

LOCAL LORE.

(Advertisements in this column charged for at the rate of 5 cents per line.)

—H. W. Kaupisch was a Portland visitor this week.

—George Dekum of Portland, is among the students enrolled in the Short course at the college.

—Miss Helen Steiwer is visiting friends in Corvallis. She arrived Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gilbert of Salem, were the guests of Corvallis relatives this week.

—Barnum & Bailey's circus, the greatest of them all is to be at the Lewis and Clark Fair. The Fair is a go now, whether other attractions be secured or not.

—Salem Statesman: Rev. P. S. Knight last evening performed his 359th wedding ceremony. He has officiated at over 700 funerals during the fifty years in the ministry.

—The First National Bank elected officers Monday evening, as follows: President, M. S. Woodcock, vice president, W. T. Wiles; cashier, George E. Lilly; assistant cashier, Harold Woodcock.

—C. L. Andrews arrived Wednesday from Washington D. C. and is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Walter Wiles. Mr. Andrews resides in Alaska, and had been to the capital city on a few weeks' visit.

—If passed, a bill introduced in the house, will cut the salaries of the county judge and school superintendent of Benton. The salary of the judge is reduced to \$720, and the superintendent to \$800. It is proposed that each reduction take effect at the end of the term of the present incumbent.

—A bill to abolish the office of county recorder of Benton has been introduced in the senate by Senator Avery. It transfers the duties of the office to the clerk and gives the latter officer a deputy with a salary of \$600 per year. The present salary of the recorder is \$1000 per year. The bill if it passes is to take effect at the end of the present term.

—Albany Democrat: Ralph A. Glover, bookkeeper of the Salem Statesman, and Miss Remoh Holland, a prominent young lady of the capital city, were married in Salem last evening and came to Albany on their bridal trip, arriving on the overland and going to the home of the groom's father.

—Two revivals are in progress in Albany, and all business houses were closed from 11 to one yesterday so business men could attend a union meeting at the Opera House. A choir of 100 voices, an orchestra a noted gospel singer, all the ministers of the city besides the evangelists, were features of the meeting, which was ushered in by the ringing of all the church bells.

—After an illness of about a year, Miss Susie McDonald died at her home in Philomath Thursday. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. McDonald, who removed to Philomath from Scio a few years ago. The family is of the best pioneer stock and is widely known and highly esteemed in Linn county. The remains of Miss McDonald were taken to Scio yesterday for interment.

—All kinds of reforms for pheasant hunting are proposed at Salem. Letters of inquiry have been received by leading Corvallis sportsmen as to what if any changes should be made in the laws. One local hunter has recommended that shooting begin September 15th and continue to November 1st, and that no sale of birds be permitted. A law reducing the limit from ten to five birds per day for one hunter is said to be popular.

—At the county clerk's office, the work of making the extensions of the assessment roll is in progress. It is a task requiring great care, and is tedious in the extreme. In all, there are no less than 41 funds, including the various special levies, the road funds, and the ordinary levies. To give to each taxpayer the particular funds that belong thereto, and to carry out the extensions correctly requires a clear head and a deal of patient labor.

—The Corvallis & Eastern announces a big cut in freight rates between Corvallis and points west. The reduction is sweeping in character, and should be of great advantage to people within the zone of traffic affected. Here is a sample of the slash in rates: Corvallis to Philomath, 1st class, old rate, 16; new rate, 10; 2nd class, old rate, 14; new, 9; 3rd class, old rate, 11; new, 8. From Corvallis to Wren, 1st class, old rate, 19; new, 15; 2nd class, old rate, 16; new, 13; 3rd class, old rate, 13; new, 11. Corvallis to Blodgett, 1st class reduced from 22 to 18; 2nd class, from 19 to 16; 3rd class, from 16 to 14.

—Mrs. Mary Barclay left Thursday for a visit with her son at Everett, Wash.

—John F. Steiwer has been buying sheep in the vicinity of Corvallis during the past week.

—Service at the usual hours at the Catholic church tomorrow, Father Springer officiating.

—Mrs. W. G. Humphrey of Eugene is the guest of Mrs. P. O. Wilson and other friends in Corvallis.

When the Times went to press yesterday afternoon, deep concern was felt for the safety of Miss Grace Huff, dangerously ill with appendicitis. An alarming symptom was that her fever continued to rise. Otherwise her condition was reported as somewhat better.

—The funny editors of the state are surrounding "11-7" with all sorts of cute embellishments the numbers being those descriptive of the township in which the notorious fraudulent entries were made by Puter, McKinley & Co. Some how it has not occurred to Wex J. or even to X. Ray, to associate the once popular game of craps. Still it may be that in these times of strenuous grand juries, it is unsafe to disclose any knowledge of a gambling game.

—It cost \$19,900 to operate Benton county last year. A statement of the various items of expense is to be found in another column. The detailed account is made up each January by the county clerk and forwarded to the secretary of state, by whom it is used later on in determining Benton's portion of state taxes. Formerly each county's portion of state taxes was determined by a state levy on the value of taxable property in each, but now it is figured from an average of the expenses of each county for a period of five years. There is not a bit of doubt but Benton suffers and that some of the larger counties are beneficiaries under the plan.

SINCE THE DROUTH.

A Jug From the South—He Wanted a Prescription—What the Doctor is up Against.

Following is the certificate a physician must make when he writes a prescription which entitles the holder to a "drop of the crayther."

"State of Oregon, County of Benton. } SS I hereby certify upon my honor that I have personally examined M. D." "Could I get this jug filled?" "Might fill it for you with coal oil or gasoline; why, what do you want in it?" The drug clerk knew what was wanted in the jug—his grin showed that. "Want rock and rye; dont want it for myself; neighbor's got awful bad cold and he wants it." The jug came to town from away out in Southern Benton. It wasn't Rich Irwin's jug for they say Rich doesn't keep one. But it was a jug, and a South Benton jug, and in spite of the strenuous efforts to fill it, it went home empty.

"Gimme alcohol," he said displaying an empty bottle. The man behind the counter was E. Allen. He, in front of it, was a first class specimen of tramp. If the latter had only known, he would never have tackled that proposition. "Gimme alcohol," he repeated as the druggist looked him over. "Can't; this is a dry town; besides you have got enough already." "Haven't had a drop, pon my honor. Where can I find a physician?" "There goes one now," said the druggist, as Dr. Farra passed the front door. The man with the bottle made a dash. He bolted out the front door and the next instant ran into the arms of Officer Osburn who stowed him away in the city jail for the night.

"Say, Doc; my wife's feeling awful bad; she's sick as she can be. Say, Doc, what's the chance to get a little --a-er--prescription, --you know, you know, Doc." He looked thirsty as could be. He hadn't had a drop since the drouth began. If was pathetic, but it couldn't be helped. "Can't do it Bill; can't do it. Would like to. Expect your wife needs it; but this law is awful strict." Then there was a deep sigh that sounded almost like a wail in the dim distance. Then the applicant turned on his heel, and ripped out something that sounded like a bone struck with a meat axe.

THE RAILROADS LEAD.

Split Freight Rate in Middle—Colonist Fares for Lewis and Clark.

It won't be long until things will be doing in Oregon. One Portland hotel man has an application already for a party of eighty Easterners who want to spend three months in Oregon during the Fair. The railroads are announcing the lowest passenger rate yet, and to cap the climax the Harriman lines have split the rate on colonists household and personal effects in the middle. The former rate was a dollar per 100 pounds, but for the Fair excursion it will be 50 cents, equal to a cut of more than \$100 per car from the middle state and eastern points. Every sign is that within the next few months more strangers will visit Oregon than have seen the state in the past dozen or score of years. More than anybody else, apparently, the railroads are doing their part—to make the greatest possible success out of the occasion. The colonist tickets are to be sold in the East, to make the rate the same to Ashland or any other point in Oregon that it is to Portland, which means that the tourists will all or nearly all take a turn through the Willamette Valley, and see Corvallis along with the other towns. Incidentally, Corvallis ought to follow the example of the railroad people, and arrange in every way to give the expected visitors the best possible impressions of Oregon and her people, and induce them if possible, to pitch their tents in this land of big apples and bright women.

THE DAY SET.

But Hadn't Father's Consent—No License—And What Happened.

He was about to be married. It was the girl's stepfather that went with him after the license. "No; we can't issue a marriage license to you if you are only 20," said the deputy clerk, "you will have to have the consent of your father before we can fix you up." "Yes, but my father is 100 miles from a telegraph station on the other side of the Cascade mountains—way down in Lake county." "Sorry," said the deputy, "sorry, but we can't help you."

Of course, it was all a bitter disappointment to the lad. The day set, the girl waiting, everything all ready, but no license to be had, all because he was too young, by a year. A thirsty man with an empty jug in a dry town is a sad thing, but it is as nothing compared with the case of this young man. He left the place without a license. But later in the day he returned. For the sepulchral look that was on his face when he went away, there was the smile of a wedding morn. In his hand he carried a letter. It had arrived but a few minutes before. It was from the father, and by mere accident it contained sentences that in effect gave the parent's consent to the wedding, and the license was promptly issued. The sequel was the Wright-Harris nuptials, a week ago.

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.

London, Jan. 11.—The Daily Telegraph's Port Arthur correspondent says that according to stories by brisooners, the real defender of the fortress was Major-General Kondratenko, commander of the Seventh East Siberian Rifles Brigade, who was killed December 15, and had he lived, it is probable the fortress would never have surrendered. General Stoessel, the correspondent adds, was inclined to surrender as early as last August. The garrison he concluded, included 10,000 Poles, who were indifferent fighters.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the final account has been filed in the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Guilford Barnard, deceased, and Judge Virgil E. Watters has set Saturday, February 11th at 11 o'clock a. m. at County Court room, Court house, to hear objections thereto if any there be. Robt. Kyle, Executor. Dated this Dec 29, 1904.

WINTER EXCURSION RATES.

To Yaquina Bay—A new Departure 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. nithorn'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, O. 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.

A Reward

A suitable reward will be paid for the return to my place or for information that will lead to the recovery of a red setter pup, six months old. Grover Avery, Inavale.

O C T Co's Steamers

Leave Corvallis Mondays Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 a. m. For further information call on G. L. BUCKINGHAM, Agent. Both phones.

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Best in the market. Most economical for farm or other use. Orders promptly filled. Address Charles E. Allen, Agent, Philomath, Or. J14-1m

For Sale

30,000 choice English Cluster hop roots, one year old English walnut trees and Red and Black Logan berry vines in any quantity. Write for prices. J. B. Munn Dallas, Oregon.

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

\$10 50	Ladies Tailor made suits for \$	5 25
13 50	" " " " " "	6 75
16 50	" " " " " "	8 25
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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' JACKETS, \$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.

\$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 5
3 50	Grade Cut to 2 75	All others in proportion.	

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