

LOCAL LORE.

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

By request the flag contest will be postponed by the donors until Dec. 31st.

Miss Adelaide Hecker left Tuesday for an outing at Foley Springs. She will be absent three weeks.

There will be a musical concert and free cigars at the O K barber shop this Saturday evening. Everybody are invited.

After a residence of two or three years in this city, George Kerker and family departed Thursday for Santa Barbara, California. During their stay in Corvallis the Kerkers have made many sincere friends, who regret the departure.

Thinking that it might be wanted at the Agricultural college, Mrs. Maggie Browning caught a rattle snake and placed it in a jar a few days ago. The reptile was captured near the Browning home, in the vicinity of Monroe.

Friends in this city are in receipt of invitations to the wedding of Miss Pearl Selton, a well known OAC student in '98 and '99. The event takes place at the First Baptist church in Condon, Oregon, on the evening of August 31st, and the groom is Pearl Percival Jarvis.

For having untaged deer hides in his possession, C. G. Felger of Philomath, was brought before Justice Holgate Wednesday forenoon. He pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

A specimen of Japanese corn, on exhibition at the E. B. Horning grocery, attracted the attention of all passers-by Thursday. It was grown by James Johnson on his place near Wren, and is said to be productive and toothsome for table purposes. In color the blades are a sort of majenta red and a dark green, striped.

Mrs. George Mercer, who resides on Beaver Creek, is in a very critical condition, and a daughter, Mrs. Foster, at Summer Lake, Eastern Oregon, has been summoned to the bedside. Mrs. Mercer has not recovered from an attack of pneumonia with which she suffered a year ago, and the past few days has been gradually sinking. She is well known in Corvallis.

Times are lively over at the big prune packing plant on Water street. A force of 25 girls is employed in facing the fruit, and all told there nearly forty people engaged in the work of preparing the prunes for shipment. The first car left Tuesday, the second carload Thursday, and the third car leaves today. They are all bound for New York, and all told there will be seven carloads of the packed product.

There was another wedding in Corvallis at two o'clock Wednesday. The bride was Miss Flora E. Smith and the groom Bert L. Taylor. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith. County Judge Watters officiating. Only the immediate relatives were present. The same evening, a reception and banquet was given the newly married pair at the home of the groom's parents, who reside a short distance from Corvallis.

There was a badly worried man in Corvallis a few days ago. He was Charles Butler, who lives just beyond the outskirts of Corvallis on the road to Mountain View. Mr. Butler chopped wood with a purse in his pocket that contained \$50 in gold. Later in the day he entered a local store and when he reached for his purse to settle a bill, the money was gone. Mr. Butler had hauled wood all day, and he carefully retraced his steps, as nearly as possible, but found no sign of the missing gold, which seemed to be of more than ordinary brilliancy, viewed in memory. Late that evening, when he went into the wood shed after a supply of fuel, the purse was picked up from beside the chopping block.

Thursday's Albany Herald says:—On Tuesday night, while some of the harvest hands a few miles west of this city in Benton county, were out looking for water-melons, they crossed a field belonging to George Mayberry and suddenly they found themselves confronted by a dark figure. The man for such it proved to be, without a word of warning, raised a gun and fired three shots at the men in rapid succession, every shot taking effect. The three men fled precipitately, and as they found themselves wounded, sent to Albany for Dr. W. H. Davis, and that gentleman spent a pleasant hour or two in picking the shot from the bodies of the three youth. One of them had carried away 13 shot, another had six in him, and the third had three.

An effort is on foot in Marion county to have at the state fair at Salem next month a sample road, for the purpose of giving farmers and others an idea of what can be done in that line. It is also proposed to have firms place on exhibition the best machinery for road building, and to keep some such machinery in operation at the fair, for the benefit of all interested in the betterment of the public highways. Judge Scott, of Marion has just arranged with Manager Edwin Stone for forty tons of granite from the quarry on the East end of the C. & E. road to be brought to the fair grounds and there used in the construction of road work. This will serve a double purpose. It will demonstrate the practicability of the granite for road material and will show what a fine building material can be found in the state.

A well-known Corvallis steamboat has just ended its days up on Puget Sound. The Elwood, which was as good a stern-wheeler of her class as was ever turned out here, burned to the water's edge at Avon last Wednesday. She had of late been plying on the Seattle-Skagit route. The steamer had just arrived at Avon, on the Skagit River, when the fire broke out in the forecastle. It was impossible to control the flames and in a short time the boat was a total loss. Her machinery was so damaged by heat as to render it practically worthless. The Elwood was 154 feet long, 34 feet beam and 7.5 feet depth of hold, with 510 gross tonnage. She had accommodations for 250 passengers.

WHAT SHE IS DOING.

Not Boasting but Facts About the Improvements That are in Progress.

More people are taking an interest in their town this year than ever before. More people are building than ever before. More people are painting their buildings anew, more people are papering their houses anew, more people are cleaning up around their premises, more people are building new walks, building additions, building barns, building fruit houses, chicken houses, and porches, than ever before during the same period of time in the history of Corvallis.

Don't you believe it? Take a trip about town with your eyes wide open. Have you ever seen the like before since you came to Corvallis. No matter if you were born and reared here, did you ever see the like? We venture to assert that you never did.

Beginning only as far back as the first of the year 1904, what a vast amount of progress has been made, and is being made. Among the new residences there is the M. S. Woodcock house in Job's addition, a modern affair, two stories. There is the Mrs. Mary Miller house on Ninth street, just completed; the Gabriel Long house, the Charles He kart cottage, the Clifford Kerr cottage, the Starr cottage, the Hal cottage, the Caroline Maxfield cottage, the J. H. Moore residence, the George Fuller cottage, the Mrs. Hommeson dwelling, the Alva Miner house, to say nothing of the Callahan cottage on which work is just beginning, and the Buxton dwelling for which the foundation is now in course of construction.

Then in the way of remodeling and repairing, notice the old Methodist church on North Main street, that has been worked over into two large and modern houses. Look down Fourth street where the old Evangelical church used to stand, and there is a new residence in its place, built, it is true, of the old church, but none the less attractive because of that fact. The Metzger house, too, is handsome and up-to-date, due to a thorough remodeling given it this spring, and the C. C. Chipman house also bears evidence of the changes that a skilled carpenter can produce within a few days.

Besides these changes for the better, the movement has spread until Main street has taken up the matter of improvement and the Bert Thompson cement brick, that was the first to go up, is now being followed by the Henderson brick, and by numerous improvements to other business houses, including the Hodes grocery, the Plaster barber shop, the Bell Telephone office, the Berry & Carl establishment, and others. The list is too long to give further details, but the fact that Corvallis has at last fully awakened and is determined to advance is one that is universally gratifying. It is only a matter of a short time when Corvallis will stand as one of the foremost towns in the valley, from a business as well as from an educational standpoint.

Gordon hats at Kline's. New styles just in. At Kline's.

WHY THEY COMPLAIN.

Not the Electric but a Part of the Territorial Road That They Want.

All material for road building in the southern part of Benton county is to be transported free of charge over the line of the new electric railroad between Corvallis and Eugene. This is the concession that the Benton county court has sought and obtained, and the fact is significant. It means that all material that is to be used for the betterment of Benton highways is to be carried, in reasonable quantities at a time, and at reasonable times, free of all expense, over the new line, to such points as is desired by the Benton court. At various points in the county the side roads or the lanes leading out to a connection with the state road, are the ones that are in such a deplorable condition that travel is rendered well-nigh impossible during a portion of the winter. The new arrangement means that material will be taken along the electric line to the nearest point to these side roads from whence it can be hauled to the places where most needed, thus saving the heavy expense that is now entailed in hauling such long distances.

Along the route of the proposed road there is said to be much complaint. It is alleged by some that the electric road will cut too much off the county roads, and that teams will be frightened by the passing cars, at such close proximity. It is the firm opinion of County Judge Watters that all territorial roads are by law required to be 80 feet in width, and this being the case, the road question should be that wide. According to the information received by Judge Watters, however, the fact seems to be that in many instances farmers have gradually appropriated to their own use about 20 feet of this road, leaving it only 60 instead of 80 feet in width. The loudest wails, consequently, are from these same persons, who wish the 20 feet for themselves, but are unwilling to share the roadway with the new electric line, even though the benefits that are to accrue are benefits that concern the farmers along the route, more nearly than they concern almost any one else.

HOEFLIEN-AIKEN.

Married in Time to Take His Regular Train to the Bay.

W. C. Hoeflein, conductor on the C. & E. passenger train between this city and Yaquina, says the Albany Herald of Thursday, was yesterday married to Miss Elva Aiken, at Salem, by Rev. P. S. Knight, the veteran preacher. The bride was formerly station agent at Philomath, but recently resigned her position. The groom had only a 24-hour layoff for the wedding, and when he arrived here on his bridal tour yesterday noon from Salem, a few hours after he was married, he doffed his dress suit, donned his uniform, and took his train out on time, and few of the passengers there knew that a bridal couple was on board, and that the smiling conductor was the groom. The newly wedded couple will reside at Yaquina. They have the best wishes of a large and admiring circle of friends.

Lost.

Black and white spotted pointer 1 1/2 years old. Suitable reward for his return. Horace Locke.

Suitable Reward.

A suitable reward will be paid for the return of a hammer and hatchet that has disappeared from my store. S. L. Kline.

Excursion Rates to Yaquina Bay.

On June 1st, the Southern Pacific Co. will resume sale of excursion tickets to Newport and Yaquina Bay. Both season and Saturday to Monday tickets will be sold. This popular resort is growing in favor each year, hotel rates reasonable and the opportunities for fishing, hunting and sea bathing are unexcelled by any other resort on the Pacific Coast.

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Excursion to the Circus.

Special excursion rates on all lines of travel have been arranged for by the management of Ringling Brothers' World's Greatest Shows, and those who wish to go to Albany Thursday September 1st where this great circus exhibits can do so at very little expense. This will be the only point in this vicinity where the show will exhibit this season. Ringling Brothers' circus has been the leading arena exhibition of America for years, but the show has never been permitted to rest upon its own reputation. Although it long ago passed the point of competition, every season sees a greater and grander show. This year's performance is entirely new, and entails the combined efforts of 375 wonderful artists in the equestrian, gymnastic, acrobatic and aerial line, together with forty famous clowns and hundreds of lesser lights, six hundred and fifty horses are used and a marvelous trained animal department is presented. The circus this season is greatly enlarged by the spectacular production of Jerusalem and the Crusades, a pantomimic presentation of the well known and beautiful historic narratives of the Crusaders. The vast menagerie has among hundreds of features the only living pair of giraffes, the first baby elephant successfully bred and reared in America, and the only rhinoceros in captivity. There is a gorgeous revival of the Roman hippodrome races, and many other stupendous features in this great circus. Circus day opens with a brilliant street parade, three miles in length. Don't fail to see it.

For Sale.

Large 8 room house, 3 lots, plenty of fruit and shade trees, a splendid home place, fine location. Will be sold at a sacrifice if taken before the 1st of Sept. Terms easy. Call 6th and Van Buren Sts. Corvallis. Mrs V. Espy.

Are you going hopping? If so, call at Blackledge's new furniture store for tents, stoves and camp stools, etc.

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