

Corvallis Times.

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MOUNTAIN WATER.

The Willamette river is the sewer of the Willamette valley. Growth of population and the natural tendency of people more and more to get rid of filth and sewage will cause it to be used more and more as a general drain. More and more it will be made to carry away the excrement, filth and vile sewage of growing and multiplying towns. More and more sewage systems will be built in these towns, and more and more these will empty their dirty cargoes into the stream. More and more people will die and be buried, and more and more will the drainage and seepage from burial places find its way into the water that people by hundreds and thousands are daily drinking.

Ultimately, certainly, absolutely, pollution of the Willamette will so increase, that it is but a question of time when people will be driven to some other source of water supply. Even this very moment may be the time that the change ought to be made, for aught anybody knows. Especially is this true during the dry season, when the volume of water flow is at the minimum and the opportunity for pollution simple and easy. Is this not a reason for Corvallisites to think occasionally of ways and means for getting a water supply from the pure, uncontaminated streams of the mountains? Wouldn't Corvallis capital, rather than lie unused and dead in local banks better be invested in a mountain water system which Engineer Gates declares would only cost \$50,000, which he says would be a good investment? Or, if this board prefers to lie unused, will not the people, or the city council, or somebody endeavor to enlist capital from elsewhere to bring water to Corvallis from the mountains? Corvallis can get mountain water if she wants it. For so many people and so good a town, a \$50,000 investment, that in mountain water would mean so much, is but a trifle. United, constant and intelligently directed insistence upon a best water supply, will bring it. Why not try?

AS A PRECAUTION.

The time has come when it is important that persons with a rash or other breaking out about the body or face should consult a physician without delay, to the end that if the ailment be smallpox, quarantine can be established before scores of people have been exposed. Unless greater care in this respect is observed, it seems likely that Corvallis will be a long time in getting rid of the disease.

It is highly essential for the good of the schools, that sufficient care be observed to effectually prevent the trouble. Business men and all other people in town

a breaking out on the face, must either establish by the advice of a physician that the case is not smallpox, or go home and stay there until a cure is effected.

"SUZANNE OF KERBYVILLE."

What it is—Corvallis Boy's New Book—Fact and Fiction.

Dennis Stovall's new book, "Suzanne of Kerbyville," is a mining camp story, and is very readable. The plot is laid at Kerbyville, Southern Oregon, the chief camp in the famous Althouse district, which was at one time one of the leading mining camps in the Southern Oregon country. The date is in the early Fifties, and advantage is taken of the Indian wars that raged in the section during that time to interweave bits of fiction and fact together in a way that assists in giving the narrative a touch of real life. The attempt of Rogue River John to massacre the settlers at Big Meadows furnishes the incident for the closing chapters of the book, and incidentally supplies excuse for the arrest of a miner, the father of Suzanne, as a traitor and spy, for his court marshal and death sentence, and for Suzanne to save him, which she does in a dramatic manner.

Four excellent characters are created in the book, and their portrayal is painted clearly and faithfully. The book is not of the gory character that might be expected from a mining camp and a young writer, but keeps fairly within the realms of reason and real life. Best of all, it turns a very pretty moral, and is well worth the few hours of time required to read it.

WAITING FOR THEM.

Transmitters for the Independent Telephone Company—All Day Service on.

Non-arrival of transmitters is the occasion of another delay in the inauguration of general service on the Independent telephone system. A supply was shipped from Kansas City a week ago last Thursday, and it was confidently expected that the invoice would reach Corvallis by last Thursday or Friday, when the transmitters could be applied to the phones already installed and universal communication begin.

But Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday came without the transmitters. Monday also came and still the missing contrivances failed to appear. Meantime, but 32 of the local phones have transmitters, and these have been installed in business houses and are in use, largely in switches with the rural lines. Yesterday, it was expected that the long delayed shipment would arrive, and that connections could be speedily made. Until it does arrive the extension of the service to all subscribers will be delayed. Meantime, an all day service is maintained at the central office, and the linemen are constantly pushing the work of putting in and connecting up residence phones. Mr. DeVarney has been at Salem for a day or two, looking after the interests of the Independent Telephone Company, which expects to push its extensions with energy in all directions.

TOO MUCH LIGHTNING.

For an Oregonian—The Flashes too Bright and Thunder too Loud—in Arkansas.

County Clerk Moses arrived Sunday morning from a two months' visit East. Most of the time was spent in Arkansas where there is a vast tribe of the Moses kindred. A happier man to get back to Benton than was Mr. Moses, has not been seen a long time. His teeth have been chattering most of the time since he has been away on account of the East in electrical storms. Sixteen people in various parts of the state were killed during the six weeks he was in Arkansas. Bred and born in Oregon, where thunder storms are rare, the county clerk was unprepared for the brilliant effects in this line that the East affords. "Sometimes," he says, "it seemed to him that the lightning flashes were continual and with electric fire all round him, it was so light that he could read a paper." "People said that the lightning was 100 miles away," he continued, "but it seemed to me that it was right where I was. The rattling of the windows, and the vibration of the walls of buildings to the reverberation of the thunder peals are such as to make an Oregonian, fresh off the grass, awfully homesick."

In Arkansas, Mr. Moses found, in some of the remoter districts people still living in the little old log cabins of the pioneer days. The state, however, is fast improving under the development of coal, lead and copper mines, and in the production of peaches. He visited one family that shipped out 28 carloads of peaches during the season, and one small town in the vicinity sent abroad 201 cars in a week. Many court houses were visited on the trip, and in but few of them is the work abreast with the work in this line in Oregon offices. In one county, he found the county clerk actually using Oregon forms. Mr. Moses also visited a few days in Nevada at the home of his brother who is principal of the Indian school on the Owyhee reservation.

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For Sale.

Fresh vetch and cheat seed at my place five miles north of Corvallis.

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Hop Pickers Wanted.

Inquire at City Restaurant. 45 cents per box. Jim Sing.

Brick for Sale.

In quantities to suit, and at reasonable prices. At Corvallis brick yards. W. C. Corbett, Prop.

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.

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

Notice of the First Meeting of Creditors.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Oregon.

In the Matter of } In Bankruptcy.
H. M. Brunk,

To the creditors of H. M. Brunk Corvallis in the County of Benton and District aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of Sept, 1904, the said H. M. Brunk was duly adjudged bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at Corvallis, Oregon, in my office on the 19th day of Sept, 1904, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at which the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee to examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. Dated Sept 6, 1904.

E. Holgate, Referee in Bankruptcy.

Pathmark.

Is now at home and ready for service. His trainer claimed that he had plenty of speed, could go a quarter in 30 seconds, but did not have the wind to hold out. Jesse Brown.

For Rent.

A furnished house containing four rooms, one door south of Christian church. For further information call this week at residence of P. A. Moses.

GATHERING HOPS.

All the Yards in full Blast—Many Corvallisites are Afield.

The hop pickers are afield. Operations began in yards all over the valley Monday. A special train of 18 cars carried pickers from Portland to the Independence and Buena Vista yards. People also came out of Portland by steamboat loads, all species of locomotion being taxed to accommodate the rush to the yards.

Picking began in the Corvallis yards Monday. In the Beach yard across the Willamette 100 pickers are employed, which is even more than enough to keep the dry house constantly filled. The crop is not so heavy as in some former years, but the quality is superfine, not even a trace of lice or mold being apparent. It is estimated that the yield of the yard will not be less than 35,000 pounds.

Picking in the Lilly yard began at the same time. The conditions there with respect to crop are similar to those in the Beach yard. Over 750 pickers are employed. The absence of rain during past weeks, has, with respect to lice and mold been a fortunate weather feature.

Picking began in the Whitaker yard Monday. The usual force of pickers there is 75, many of the same pickers returning to the yard, year after year.

All day Sunday, wagons loaded with camping outfits and people passed through Corvallis, enroute to the Independence and Buena Vista yards. Many Corvallis families joined in the exodus, expecting in the field to take a summer outing and at the same time to turn an honest penny. Monday morning, before most people were astir, many of the local population were out with baskets and dinner pails, hurrying to the Beach and Lilly yards. The gentler sex was well represented in the tramp to the fields, and many a winter garment, suit, ribbon and bonnet will be the fruit of what frail hands gathered from the golden hops this year, that in quality, quantity and price, promise much for everybody who has to do with them.

Scientific Egg Test.

A new and simple method for testing eggs is published in German papers. It is based upon the fact that the air chamber in the flat end of the egg increases with age. If the egg is placed in a solution of common salt, it will show an increasing inclination to float with the long axis vertical.

A scale is attached to the vessel containing the salt solution so that the inclination of the floating egg toward the horizontal can be measured. In this way the age of an egg can be determined almost to a day.

A fresh egg lies in a horizontal position at the bottom of the vessel; an egg from three to five days old shows an elevation of the flat end so that its long axis forms an angle of 20 degrees. With an egg eight days old the angle increases to 45 degrees; with an egg 14 days old to 60 degrees, and with one three weeks old to 75 degrees, while an egg a month old floats vertically upon the pointed end.

Piano Tuning.

A. S. Draper, tuner for the Allen & Gilbert-Ramaker Co, is in town for a few days. Leave orders at Hotel Corvallis as soon as possible.

For Sale.

100 feet of picket fencing. Inquire of W. M. Cress 813 3rd street.

For Sale.

Vetch hay from barn, cut hay \$5.50 in field, grub oak wood sawed 16 in. long, one second hand wagon 3 1/2 axle one short horn cow, and one Jersey cow. Can order from Corvallis on telephone. L.L. Brooks.

Lost.

From the pasture of Wiley Winkle on July 27th, a bald faced, two year old, steel gray filly. Has two white hind feet and white spot on right side. Will pay a reasonable reward for information that will lead to recovery. W. H. Wilson, Alsea, Ore.

C. H. Newth, Physician and Surgeon, Philomath, Oregon.

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