LOCAL LORE.

NEWS OF CORVALLIS AND VICINITY TOLD IN BRIEF.

The Comings and Goings of People
Social Gossip, Personal Mention and Other Items of Public Interest

—Cleve Cate left Saturday for a brief stay in Portland and Ridgefield.

—Zophar Tharp was the guest over Sunday of Monmouth friends.

—For a visit with Corvallis friends Dr. O. D. Butler of Independence, was in Corvallis over Sunday.

—Mrs. H. H. Veatch of Cottage Grove has arrived for a visit with relatives in Corvallis.

—Floyd Williams and Otto Simpson spent Sunday at their homes near Airlie.

—Miss Edna Buster of Alsea, who is residing in Albany this winter, was the guest of Corvallis friends over Sunday.

—After a four weeks' visit with her brother, Dr. B. A. Cathey, Mrs. S. C. Jones left yesterday for her home in Gresham.

—Ralph Pruett, who returned a few days ago from an extended visit in Oakland, has accepted a position as salesman in S. L. Kline's big store.

—George Brown suffers from an injury to his foot, coused by stepping on a rusty nail. The accident happened Saturday.

—Ross Finley arrived Sunday from Bourne for a brief visit at home. Mr. Finley is assayer for Jonathan Bourne at one of the latter's mines in the Baker City district.

—The ladies of the Christian church will give a chicken pie dinner in the Opera House Thanksgiving day. Lunch will also be served in the evening at which time a program will be tendered.

—The executive committee of the board of regents held a brief meeting at the college Saturday afternoon. The members in attendance were Regents Weatherford, Daly, Keady and Apperson.

—Guests this week at the John E. Wyatt home are Mrs. H. J. Elliott of Perrydale, and Mrs. A. J. Shipley of Moomouth. They arrived Sunday. Both are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt.

—Protracted meetings are this week in progress at the Evangelical church in this city. They began Sunday evening and will continue indefinitely. Rev. Deck will be in charge.

—As she was starting to church Sunday evening, Mrs. Hummiston, residing on College street, slipped on the walk, and fell injuring her arm so badly that a physician was summoney. No bones were broken but the injury is quite painful.

—The work of extending the Mountain View telephone line to a connection with other lines in the Soap Creek country, began Monday morning. The plan involves connections with the Kings Valley and Polk county independent lines.

—Three members of the Dick Fehler family are down with typhoid fever at the home near Philomath. and Mrs. Frank Wyatt, who went to nurse some of the patients, is also down with the disease. Dr. Pernot is in charge of the cases.

—The big rock crusher that is used for road work and that was for a long time badly broken up on account of an accident that happened to it while in use near Mt. View last summer, has been put in repair and has been brought to Corvallis where it is being used in rolling gravel on the streets.

—Two acres belonging to Emil Liebe near the college, was sold last week to John Gortmacker for $850. Mr. Gortmacker is from South Dakota and will soon commence the construction of a dwelling on the property. For the present he is at the home of Peter Bengen across the river.

—Mrs. Adam Herwig aged 75, sustained a fracture of the hip Sunday evening from a fall from the porch The lady lives with her daughter, Mrs. Duret in the western part of town. She stepped off the porch accidentally as she was moving about Sunday evening. The fracture was reduced by Dr. Cathey.

—Mr. Pilkington of Oakland, Oregon, father of Bert Pilkington, the well known OAC student, spent Sunday in Corvallis, on a visit to his son. Mr. Pilkington has resided for 26 years at Oakland, but is contemplating a change of location. He is looking for a small tract of land convenient to a Valley town.

—Many friends in Corvallis will read with interest the following excerpt from the society columns of Sunday's Oregon Journal, of Portland concerning three former Corvallisites now holding positions in the metropolis: The Western Academy of Music gave a reception last Tuesday for the law department. Mr. Turney of the violin department was compelled to respond to three encores. G. Lester Paul gave several readings, and Mr. Goodnough's playing on the piano was up to the standard of his best work.

—J. D. Irvine of Brownsville, was a Corvallis visitor over Sunday.

—W. M, Jones of Dallas, has been in Corvallis this week on business.

—Miss Floy Hawley has arrived from Bellfountain for a visit with Corvallis friends.

—The ladies Missionary society of the Congregational church holds its meeting this afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. J. Nichols.

—Dunn and Thatcher are building a wareroom in the rear of their store.

—J. D. Mann came up from Salem Saturday to be present at yesterday's election and cast his vote in Benton.

—Hugh Herron returned Monday from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Hattie Bushnell, in Seattle.

—The show that had operated for four or five days on the flat back of the Farmers' Hotel, gathered up its tents and departed, Monday morning.

—Mr. Buxton and family moved Monday into their commodious new residence on College street. W. H. Dilly and family now occupy the residence vacated by the Buxtons.

—A car load of cascara bark left Corvallis Monday. In the shipment was about 10 tons of the bark. It was shipped by M. C. Miller.

—After many weeks of delay, the burnt hay that was left smouldering on a lot on South Main street, as a result of the burning of Julian McFadden's baled crop, has been removed this week.

—A force of men was busy Monday in scraping the mud from Main street and the cross walks. After the surface slop is removed, a hard, clean road-bed is exposed.

—Johnny Wells and family moved yesterday into their handsome new residence in the northern part of town. The house vacated by them has been taken by Thomas Vidito and family.

—John Allen and family moved Monday into the Callahan cottage, just completed by Adams Bros., on Ninth street. The residence is one of the most attractive in that part of the city.

—Dick Kiger has purchased the John Smith property on Eighth street, just vacated by Mr. and Mrs. John Allen. Mr. Kiger now occupies the premises, and is shortly to begin the erection of a barn on the place.

—Mr. Charles Meyer, of Albany, came to Corvallis the latter part of last week to spend Sunday with his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Phile. He returned Monday, in order to make sure of voting.

—Miss Pearl Persinger of Bellfountain, took the teachers's examination in Corvallis last week, and passed. There is general complaint about the scarcity of teachers, and it is stated that several schools are not supplied in the outlying districts from Corvallis.

—The new Independent telephone line from Corvallis to Monroe was completed Saturday and all the phones installed. There are 12 patrons already on this line, which includes the Irish Bend country as well as the Monroe.

—Albany has a total indebtedness of $113,000, and pays an interest charge of $6,800 per year. The income from saloons is $4,000. The morning of the election, Mayor Davis issued a statement setting forth the above facts and calling upon others to go against prohibition. He declared that prohibition would shut off the street lighting, the water for fire protection and raise the city tax to 17 mills.

—The O. A. C. football men are up against it. In addition to the games to be played in the regular list, the Portland newspapers have got on the schedule, and the old threadbare charges against O. A. C. because she does not make a game with Multnomah Athletic Club are dragged from a precious and fortunate oblivion. O. A. C. men cannot play Multnomah, because the Board of Regents prohibits O. A. C. team from engaging in athletic contests "with other than college teams." Whether wise or unwise, the board has the say. The regulation is a rule than can only be unmade by the regents themselves. If O. A. C. men should undertake to schedule a game with Multnomah, they would doubtless be fired from college. The question is, would those in Portland who slander them, because they decline to do so, advise them, under the circumstances to schedule a game, with Multnomah? Which is of more importance to the young gentlemen of the team, a continuance in college, or a football geme with Multnomah?

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the sewer committee until 12 o'clock a. m. Monday, the 14th day of November, 1904, for the construction of a sewer through block 14 original town of Marysville, now Corvallis, according to the plans and specifications now on file in the office of the police judge.

A certified check of fifty dollars must accompany each bid.

The right to reject any or all bids are hereby reserved.

A. RENNIE,
P. AVERY,
J. M. CAMERON,
Sewer Committee.

MAY DAY FESTIVALS.

They Were Celebrated In the Time of the Ancient Romans.

For ages May day has been a time of general rejoicing. All over Christendom its advent is hailed with delight. The birds, the bees and the flowers join us in an annual celebration of the day. Nature has at last thrown off the snow quilt with which she has braved the ravages of winter and glows resplendent in buds and blossoms. The streams have broken their icy fetters and burst forth into joyous accompaniments to myriads of bird choristers. And humanity, overpowered by the same glad spirit, seeks the woods and the fields to revel in the wealth of verdure so lavishly spread out.

Among the Romans this feeling found vent in their Floralia, or florea games, which began on the 28th of April and lasted several days. We read that "nations taking more or less their origin from Rome have settled upon the 1st of May as the special time for fetes of the same kind. With ancients and moderns alike it was an instinctive rush into the fields to revel in the bloom which was newly presented on the meadows and the trees."

The barbarous Celtic populations held a heathen festival on this day, but we are not told that it was in any way connected with flowers. It was called Beltein and was celebrated by kindling fires on the hilltops at night. Within the remembrance of many the peasantry of Ireland, the Isle of Man and of the Scottish highlands also held similar celebrations.—Table Talk.

THE DIAMOND.

It Was Probably In Its Original State a Vegetable Product.

Originally the diamond was probably a vegetable product exuded from some ancient tree. Positive evidence on the subject is not forthcoming, but the concurrence of such authorities as Newton, Brewster, Jameson and Lavoisier, who trace it to a vegetable source, must, in the absence of decisive negative proof, make this hypothesis probable.

The crystalline form of the diamond is undoubtedly due to the action of heat, and the occurrence of these stones in igneous rocks and mica slate, especially at the Cape, lends color to the view that they have been metamorphosed, as has been the case with graphite.

This complete change may have been directly or indirectly due to the internal heat of the globe or may have resulted from volcanic action. Indirectly it would be accounted for by the immense heat evolved in the crumbling, fracturing and grinding together of the earth's crust in the attempt to adjust itself to the cooling and contracting interior. Directly it may have been the result of a change in the direction of the internal heat, causing a fusion of the rocks of the crust, the diamond and other crystals being formed when they again cooled.

The Name Niagara.

"Everybody pronounces Niagara wrong," said a philologist. The accent of this beautiful Indian word should not be put on the syllable 'ag,' but on the syllable 'ar'—the penult—the one before the last. Niagara means 'bark to the thunder.' Its accent should fall on the penult because the Indians themselves accent it there, because in practically all our Indian names of places the penult is the accented syllable. Think of the Indian names you know. Don't you accent nearly all of them on the syllable before the last? There are, for instance, Toronto, Mississippi, Allegheny, Appalachicola, Narragansett, Tuscaloosa, Saratoga, Ticonderoga, Oswego, Conshohocken, Wissahickon and Hochelaga. In all these names the accent is on the penult. Niagara is a Huron word, and if you can find a Huron you will find that he accents it as he does Saratoga or Tuscaloosa. I don't know how we have fallen into the habit of accenting it wrong."—Chicago Chronicle.

A Good Recommendation.

An Irishman was charged with a petty offense.

"Have you any one in court who will vouch for your good character?" queried the judge.

"Yes, sorr; there is the chief constable yonder," answered Pat.

The chief constable was amazed. "Why, your honor, I don't even know the man," protested he.

"Now, sorr," broke in Pat, "I have lived in the borough for nearly twenty years, and if the chief constable doesn't know me yet, isn't that a character for yez?"

A Sequence of Titles.

A German periodical states that a very strange but none the less true fact is that the predecessor of the late Queen Victoria of England was at one and the same time William I., II., III. and IV. He was William I. of Hanover, William II. of Ireland, William III. of Scotland and William IV. of England.

Getting Serious.

"I guess Mr. Olden doesn't feel as young as he did several months ago," remarked the observant man.

"Why do you think so?"

"He used to joke with that undertaker who lives near him, but he doesn't do it any more."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Sensitive Conscience.

Carrie—Goodness, it's that horrid old bore, Wilkins. Tell him I have gone out. Belle—No, I won't tell a story, but I will say that you have not come back yet.

Her Secrets.

"Never tell a secret, dear. It would be a great breach of confidence."

"What must I do with it, mamma?"

"Well—bring it to me!"

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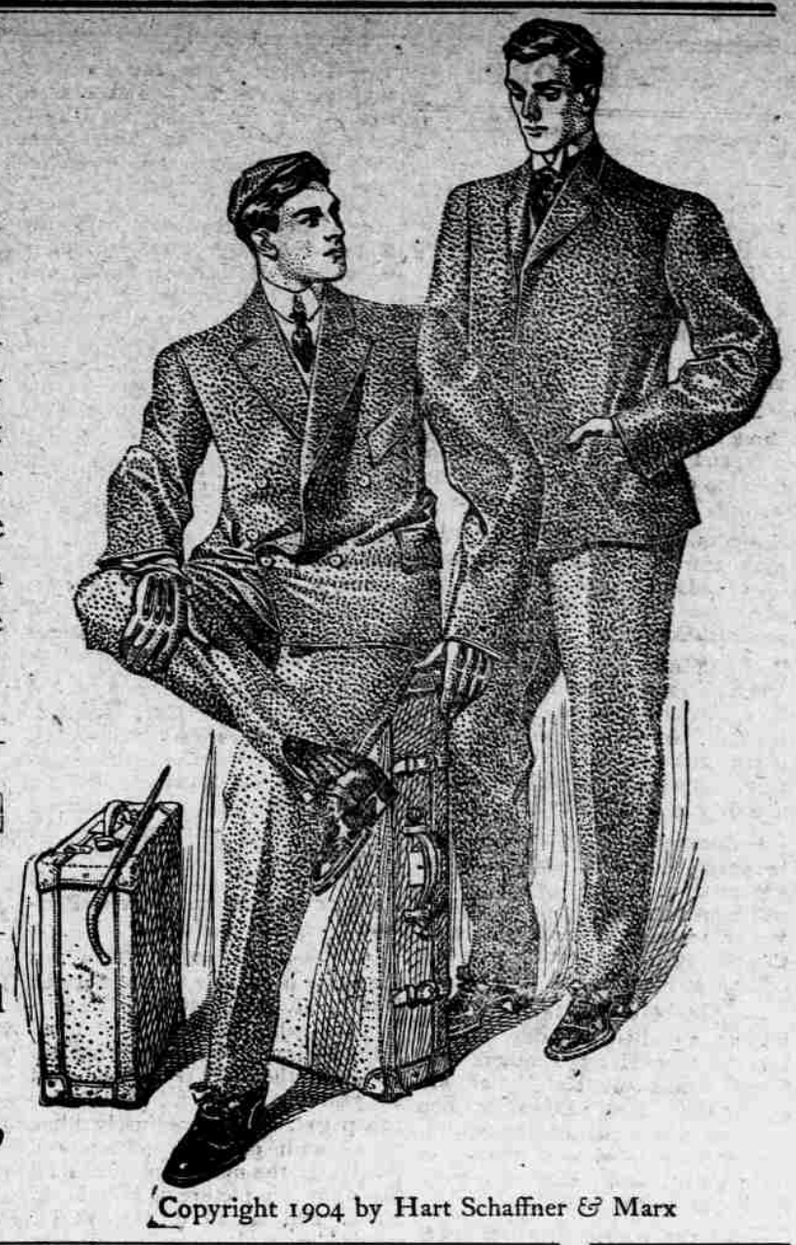

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