

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Wilbur Weeks arrived last evening from Salem, for a visit with Corvallis friends.

—Gene M. Simpson attended the poultry show in Albany Thursday.

—Ex-Governor Geer editor of the Salem Statesman, is about to retire, to be succeeded by I. A. Manning, the present city editor.

—Dolph Norton left Thursday for Hood River, having been the guest of his parents in Corvallis for a day or two.

—E. S. Hornady returned to Nashville Wednesday, having been in Corvallis looking after property interests.

—W. P. Laferty and family, moved Thursday into the residence formerly used as the Presbyterian parsonage.

—Workmen have been engaged this week in remodeling the interior of the Andrews dwelling on Fifth street. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews will occupy the residence about the first of March.

—F. O. Gray arrived a few days ago from Furnas county, Nebraska. He is seeking a location in Webloot. In Nebraska, Mr. Gray was a neighbor of J. J. Cady of the furniture firm of Hollenberg & Cady.

—A sale of the Milner interest in the Milner & Wellsher store transpired Thursday. The purchaser is F. O. Gray, whose late arrival from Nebraska is mentioned elsewhere. An invoice of the stock will begin Monday. Mr. Milner who retires from the firm, has as yet no plans for the future. The sale was made by Ambler & Waters

—A Martha Washington tea is to be given by the ladies of the Methodist church the evening of February 22nd. The ladies will appear in costume appropriate to the occasion and all the features will be characteristic of the time, including a patriotic programme. The occasion will be the 25th anniversary of the Ladies Home Missionary society of the church.

—Following is the program of the piano recital given after the Times press hour last night by Prof. Taillandier in college chapel: Schumann's: 1. Tramerei, Abends, Warum. 2. Faschingsschwank aus Wien Op 26. 3. Marche des Davidsbundler contre les Philistins Op 6. Mendelssohn's: 1. Spring Song, Spinning Song. 2. Etude Op 104. 3. Rondo Capriccioso Op 14.

—Corvallis and Independence are now in communication via the independent telephone. Connection was made Thursday, and one of the first messages was from J. M. Staats at Independence over the new line to the Times office at Corvallis, giving notification of the new arrangement. The line worked excellently. The route is via the Mountain View rural line, thence via Tampico and Soap Creek to J. M. Staats' farm and thence to Independence direct. A line is to be extended at once to Monmouth. Connection with Dallas, Airline and Kings Valley via the Independent line was established some time ago.

—They had a coyote chase out in the Bellfountain country, the other day. Boys enroute to school espied a coyote in a field, and gave the alarm to a number of the neighbors by use of the rural telephone at M. M. Waltz's house. Ed Belknap, Ed Williams, A. W. Hawley and others of the neighbors appeared shortly afterward with hounds and the fun began. The coyote took to the creek, and the account is that the dogs were thrown off the scent, and being inexperienced got after a jack rabbit and thereby brought the sport to an inglorious ending.

—The city council has ordered a fire alarm system for Corvallis. The arrangement will be such that every independent telephone whether in residence or office, will be a fire alarm box. In case a housewife discovers a blaze about the premises she can step on an independent phone and call up central, giving the operator notice of the fire. The operator by an electric appliance, presses a button, and the fire bell begins to ring. The taps of the bell will be such that the district in which the burning house is located will be known to every fireman. Within a half a minute or less, after the time the fire is discovered, the alarm bell will be ringing. It will be a great convenience and by reason of its promptness will doubtless save much property. It will be installed within a short time, and the cost not to exceed \$200.

—Services tomorrow at the Catholic church at the usual hours.

—Clay Rinehart, a former OAC student, but now attending a Salem business college, arrived yesterday, and is visiting Corvallis friends.

—To accommodate a constantly enlarging class in embroidery, Mrs. Adams will be at her rooms every day until further notice.

—Congregational church: Sunday school at 10; class for young men, 10; Christian Endeavor, 6:30; Evening service, 7:30; preaching by Rev. Daniel Staver of Hubbard.

—Roseburg Review: Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Cain left Tuesday morning for their home at Corvallis after a month's visit here with the latter's daughter, Mrs. Livingston.

—Postmaster Johnson is to officiate at a civil service examination today, in which applicants for places as R. F. D. carriers will be examined. The applicants are six in number, and are all holders of cards from the civil service, which cards are issued to all who apply for places as carriers on R. F. D. routes. The inquisition will take place in the office of the county judge at the court house, and will begin at 10 o'clock. It is not known for what routes the applicants are wanted, but it is supposed that the new Monroe R. F. D. route, shortly to go into operation, will be available for one of them.

—Telephone construction is extending beyond Alsea, over into Lobster valley, thence down to Five Rivers, up that stream eight miles and on to Fisher postoffice on Buck creek, three miles from the mouth of that stream. The line is being built wholly by settlers along the route, and the work is very creditable to the enterprise of these people. They will have instantaneous communication with the outside world, whereas, under present conditions it requires three to five days for a letter to go from Corvallis to Fisher. The work of stringing the wire is about completed.

—Following is the program of the local oratorical contest to take place in the armory next Friday night at 8 o'clock. The winner is to represent O. A. C. in the state contest, which occurs at Newberg, March 10th: Music, orchestra. Oration, "Nature," Lucile Jean Roberts. Oration, "Chief Joseph, the Nez Perces," Ralph C. Sheppard. Oration, "Gustavus Adolphus, the Hero," Haman Bilyeu. Vocal solo, "Waiting," Bell Williams. Oration, "Marcus Whitman," Louise Gilbert. Oration, "Alfred the Great, the Reformer and Author," Edna Smith. Oration, "The Great Puritan and Conservator of Liberties," John Withycombe. Music, Prof. Taillandier. Oration, "A Message of Light from Darkness," Laura Pratt. Oration, "The Russo-Japanese War; Its Place in History," M. V. Weatherford. Music, orchestra. Awarding of prizes.

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. Athorn'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.

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TELEPHONE WAR.

Skirmishing Still on—What Some Business Men Say.

The telephone war is still on. Superintendent Thatcher of the Bell company was on the scene for a while a day or two ago. The old company has forced one of its phones into the local express office by getting an order from the head office of Wells Fargo at Portland, directing the local agent to permit the old phone to be installed. Many businessmen of the town, resent the interference of the express company in the matter. All of the businessmen are stockholders in the Independent company, and when the Express company gets into the fight on the side of the Bell company, it strikes a blow at each businessman and many citizens who are also stockholders.

The present offer of the Bell company to put in phones free or at greatly reduced rates, occasions much comment. It reminds people of an advertisement that appeared in the local papers about a year ago, in which the same company gave notice of a proposed advance of rates. January 30, 1904, the local Bell manager gave official notice that on all new phones installed after February 1st at residences, the rate would be \$1.25 per month. The rate before that had always been \$1. There was then no opposition nor sign that a rival telephone company was to appear, and instead of free phones provided the subscriber would pay \$1 a month for three more months as now, the Bell people were actually giving notice of an advance to \$1.25 per month. If therefore a telephone in Corvallis now is to be had free, it was not the Bell, but the Independent phone that caused it. The reason that the Bell phone is free is that it is trying to drive the Independent company to the wall so the rate can be put up to \$1.25 or higher as was proposed last January. If the Bell people succeed in driving out the Independents, where will the rates go? Will there be free phones then? These are the questions people are asking all over town. They are saying that to stand in with the Bell now and to help kill the Independent is simply to prepare the way for the Bell to become master so that it can advance the rates and make Corvallisites pay dearly for the free phones the Bell is offering now.

Corvallis business men are deeply concerned in the fight, and are watching it from an interested standpoint. With two exceptions they are steadily refusing to install the Bell phone again. Every pressure possible has been brought to bear on them by the Bell people. "We are not going to put in the Bell phone again," said one of these business men yesterday, "at least, I am not, and I do not believe the other business men will. We realize that if we stand together now and refuse to put in the Bell, in short time this fight will be over and there will be no demand for us to put it in. But if we yield now, and put in the Bell, we will have to keep it up all the time, which means that we will have to keep and pay for two phones instead of one, and none of us can afford that. I know that the solicitors of the Bell phone are telling around that the businessmen are going to put in the Bell, but they are lying. One of them admitted to me that he had to lie in order to do any business in this town."

Another business man said: "This telephone fight is our fight. It is an attempt to bulldoze the businessmen to reinstate the Bell phones in their places of business. This, the businessmen do not propose to do. They cannot afford to pay for two phones. Of course, the Bell is free now, but it won't be, if it wins in this fight. It isn't long ago that the Bell was giving notice of an advance in rates, and a cut rate now when there is opposition won't wash with sensible people. It will be the biggest mistake Corvallisites ever made if they do not stand first, last and all the time for the Independent company. They give a far better service, everyone has their phone, and they have never proposed higher rates.

Another business man said: "You can depend upon it, that businessmen are going to stand pat in this fight. They are trying to force us to put in the Bell phone again, but we will not do it. If residences are putting in these free Bell phones on that supposition they will be fooled, that's all."

A large amount of no. 2 rough lumber all lengths. At Corvallis saw mill for \$6.50 per M.

H 2 cedar shingles at \$1.50 per thousand. E. W. Strong, J21-11

PICTURES OF THEM

For Lewis and Clark Fair—Photographing Everything at OAC.

Great photos of OAC will form a prominent feature in the educational exhibit of Oregon at the Lewis and Clark Fair. The official photographer of the exposition commission has been taking pictures for a week at the college for use in the exhibit, and he is to remain for several days more. He has a huge photographic lens for panoramic photos, and some of his group pictures will be nine feet in length. The cadet regiment of over 400 men all drawn up in line of battle in front of Administration building will be one of the prominent groups, while the entire student body will be another to attract attention. One picture is a flash-light of the interior of the chapel, and a series of photos will be the various classes. Pictures of the buildings, exterior and interior, together with views of the grounds and farm will make of the exhibit a fine illustration of OAC, and give the Fair visitor, Eastern and otherwise, a fine idea of Oregon's greatest educational institution.

A COUNTRY PATRON

Takes a Hand in Telephone War—Argues for Independent System.

Editor Times: The recent article in the Times in regard to the telephone war in Corvallis has aroused considerable interest in the country as the country people are very much interested in the Independent telephone system in Corvallis.

Let us see what these country interests amount to.

The Mountain View line, which has the honor of being the first to enter Corvallis has 13 phones, representing probably 50 people. Next comes the Philomath line with 17 phones, representing probably forty five people. Next comes the Monroe line with 17 phones and representing about 65 people. Next is the Bellfountain line with 20 phones, representing probably 80 people.

The next line to come in, I think was the Soap Creek line. This line has 10 phones. Think what it means to these intelligent, educated people but isolated from their fellowmen.

The telephone opens up to them a new interest in life, and gives them an opportunity to communicate with their friends at a moment's notice. This line also connects Corvallis with Kings Valley and also with Independence, Dallas and other points north as far as Newberg, all on the free exchange plan.

Following in quick succession was the Plymouth church line, the Inavale line, and one or two others all tapping sections of Benton county peopled with citizens of wealth and influence. I think it is safe to say that Benton county people interested are at least 300, and they represent taxable property to the value of at least \$500,000: perhaps if the tax list was consulted, much more than this, certainly no less.

Now I understand that there are several business men who are helping the Bell people to fight the Independent telephone system. Can they afford to antagonize the country people who are interested in this system? The Independent people did not sneak into Corvallis. It came before the people, along with the Bell system and one other system, and was chosen because it offered the best terms to the country patrons. The system has grown more rapidly than its promoters had expected, until at the present time, one living in the north end of the county can communicate with one living to the west or south of Corvallis at a moment's notice. The cost to the farmer is insignificant in comparison with the benefits received. Let the country patrons speak up in defense of the system that has given them an opportunity to communicate with all the business houses and also a large part of the resident portion of the city, at a very small cost. Let them give the businessmen of Corvallis who are aiding the Bell people in this fight, to understand that they are doing so at their peril; that if they wish to retain the good opinion and patronage of these same country people, they must at least remain neutral in this fight.

A COUNTRY PATRON.

Ladies! If you once use Compressed Yeast, you will have no other. Ask for it, at Horning's.

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 B. Walters has set Saturday, February 11 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.

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Here are a few hints of the vast number of Bargains on sale:

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- Mens furnishings, shoes and hats at clearance prices
- All dress goods, silks and velvets at clearance prices
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- Laces, embroideries and ribbons at clearance prices
- Shirt waists and separate skirts at clearance prices
- Muslin underwear and corsets at clearance prices
- Lace curtains, rugs and portiers at clearance prices
- Fascinator and circular shawls at clearance prices
- Table linens, towels and sheeting at clearance prices
- Mens, boys and womens shoes at clearance prices
- Blankets, comforters and table covers at clearance prices
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