Bus.

Fine Light Sample Rooms.



Hotel  
Corvallis

J. Hammel, Prop.

Leading Hotel in Corvallis. Recently opened. New brick building. Newly furnished, with modern conveniences. Furnace Heat, Electric Lights, Fire Escapes. Hot and cold water on every floor. Fine single rooms. Elegant suites. Leading house in the Willamette Valley.

Rates: \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.00 per day.

## WE DO NOT OFTEN CHANGE

Our ad., but our goods change hands every day. Your money exchanged for Value and Quality is the idea.

## Big Line Fresh Groceries

Domestic and Imported.

## Plain and Fancy Chinaware

A large and varied line.

Orders Filled Promptly and Complete. Visit our Store—we do the rest.

**E. B. Horning.**

## Xtra Good Clothes

For boys, little fellows and young men see Nolan & Callahan.

## G. R. FARRA, Physician & Surgeon.

Office up stairs back of Graham & Wells' drug store. Residence on the corner of Madison and Seventh. Telephone at residence, 104. All calls attended promptly.