

THE TELEPHONE FIGHT.

Just before the independent telephone system came to Corvallis, the old company published a notice, stating that the rates on all new phones would thereafter be \$1.25 per month. In the telephone fight that is now in progress, various persons are offered Bell phones at very low rates, in some instances, free. The present effort of the Bell is to drive the new company to the wall, so that there will be no competitor in this field. Is it not self-preservation under the circumstances, for the people of Corvallis to stay with the new company? Will it be better to stand by and protect and maintain the new system, or will it be better to join with the Bell for destruction of the independent, so the Bell can have the field all to itself and put up rates as it proposed to do just before the independent company came?

Corvallis has probably the best telephone system of any town of its size in the United States. That is the testimony of all the strangers who have seen the independent system. It is a system and a service far superior to that of any other town in Oregon. It is a feature for Corvallisites to show to strangers when they come to the Fair next summer, as one of the attractions of Corvallis as a home city. Local business men are heavy owners in the system, and to stand in with the Bell phone in the present fight by subscribing for its phones, is to stand in against our own people, against our own capital, against our own town. Let the Bell have the long distance but give all the local business to the independent—that should be, and is the motto of every Corvallisite who stands first and always for his own people and his own town.

Real Estate Transfers.

- F. S. Holmes to F. M. Holmes, 45 a near Albany, \$100.
- M. Schmidt to Fred Yates, small tract in Corvallis, \$10.
- Minnie E. Risley et al to Geo T Vernon, 13 a in Alsea, \$1.
- W. L. Perry and wife to R. L. Taylor, lots 1 & 2 blk 1, Hoffman's add, \$550.
- H. T. French and wife to Elizabeth Belknap, small tract near Corvallis, \$2,425.
- P. Winkle and wife to Wm. Newman 163 a near Bruce, \$4843.
- Samuel McLane to A. M. McCaskey and wife, 41 a near Philomath, \$550.
- J. B. Crooks and wife to U B church, lot in Philomath, \$125.
- J. B. Horner and wife to C. H. Barnell, 1 2-2 lots in block 22, Co. add, \$1,100.
- U. S. to S. C. Dixon patent to 129 a in Southern Benton.
- M. P. Burnett to John Smith sheriff's deed to 52 a on Ingram Island, \$435.
- Robert Barclay et al to G W & S A McClure, 43 a near Mouroe, \$430.
- Thos A Parr to W D Risley, 62 a in Alsea, \$500.

Night Was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chae, Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frantically and spit blood, but when all other medicines failed, three 1.00 bottles of Dr King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It is absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Allen & Woodward's.

Chicken Feed.

Cracked corn for chicken feed, any quantity from one sack to car-load lots. Cheaper than wheat. We carry a full line of poultry supplies. F. L. Miller.

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Imported black Percheron stallion. Will be at Corvallis after January 1. For further information address T. K. Fawcett, Bellfountain, Or.

Statement of Expenses of Benton County, Oregon, for the Year 1904.

County Court and Commissioners—Salary of Judge, Commissioners, Bailiffs, Livery, Experting Books, Etc.....	\$1299 80
Circuit Court—Salary of Bailiffs, Reporter, Jury and Witness Fees, Meals, Special Counsel, Etc.....	610 15
Justices' Courts—Fees of Justices, Constables, Jurors, Witnesses, Etc.....	92 40
Sheriff's Office—Salary and Expenses of Sheriff and Deputies	2029 90
Clerk's Office—Salary of Clerk and Deputies.....	1984 00
Recorder's Office—Salary of Recorder and Deputies.....	1000 08
Treasurer's Office—Salary of Treasurer.....	499 99
School Superintendent's Office—Salary of Superintendent, Fees, Etc.....	1066 96
Stock Inspector—Salary, Etc.....	25 00
Assessor's Office—Salary of Assessor, Deputies, Ex. Help, Etc	1101 55
Assessment and Collection of Taxes—Copying Tax Rolls, Extra Clerks, Collecting, Advertising, Levying on Property, Etc.....	484 85
Tax Rebate—Taxes Refunded.....	31 86
Current Expenses—Books, Stationery, Postage, Expressage, Telephones, Etc. (all offices).....	921 62
Court House Expenses—Janitor, Lights, Water, Fuel, Repairs, Supplies, Fixtures, Etc.....	2377 20
Jail—Board of Prisoners, Medical Attendance and Medicine, Repairs, Supplies, Fixtures, Etc.....	42 50
Poor, Care of—Salary of County Physician, Poor Farm, Provisions or Transportation Furnished, Hospital Charges, Burials, Etc.....	1950 00
Indigent Soldiers—Relief Furnished.....	1 15
Insane—Examination and Expense.....	107 65
Bridges—Built by Contract, Material and Labor, Etc.....	1040 93
Ferries.....	709 10
Election Expense—Registration, Ballots and Supplies, Pay of Judges and Clerks, Deputy Sheriffs, Etc.....	1681 55
Scalp Bounty—County State Bounty, one-third State Bounty.....	74 00
Miscellaneous—Including State Fair Exhibit, and Care and Quarantine of Smallpox Patients.....	569 08
Prosecuting Attorney's Office—Preliminary Hearings.....	208 50
Tot. Exp. for 1904, Except for Roads and Highways.....	\$19909 82

IS CRAZY NOW.

And Among Strangers—Fred Hartley and Trouble he Made at the Crossing.

A queer case of insanity came under the notice of the authorities Wednesday. The telephone late Tuesday evening, notified Chief Lane that a strange man by peculiar behavior was frightening women and children in the vicinity of the railroad crossing. The man was walking backward and forward on the railroad track for a considerable distance with such side acts as had every door in the vicinity barred and inmates of the houses watching breathlessly from every window. When Chief Lane and Sheriff Burnett arrived on the scene the man started off in the direction of Albany, but soon stopped and was overhauled by the officers. The story he told is probably true, though the man was so halting and contradictory in his statements that his talk challenged extreme doubt. He gave his name as Fred W. Hartley. He said he was born in England, and that he had served a year in the army of Canada. He had lived in the south, had tramped it through Nevada, California and Oregon, and had worked in the logging camps of Washington. Several weeks ago, he seems to have gone to work for a farmer named Parker in the vicinity of Philomath. The day he was found at the crossing, he had left Parker's, he said, and had walked to the place where he was found. He didn't know where he was going, he didn't think at least that he did.

The man was given a bed in the city jail, and the following day was examined as to his sanity, with Dr. Lee as the examining physician. He was adjudged insane, and Thursday morning was taken to the asylum by Deputy Sheriff Wells. He is about 28 years of age.

It is bad enough for the mind to collapse when the victim is surrounded by relatives and friends. When he is a stranger in a strange land, it is pathetic. It matters not, of course to the victim, but it does affect those who have sympathy for a fellow being.

To the editor of the Times: An impression has gone forward that we are not retailers of groceries. In order to correct this, I wish to state that we have a very full line of groceries and sell at retail. Should it not be convenient for you call in person, you can call us up, as we have both phones. Yours truly, S. L. Kline.

Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there is money on hand at the county treasurer's office to pay all orders marked not paid for want of funds up to and including those of August 3, 1904. Interest will be stopped on same from this date. Corvallis, Jan 14, 1905. W. A. Buchanan, Treasurer Benton county, Or.

Toys for children at Hodes' gun store.

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

PIONEER CORVALLISITE.

He Died Recently at Canyonville—B. A. Stewart.

Information concerning the life and death of the late B. A. Stewart, who settled in Benton in 1852, is contained in the following handed to the Times for publication:

Burel Allen Stewart was born in Fountain county, Ind., Jan. 25, 1837.

When six years of age he moved with his parents to Missouri. May 9, 1852, he started to Oregon, crossing the plains with an ox team. Oct. 25, 1852 he reached Corvallis. After living in and near here for nearly 20 years he moved to Canyonville, Oregon.

Jan 3, 1905, he died after a brief illness. He was a Mason and was buried by that order. He leaves a brother, a wife and four children, at Canyonville, and numerous relatives in Corvallis. His sister, Mrs. David Blake reached Canyonville, a few hours before his death. Another sister, Mrs. James Bush resides near Seattle.

Watch for Moses Bros.' new spring goods.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Corvallis, Oregon, will be held at the parlor of the Union, in its building on lot 8 block 3, original town Corvallis, Benton county, on Thursday January 19, 1905, at the hour of two o'clock p.m. for the purpose of authorizing the sale of the building of said Women's Christian Temperance Union, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

All members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will please take notice of this meeting as large attendance as possible is desired. By order of the executive committee.

P. O. Wilson, Pres.

Holiday goods at cut prices, at Moses Bros.

If you want fine china go to Zieroff's. He has the largest and most complete line in the city. 1-1

\$3 Rate to Portland and Return.

The S P is selling round trip tickets between Corvallis and Portland for \$3 good going Saturdays or Sundays and returning Sunday or Monday following, either on East or West side, but good only on afternoon train from Albany to Portland to Portland on Saturdays if Eastside is taken. Passengers to pay local fare between Corvallis and Albany.

To the owners of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block 14, Original Town Corvallis: Notice is hereby given that the viewers appointed to assess the cost of the construction of a sewer through the middle of the alley in Block 14, Original Town Corvallis, will meet in the council chambers in the City Hall in the City of Corvallis, Benton county, State of Oregon on Thursday, the 12th day of January, 1905, at 7 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of making said assessment. Dated at Corvallis, this 31st day of December, 1904.

J. W. Crawford, Caleb Davis, W. S. Linville, Viewers.

All Mail Orders Received During this Sale will be Filled at Clearance Sale Prices.

S. L. KLINE'S 35th GREAT JANUARY 35th CLEARANCE SALE

Has commenced and like its thirty-four predecessors, it will continue until February 1st, and be conducted on the same broad plans that have made them the greatest bargain opportunities of the year.

Silks and Dress Goods.	Ladies' Furs.
Black, white and colored dress fabrics, black and fancy silks, velvet and velveteens at a great sacrifice	All the latest styles, and here is your chance
\$ 50 values reduced to \$ 41	\$1 50 Furs reduced to \$1 05
75 do do 59	2 50 do 1 75
1 00 do do 83	3 50 do 2 45
1 25 do do 1 04	5 00 do 3 60
1 50 do do 1 21	7 50 do 5 35

MENS AND BOYS UNDERWEAR GREATLY REDUCED.

Ladies' Cloaks.	Corsets.
I will sell all the odd sizes and styles of ladies and Misses Jackets I have at \$2 00. 1904-5 Tourist Coats and Jackets and Misses Coats and Jackets at a Big Reduction.	At a general reduction of 10 per cent. A few styles that I will discontinue at Half Price.

Mens and Boys Clothing and Overcoats. Every suit and overcoat reduced, including the staples. Blue Serges and black unfinished worsteds. These garments were not bought up for this sale but are the famous Hart, Shaftner & Marx and Banner Brand make.

\$ 5 00 Mens Suits and Overcoats	\$ 3 94	\$13 50 Mens Suits and Overcoats	\$10 60
7 50 do do	5 98	15 00 do do	12 15
9 00 do do	7 20	16 50 do do	13 25
10 00 do do	8 00	18 00 do do	14 40
12 50 do do	9 98	20 00 do do	15 95
\$ 2 50 Boys Suits and Overcoats selling at	\$ 1 99		
3 00 do do	2 40		
4 00 do do	3 21		
5 00 do do	3 95		
6 00 do do	4 83		

Broken lines of boys and mens suits at Half Price.

Shoe Department.

Everything in shoes and slippers for ladies, men and children at persuading prices.

Ladies' Hosiery and Underwear.

Clearance sale prices prevail in this department. The Black Cat Brand are excepted.

HOW IS THIS? 1.50 DRESS SHIRTS, 75CTS

Groceries.	Ladies' Shirt Waists.
25c Armours washing powder 3 lbs 15c	Wool and silk in all the new colors and styles.
15c Rex 100 per cent Lye.....3 cans 25c	Reduced from \$5 00 to \$4 00
Good Sardines, 6 cans.....25c	do do 4 50 to 3 63
Arm & Hammer, Schillings Soda 4pk 25c	do do 3 50 to 2 92
Naptha Soap 4 bars.....25c	do do 3 00 to 2 31
Western Yeast per pkg03c	do do 2 50 to 1 88
I X L Macaroni and Cheese, 3 cns.....25c	do do 2 00 to 1 38
I X L Chicken Tamales, per cn.....11c	do do 1 50 to 1 19
Sniders Catsup, large bottle.....19c	do do 1 25 to 0 98
Red Ribbon Con Cream, per can.....10c	

Blankets, Etc.

Clearance sale prices prevail on blankets comforts, white quilts, sheets and pillow cases.

Special.

12 1/2c Vicuna cloth reduced to.....10c
12 1/2c Napped Shirting do10c
Best quality outing flannel now.....10c

Our Annual Clearance Sale includes every Department of this Great Stock of Good Merchandise, and the radical reductions apply to every article excepting only a few lines the prices of which the manufacturers control.

The White House. S. L. KLINE Regulator Low Prices

Will You be One ??? Our patients are our best advertisements. Every pair of glasses fitted by us sells others. We want to add you to our chain. To fit you is to fit your friends in the future. MATTHEWS the Optician Room 12 over Nat'l Bk.

Join the crowds onward to Nolan & Callahan's great reduction sale.

Barred Plymouth Rocks. A few choice cockerels for sale. from \$2.50 up. Also a few hens and pullets. W. G. Emery, Corvallis.

Call for shoes at Moses Bros.' Get your coal oil at Moses Bros.'

EMERY'S ART STUDIO
South Main St., Corvallis, Ore.
Carbon, Platinum and Platino Portraiture
O. A. C. ATHLETIC AND SCENIC VIEWS.
Art Calendars, Sofa Pillow Covers, And other Photographic Novelties.

For Sale. Fine corner, good nine room house good woodshed, excellent well of water, some fruit, three blocks from postoffice; big bargain at \$900. Call on or address C. H. Everett, Corvallis.

It's hard to convince the long-range doubter, but if you will take a little time to drop in during Nolan & Callahan's Reduction Sale they will show you values in Suits and Overcoats that you positively cannot resist if you are in the market.