

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Lee Kennedy returned to Portland Monday after a visit in Corvallis.

—Miss Ada Finley came in from Irish Bend Monday, to attend OAC the remainder of the winter.

—Ralph Davidson returned Monday from a few days' visit with his mother in Polk county.

—Miss Sylvia and Mamie Starr returned Monday from a visit in Portland.

—Miss Clara Bohannon left yesterday for a two months' visit with her brother at Ballston.

—F. P. Sheasgreen returned Monday evening from a brief business trip to Mill City.

—Miss Daisy Brown is no longer a clerk in the store of Milner & Wellsher. She resigned the position Monday.

—Crook County Journal: Alva Horton left Tuesday for Corvallis where he will spend the next three weeks visiting his parents.

—Ernest Brown, residing near Brown's bridge, was chopping wood Thursday, when the ax glanced, cutting a deep gash in the top of one foot, severing an artery. Dr. Loggan was called and several stitches were required in closing the wound.

—A spray of ripe raspberries, displayed at the real estate office of Ambler & Watters, attracted attention yesterday. On the bush were blooms, green berries and berries fully matured and ripened. The showing for the ninth day of January, and from a bush grown on the outside, is an eloquent chapter on Oregon. The berries were grown on the farm of Ben Taylor, three miles southwest of Philomath.

—Booth and Bridges, register and receiver of the Roseburg land office have been boosted from office, and the statement is that it was necessary to facilitate land fraud prosecutions. A big contingent of Sweet-Homers in the Cascades has been summoned before the federal grand jury—and the land fraud plot continues to thicken. If they all get in the penitentiary it looks like Oregon might yet go democratic.

—The local oratorical contest to select a representative to the state contest, occurs in the Armory, January 27th. The following are the representatives of the local literary societies at the college: Pierian, —; Sorosis, Lucile Roberts; Feronian, Louise Gilbert; Zetegathean, Ralph Shepard; Amicitian John Withycombe; Jeffersonian, N. V. Weatherford; Philadelphian, Haman Bilyeu; Utopian, Laura Pratt.

—The indictment against Mayor Williams of Portland, has been dismissed. The motion to quash was made in Judge George's court, while members of the grand jury that returned the indictment were yet on the stairway, enroute to the street after their final adjournment. As a reason for his motion to quash District Attorney Manning said there was no evidence on which to convict, and that a majority of the jury, in his opinion, brought the indictment without having given proper attention to the evidence. The indictment was based on the alleged refusal of Mayor Williams to order his chief of police to close a certain Portland gambling house on a certain day.

BROWN GOT IT.

The Diamond Ring—Claimed the Property Saturday Afternoon.

The fifty dollar diamond ring, given as a prize with the sale of goods at Pratt's, went to Walter Brown. He held ticket 253, which was the lucky number, and Saturday afternoon he presented his credentials, and carried home the diamond. The winner was quite as much surprised as he was pleased. He had bought three watches for use as Christmas presents at home and, when it came to taking the tickets his purchases entitled him to, he said he had no confidence in getting even a look in at the prize. He told the Pratts however, that they might put the tickets in an envelope, seal it up and keep them for him. The tickets were left in the safe until Saturday afternoon, when Mr. Brown in passing, stopped at the store. The envelope was brought from the safe and after opening it, the first ticket that Mr. Brown took from the lot, was 253, the winning number.

Toys for children at Hodes' gun store.

If in search of jardiniere call on E. B. Horning. He has a fine line

ANOTHER OFFER.

Of Mountain Water for Corvallis—New Bidders in the Field.

A new bid formountain water has reached the special water committee of the city council, and is now under consideration along with the bid of the local water company. The bidders are new men in the field, and are A. J. Johnson, late member of the city council, E. R. Bryson, Prof. G. V. Skelton and others not mentioned in the proposition. They offer to bring Rock Creek water into town at the earliest possible moment upon the following terms:

"First, that the city grant us, or our assigns, a franchise for the period of fifty years to lay a circulating system of main pipes through the streets and alleys of the city of Corvallis and its future extension and to sell water to its inhabitants at minimum rates to be agreed upon.

"Second, that the city enter into contract with us, or our assigns, for its water supply for the period of twenty years from the date of installation, of our proposed system, which contract shall provide that we or our assigns shall furnish the city through such circulating system water for adequate fire protection throughout the city, sewer flushing, sprinkling all street squares, and streets fronting on city property, and for use in city buildings and fire department, in return for which the city is to pay us on the day such service is furnished through such proposed system, the sum of \$19,600 in advance or the sum of \$17,000 in advance for fifteen years of said term, or the sum of \$13,300 in advance for ten years of said term, and in the event of a partial payment only being made, then for balance of said contract period, at the rate of \$2000 per year payable quarter-annually. This contract shall also provide that if for any reason the city is unable to make the advance payment provided for therein at the time specified therefor, then the city shall pay for the service contracted for at the rate of two thousand dollars per year payable quarter-annually."

HAS ABANDONED IT.

The Dollar-for-Dollar Plan in Road Building and Repairs—Benton County Court.

The county court has abandoned the dollar-for-dollar plan of road building in Benton. The order making provision for the construction and repair of roads on that basis was rescinded at a meeting of the county court last week. The change is one of the results of the new road law. In the latter, there is provision for each district that may so desire, to levy a special road tax, the proceeds of which shall be spent within the limits of such district. Under this provision, the South Monroe district has levied a six mill tax, one of the Alsea districts, a five mill levy, and Henry Hector's district to the north of Corvallis, a two mill special tax. The court holds that for general fund money to be spent on the dollar-for-dollar plan while the districts in question or other districts are taxing themselves with special levies, would be an injustice to the latter. That is to say, if for instance, Monroe is contributing a special six mill levy in her own district, she ought not to be called on to put up money for improvement of roads in the Philomath or some other district on the dollar-for-dollar plan, and that is why the plan has been abandoned by the county court.

The dollar-for-dollar plan was put into operation by order of the court two and a half years ago, and some very good improvements have resulted from it.

For the present, a two mill road levy, ordered by the county court at last week's meeting is the only resource for improvement of the roads, except by special levy in the districts mentioned above. The two mill levy will however, yield a revenue, provided all should be collected, of \$7,265., applicable to roads and bridges.

Lost.

At or about Thanksgiving one yellow or dark sable colored dog. White breast white ring around neck; white fore feet; tip of tail white; small strap around neck and small snap fastened in strap; answers to name of Tam. Liberal reward offered for any information leading to his recovery. Address Dan Savage, Willamina, Or.

Found.

A gold pen. Owner can secure same at Hodes grocery by paying for this notice.

CITY LIMITS FIGHT.

Councilmen Differed—All but Southern Suburbs to be Annexed—A Midnight Scene.

Proposed extensions to the city limits of Corvallis stirred up a small breeze in the council Monday night. The question at issue was what suburbs should be added to the city, and what should not. Some of the councilmen wanted property to the north, west and south brought in, while others opposed the extension of the limits so as to include the Fischer mill and other property south of Marys river. Proceedings reached the stage where one member allowed a deadlock was on and plunged into a harmony speech in which he pleaded for peace. Dramatic effects may have been added to the scene by the fact that it was long after midnight, and that all the rest of the city was in dreamy oblivion while the dads wrestled and boxed with the affairs of state. The white-winged dove of peace settled on the scene shortly before one o'clock when the majority surrendered to the minority and adopted limits adding northern and western suburbs to the corporation but leaving the mill and other southern suburbs out of it.

Several votes were taken before an agreement was finally reached. Councilman Emery moved to annex all the proposed limits but the mill and other southern suburbs, and called for yeas and nays. Mr. Fischer was an interested spectator while the roll was called. The yeas were, Irvine, Johnson and Emery; nays, Rennie, Colbert, Porter and Hansell. That time Emery's motion was lost. Later on it was not.

The proposition to annex the residence and farm suburbs north and west without the southern suburbs apparently nettled Councilman Hansell, and he moved that none of the suburbs be annexed. Emery seconded the motion. Then Johnson said it was too bad for the council to get at loggerheads. He said the mill property was assessed very low anyway, and that the bridges over there might make the bringing in of the mill suburbs a costly piece of business to the city. He asked Mr. Fischer the question if about \$29,000 was all the mill was assessed for, and then said this whole matter was a cold business proposition and that the brethren of the council should not become as strangers to each other. Councilman Hansell was touched and he withdrew his motion. Then a councilman moved to reconsider the Emery motion. The vote for reconsideration was unanimous, and then a vote on the question of annexing all else but leaving out the mill suburbs was ordered, and Emery called for the yeas and nays. The vote was: Yeas, Porter, Irvine, Johnson, Rennie, Hansell, Emery. Nays, Colbert. After that the council adjourned.

HIS HIGH DIVE.

Workmen Fell Twenty Five Feet—His Cheek Bone Broken—Charles Bardwell.

A fall of 20 to 25 feet, from the upper story into the basement of the Corvallis saw mill, is the accident that befell Charles Bardwell Saturday morning. A broken cheek bone and a number of inconsequential bruises is the result of the involuntary high dive. The accident happened while Bardwell was oiling machinery in the upper portion of the mill. His foot slipped, and losing his balance, fell forward. In the fall, after dropping through the first story, he fell heavily against the stairway leading to the basement below, which was perhaps a fortunate fact in that it partially broke the force of the momentum before he finally struck the bottom floor.

Though stunned by the blow, Bardwell picked himself up and immediately went to work. After half a dozen logs had been sawed, however, the mill hands noticed that he acted strangely. His query to one of them was, "What has become of that log we were sawing when I fell?" After that Bardwell was taken home and a physician called, when it was ascertained that a fracture of the cheek bone had resulted from the fall. Several weeks ago, Bardwell had a very narrow escape at the same place. He was working about in the mill when his overalls became entangled with a revolving shaft. One leg was being surely and swiftly drawn toward the merciless steel when the machinery was stopped, only in the nick of time.

If you want fine china go to Zierolf's. He has the largest and most complete line in the city. r-r

LIGHTNING TO STRIKE.

More High Officials—Indictments Predicted for Other Oregon Men.

Washington, January 9.—It is stated by high officials of the Interior Department today that the grand jury at Portland will this week return further indictments against Representative Hermann.

"We are going to convict Hermann," said this official. "Our case against him is complete, and we have the facts and are going to spring them. He doesn't know what we have and may think he will escape, but he is mistaken. There are going to be other sensational developments in Portland when the grand jury gets to work. You will probably learn that another member of the Oregon delegation is involved in frauds, and that your District Attorney has gotten himself into serious trouble."

The member of the delegation referred to is J. N. Williamson. Representative Hermann appeared in the House this afternoon as he intended, but Senator Mitchell remained at his apartments all day.

WINTER EXCURSION RATES.

To Yaquina Bay—A new Department on the S. P.

Recognizing a long felt want, and desiring to give the public cheap rates to the Coast in the winter as well as the summer, for persons who desire to see the bounding billows in their wildest moods and imbibe the pure ozone of the winter air at the Coast, the Southern Pacific in connection with the C. & E. have placed on sale taking effect Nov. 2, 1904, and continuing until March 31st, 1905, from all points on their lines round trip tickets to Yaquina Bay at the same rate as during the summer time. These tickets will be sold on Wednesdays and Saturdays only and will be good for return sixty days from date of sale. Miss Dr. nthorn's baths will be in operation and anyone who desires a genuine health resort during the winter cannot do better than to spend a month or so at Yaquina.

Similar tickets will be sold from Albany, Corvallis and Philomath and all points on the C. & E.

Full information as to rates, baggage etc, can be obtained by applying to the nearest S. P. agent or direct from W. E. Coman, G. P. A. S. P. Co Portland, or Edwin Stone, Manager C. & E. Albany, P. S.—Through tickets to Portland are sold by the C. & E. at Corvallis and by the S. P., Portland, to Corvallis via Albany and the C. & E. at the same rate as via the Westside, \$2.60. C. & E. trains connect at Albany with the Albany. Portland local both ways.

For Sale.

Mill feed, flour, wheat, oats, vetch, chicken feed, potatoes, wood and gravel Delivered to all parts of city. Phone 342. Opposite Steam Laundry John Beach.

Estray

One red yearling steer with under bit n left ear. The animal came to my place last July. The owner will please call at my place and claim property. F. B. Decker, Philomath, Or.

A Cyclone Struck our Cloak and Suit Department

Table with 4 columns: Price, Item, Price, Item. \$10 50 Ladies Tailor made suits for \$ 5 25, 13 50 " " " " 6 75, 16 50 " " " " 8 25, 20 00 " " " " 10 00, 25 00 " " " " 12 50

All Cloaks, Jackets, Tourist Coats and Furs at half price during our January sale.

We have on hand a few Large Rugs and Art Squares which we will close at cost for want of room.

Nolan & Callahan LEADING CLOTHIERS

Our Annual Sale! Bigger and Better than Ever

This week we start the ball rolling with the most sensational offers of the season in merchandise. We expect the citizens of Corvallis and vicinity to make money while we are running this sale as they have never done before in the purchase of good goods for little money. The time to buy is when the other fellow wants to sell. Be careful, don't say we stole them.

LADIES' JACKET, \$10 to \$25 \$2.50 & \$5 Cut to the modest sum of...

LADIES' SKIRTS.—On these we are pleased to make you a price at 25 percent discount.

DRESS GOODS.—Red Tags on all such represent a reduction of 25 percent.

Corvallis' Greatest Sale of Gents' Trousers.

Table with 2 columns: Price, Item. \$2 50 Grade Cut to \$1 85, \$4 00 Grade Cut to \$3 10, 3 00 Grade Cut to 2 25, 5 00 Grade Cut to 3 85, 3 50 Grade Cut to 2 75, All others in proportion.

WHEN YOU SEE IT IN OUR AD. IT'S SO.

F. L. MILLER.

With the Opening of the New Year

We wish to thank our customers for their generous patronage. We have every reason to congratulate ourselves on our success, in more than only a financial sense, in the half year of our business relations with the people of Corvallis and vicinity. We appreciate the fact that this is due to your good will and cooperation, and we respectfully solicit a continuance of the same, assuring you that it shall be our highest endeavor to meet your every want in our line. Consistent with the lowest living margin of profit.

It will be our aim to meet your further patronage by fair and courteous treatment of each and everyone.

We expect to enlarge our stock in every line, thus securing to you the advantage of making your selections that you would enjoy in the stores of the larger cities, and at prices that will not suffer by comparison. Our motto is, fair dealing, low prices, honest goods.

With best wishes to all for a happy and prosperous year, we remain Respectfully yours,

HOLLENBERG & CADY.

The House Furnishers.