

LOCAL LOBE.

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—Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gilbert returned Sunday from a brief visit with Dallas relatives.

—From a month's visit in Baker City and other places, Mr and Mrs. Fred Clark were returning passengers from Portland last week.

—Salem Journal: Miss Cronise has returned to her home at Corvallis after a visit with relatives in this city. Her uncle, T. J. Cronise accompanied her home, and will visit for a few days.

—A well known piece of property changed hands a day or two ago. It was the John Wells place, just across Oak creek, west of Corvallis. The purchaser is Jesse Walker. Mrs. Wells has purchased the D. M. Smith property in Corvallis, and will reside in this city.

—Mrs. Caroline Greffoz has disposed of her property in Corvallis. The purchaser is M. C. Miller, and the deal was consummated Thursday. The place is near the S. P. depot, and there are 12 lots and a large dwelling.

—From a two months' outing in the Yachats country, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Howell returned home Thursday. While absent they were engaged in peeling chittin on their claim. The Farmers Hotel is again in their charge, Mrs. Gleason having operated the establishment during their absence.

—The residence property of J. M. Howard was sold Monday to Mrs. Caroline Schrimmer for \$350. The sale was made by Captain George Robinson. The purchaser is to occupy the property at once in order to send young folks in the family to college, a son having attended OAC last year. Mr. Howard is to occupy other property.

—The third car in a lot of seven carloads of prunes the big prune company is processing for shipment E. St. left yesterday for New York, two others having been started on the long journey last week. It is expected that the work of processing and packing will be completed by next Tuesday evening. A force of 25 girls and women are employed at the packing.

—One of Corvallis' most promising boys left Monday for Salem. He is Walter Sheasgreen, and he goes to accept a responsible position as telegraph operator for the Western Union. Walter has made rapid strides in his chosen field of labor, and although 18 years of age has a ready held several positions of more than passing importance for one of his years. Many friends in Corvallis predict for him a very bright future.

—It wasn't the purpose in a local mention in Saturday's Times to hold up the idea that votes for the silk flag should be thrown for one of the leading candidates and against the others. OAC means much to Corvallis, and it has its claims. The public school system is the bulwark of civil liberty, and it has its claims that cannot be overlooked. The local fire department is an unbanked organization in which gratuitous service is given for local protection, and its claims are both sentimental and substantial.

—A five weeks tour by Rev. Father Springer of the Southwest and Middlewest closed with his arrival in this city Sunday morning. The route was via San Francisco, New and Old Mexico, Texas, and thence to St. Louis and Kansas City going, and via Pueblo and Salt Lake on the homeward journey. Several days were spent at the St. Louis Fair, where wonders in invention, art and handicraft, such as the world never saw gathered together before, were viewed. At the Fair even a whole day in some instances fails to enable the visitor to see all that is to be seen in a single building.

—The new football rules are out, and changes still further decrease the mass formations and the consequent roughness of the game. The entire field is a checkerboard this year, instead of only that part of it between the 25 yard lines as last year. There can never be less than six men in the rush line and if only six are there, then one of the men who plays behind the line must be outside the man occupying the position on the end of the line of scrimmage. The quarterback may run with the ball in any part of the field, and at any time, provided the above condition is complied with and so long as he runs at least five yards outside of the spot where the ball was put in play. The only other change of moment is that a field goal from a place or drop kick only counts four points instead of five as heretofore.

—Wheat 77.

—President Gatch arrived yesterday from a brief outing at Newport.

—Miss Mabel Withycombe is visiting Portland and Salem friends. She will be absent a month.

—J. A. Covert of Dallas, was a business visitor in Corvallis Friday and Saturday.

—Clarence Beaver, of the '04 graduating class at O. A. C., has a fine position in a Portland drug-store.

—Prof. Skelton and family arrived Friday from a two weeks' visit with relatives at Seattle.

J. Harding, a young teacher of Gascon has determined to enter the pharmacy class at O. A. C. next month. Mr. Harding has won considerable reputation as an athlete, and he is a candidate for honors on the O. A. C. football team.

Mr. J. Waldo Finn, of McCoy, who was billed for West Point or Annapolis, has decided to enter the O. A. C. next term. He has two brothers who are now officers in the U. S. Army, one of whom is a captain.

—On September 4th there will be divine service at West Wood church in Pleasant Valley. Sunday school at 10 and preaching at 11 a. m. All around service in the afternoon. All are invited to come and bring your baskets filled and have a good time.

—J. G. Kilpack, student in the O. A. C. last year, has been employed to teach English branches in the Hill academy of Portland. Meigs Bartness and Mr. Kilpack were selected as instructors of that school as the result of Dr. Hill's visit to Corvallis prior to commencement.

Wheat is 77 cents per bushel in the local market. Markets abroad are firm, but very sluggish with but little grain moving. About half the local wheat crop has reached the mills, and of this about three-fourths has passed out of the farmers hands at prevailing prices. Good oats are quoted at 35 cents per bushel.

—The county court is placing watering accommodations for the public at the court house square. The fountain is located on the north side of the block, and is for the use of both man and beast. The arrangement for horses is a trough, so adjusted as to remain full of water constantly. The convenience is one that the public has talked about and asked for, a long time.

—An important concession has been secured by the county court of the promoters of the electric railroad by County Judge Watters. It is an agreement for the free transportation for road building material over roads that may be traversed by the proposed lines. This includes gravel hauling, and will, in case the line materializes, make road building cheap and easy over routes covered by the electric road.

—The funeral of Mrs. Mary M. McLagan occurred from the family home Sunday afternoon. The interment was in Odd Fellows cemetery. After an illness of but a few days, Mrs. McLagan died Friday morning, aged 77 years. She was born in New York, and after a residence of several years there and in Illinois, she married William McLagan November 26, 1848. In April 1852 she left for Oregon, arriving in Portland the following autumn, and settling in Benton county in 1854. Surviving sons and daughters are: Mrs. Jesse Spencer and Mrs. Tucker, Corvallis, O. C. McLagan, Alaska, and Douglas McLagan, California.

Lost.

Small, black-backed pocket day book, with rubber band at one end, and containing threshing accounts of value to no one but owner. Please leave at E. B. Horning's grocery store.

For Sale Cheap.

A bay horse weighs 1600; 8 years old. Enquire or address A. D. Norton Blodgett, Ore.

Notice.

Is hereby given that on and after Sept 10, 1904, the City Delivery Company under an agreement with the merchants, will not deliver any feed on Saturdays. Robinson & Birrell, Props.

Notice.

Is hereby given that on and after Sept 1st, 1904, the City Dray Company's headquarters will be at Milner & Wellshers' store where orders will be taken and filled promptly. Henkle & Robinson, props.

TO CARE OF STRANGERS.

Benton County Parents and Their Children - Two Commitments.

Two commitments to the Boys and Girls Aid Society of Portland, were made by the county court yesterday. One was the case of Etta Lewis, whom the records designate as 14 years old last January. In it, as in all other instances, the parents sign away all their rights of control, transferring the same to the society, which is to have full control of the child until majority is reached.

The scene attending each of the two melancholy ceremonies was full of pathos. The Lewis girl passed to the court house, walking between the father and mother, all of the trio in tears over the pending separation. The sight was one that ought, had they seen it, to have awakened feelings of remorse in the young scamp, responsible for the girl's trouble, who is but a child, both in mind and years. Miss Lewis was taken to Portland yesterday afternoon.

The other commitment carried with it another tragedy of mind and heart. The mother is Miss Mary Howell of Glenbrook. There is no legal father. The girl is but eighteen years of age and at the courthouse the face wore an expression that told the sad story of mental worry. The atmosphere was keeping with the rest of the melancholy scene.

The child is four months of age, and bears the name, Orpha. As she signed the paper that gave the innocent babe to the Portland society, the mother told her story, and named the father, a young man of the vicinity of Glenbrook. She accompanied her babe to Portland. A big half of the world knows nothing of the wretchedness and misery the other half daily and hourly suffers.

ITS DOORS CLOSED.

Occidental Hotel—Failure of Mr. Brunk—Liabilities Two Thousand.

The Occidental Hotel is closed to the public, and Landlord Brunk may leave today with his family for Portland to reside. The doors were closed and locked shortly before noon Saturday, and are not to be reopened under the late management. Mr. Brunk has filed a petition of voluntary bankruptcy, and the assets of the estate will go into the hands of a trustee for disbursement. Sometime will be required in effecting a settlement, and until that is done, the hotel will remain closed. Talk on the street is to the effect that Clarence Chipman, proprietor of the Commercial restaurant will lease the hotel property, and later re-open the well known hostelry to the public.

No official papers have been filed as yet, but it is understood that the liabilities of Mr. Brunk aggregate about \$2,000. Among them is the bill of Homer Lilly for meat, \$492, a claim of M. S. Woodcock for rent and loans, about \$700, Walter Taylor, milk bill, \$150, and other smaller amounts. The assets consists of the hotel furnishings valued at \$3,000. A petition of voluntary bankruptcy was prepared and forwarded Monday for filing in the United States court at Portland. A trustee will shortly be elected by creditors to settle up the estate.

The failure is much regretted in Corvallis where Mr. Brunk has many friends. The occasion of it is doubtless due to the advent of Hotel Corvallis with its superior appointments and the division of business that was a consequence therefrom. The Occidental was built 25 years ago, and until Saturday forenoon its doors have never since the opening day been closed to the public. It was a great money-maker in the old days of railroad building, and until a newer and better establishment appeared on the scene it always commanded a remunerative trade.

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. W. E. Coman, Gen. Passenger Agent.

A full and complete line of groceries, kitchen, hardware, flour, mill feed, rolled barley, and oil meal. Dunn & Thatcher.

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