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Miss Ellen Chamberlin has arrived from an eighteen months visit in the East, and is the guest of Salem relatives.

There are signs that the referendum is to be invoked against the big appropriation bill of the late legislature. A mass meeting at McMinnville appointed a committee to secure the necessary number of signatures to the referendum petition, and the committee has begun work. A \$65,000 appropriation for OAC is in the bill.

There will be a 10-cent social on Friday evening March 3rd at the home of Mrs. Fred Clark, given by the ladies of the Congregational church. Refreshments will be served. Cake and candy will be on sale during the evening. The proceeds will go towards furnishing the kitchen of the church. Everybody come.

Robert Wilcox died at La-crosse, Washington, recently of consumption at the age of 39 years 5 months. Deceased was a Benton county boy, and was in the blacksmith business with his father. Mr. Wilcox lived for several years in Philomath, later operating a shop at Wren. He leaves a wife, nee Belle Brannon, four boys and two girls.

Additional laurels were added to the already enviable reputation of Mrs. T. M. Gatch as a hostess, when, last Saturday afternoon her delightful home on College Hill was thrown open to two hundred College co-eds from 2 to 5. The rooms were artistically decorated throughout with ferns, violets and smilax. Mrs. Gatch was assisted in receiving her guests, by her daughter, Miss Grace, and Miss Snell, while Mrs. Callahan and Mrs. Withycombe presided over the dining tables. The afternoon was one that the young ladies will long remember.

A movement is afoot to arm OAC cadets with carbines in lieu of the long and heavy Springfield rifles now in use. The government is putting the new rifle in the hands of the regulars, and by reason of that the carbines are made available for college. The carbine is two pounds lighter and is much better fitted for the use of college boys than is the heavier and longer Springfield rifle. Lieut. Quinlan is also making effort to secure a rapid fire gun and a modern field piece for the artillery detachment in the place of the two old style muzzle loaders now in use at the college.

The uniform courtesy the public receives from the operators in the Independent Telephone office in part explains the popularity of the system. One man said he hated to call them up because of their uniform amiability. Another said he liked to do business over that system because the operators are always agreeable. It is probably hard for the girls, sometimes. Often, their answer is meek and amiable, when what the man at the other end actually deserves is a kick. The spite he may have at somebody or something else, he vents many a time on the defenseless telephone operator, who cannot reply in kind. No place is more trying, or effort less appreciated than that of the telephone girl, and that is what makes the uniform courtesy and amiability manifested by the Independent girls so welcome a feature to subscribers.

Saturday's Times failed to relate that E. R. Bryson of Corvallis, was prominently mentioned as one of the eligibles for appointment by the governor to the new judgeship in the second district. Long before the bill became a law, it was bruited about the capitol and more or less in the newspapers that the new appointee was likely to be a republican, on account of the well known views of Governor Chamberlain as to a non-partisan judiciary, and of the general accord of the people in that view. In consequence, a strong movement developed in favor of Mr. Bryson, and many of those who urged Judge McFadden, both democrats and republicans, declared for Mr. Bryson in case the election was to be a republican. Mr. Bryson was not a party to the movement, in fact he knew little or nothing of it, his preference, in case the appointee was to be a republican, being Mr. Harris, his college chum. As it turned out Mr. Harris was named and by the act, a good example was set in furtherance of non-partisanship in the judiciary.

NOW AND THEN.

Fluctuations in Price That Make Men Kick Themselves—A Story of Benton Sheep.

It might have been. These are the saddest words of tongue or pen. A good many Benton farmers cogitate over them now. Sheep that were a dollar and a half or two dollars a head are four dollars and five dollars now. Never was there before such an opportunity in Benton to make big money off of sheep or other livestock. "If I had only known. Why, I could have cleared \$2,500," said one of them. There were actually cases where sheep went at a dollar a head in several instances last September and October. Everybody seemed overstocked. For two successive winters there had been a shortage of grass. Hay was high-priced. Every sign was discouraging to the stockmen. All of them for a time wanted to get rid of their sheep. The price went lower and lower until the best mutton scarcely brought \$2 per head.

But the warm weather of the late fall and the rains brought grass. A great acreage of fall grain was sown. It all attained remarkable growth. Then came a demand for sheep to pasture the winter wheat. The early birds got the sheep—and also the worm. Those who failed to buy sheep at the right season, were unable to buy at all. An increase of 200 to 300 per cent in values occurred within two or three months. There are said to have been sales in which even more than \$5 has been realized. This for sheep that went begging at \$1.50 a head is what makes more than one good Benton farmer remember how, "It might have been."

SUING DICK KIGER.

Telephone Corporation Attacks Well Known Farmer With Lawsuit.

Dick Kiger is a sued man. The Pacific States Telephone corporation is after him with a lawsuit. A small-sized telephone war in which the parties engaged sometime ago was related in the Times as it occurred. Mr. Kiger became a rural subscriber to the plaintiff's telephone system. He paid a certain sum in order to get the service, and at the time understood that the money purchased the wire connecting his farm home with Corvallis. The war came when Mr. Kiger severed relations with the Pacific States people and began to do business with the Independents. He attempted to retain the wire connecting him with Corvallis. The telephone people immediately claimed it to be their wire. Kiger took it from the poles, preparatory to its removal to poles of the Independent system. The Pacific States people arrived on the scene and put it back on Pacific States poles. Moreover they set an armed guard to watching it, to prevent Kiger from making another removal. In the dead of a Sunday night, however, the wire once more disappeared. The supposition was at the time, and nobody denied it, that Mr. Kiger took that opportune time to remove from the Pacific States poles wire that he, in his own view, legitimately and completely owned. The latter act is the chief basis for the present suit.

The Pacific States people insist that they, not Kiger, owned the wire. That is the grounds in chief on which they sue the farmer. In their complaint they aver that they owned 4 1/2 miles of number 12 iron wire connecting their central telephone station at Corvallis with the home of said Richard Kiger and other patrons, and that they have at all times since been the owners of and entitled to the use and possession of said wire. The value of the said wire on the poles, the complaint continues, is \$116.19, not in place on the poles, \$80.19; that on December 18, 1904, the defendant without plaintiff's consent and against their will, took said wire from plaintiff and in doing so carried with said wire the telephone connections of three subscribers and patrons of plaintiff, viz, Gus Harding, J. M. Porter and G. M. Brown whose service by plaintiff's telephone wires was interfered with, disconnected and severed. The defendant still unlawfully holds and detains said goods and chattels by which plaintiff is damaged to the extent of \$500. This damage the telephone people sue the defendant for, and in addition sue him for the following: \$80.19, value of the wire; placing wires back on the Pacific States poles and guarding same, \$59.06; for replacing nine miles of wire, \$80.19; labor, \$36. One of the items the company sues is \$1 for the hire of a gun that was used in guarding the wire.

THEY PROMISE IT.

Railroads do—To Help City Fashion New Streets to Connect Depots.

There is a prospect of extensive street improvement in the vicinity of the two railroad stations. There never has been even passable facilities in the way of street connections between them. A buggy with a woman in it mired while passing from one to the other last winter, and much trouble was encountered in extricating the outfit from the muddy mess. Late efforts at bettering matters in this respect promise to bear fruit. General Manager Curtis and Superintendent Sullivan while in town the other day were held up by members of the street committee and the dedication of a street through the railroad property requested. They finally consented, and agreed to gravel the street if the city would grade it.

The same move was made on Superintendent Fields of the Southern Pacific while the railroad officials were in town Monday, and the assurances were very favorable for similar cooperation on the part of the Southern Pacific Company. As in the case of the C. & E., it is the proposition of the city to grade and the company to gravel. If all works out, a fine graveled and graded street will connect the two stations and give to that corner of town a respectability not heretofore enjoyed.

DONE BY STUDENTS.

Four of Them are Surveying and Mapping Corvallis—It is Their Thesis.

To make a correct and complete map of the city of Corvallis, is the subject of the thesis of four college boys who graduate next June. The work is in the mathematical department and it involves a complete survey of every street, alley and block in town with a complete set of field notes, together with a description of them and drawings of the things visible within the limits of the survey. The work is voluminous, and has been in progress ever since the beginning of the college year. It will not be completed for some time yet to come. The completed map is to be sent to the Portland Exposition as a part of the college exhibit. Among other objects that the map shows is the flush tanks and catch basins of the Corvallis sewer system, and the fire hydrants of the Corvallis water system. The students engaged in the work are Joseph Henkle, Harry Fryer, Bush Davis and Theodore Garrow.

At the groom's residence Monday morning, at 11 o'clock, James L. Osburn and Mrs. Anna E. Beach were united in marriage, Rev. M. S. Bush, officiating. The only other persons at the nuptials were Mrs. Stratton and Mrs. E. H. Taylor. A wedding luncheon was served the party at Hotel Corvallis, and Mr. and Mrs. Osburn left via the Westside train immediately thereafter for Portland.

A teacher's and parents meeting was held by Superintendent Denman in the public school building last Saturday. The attendance was good and the interest extreme. Discussion of topics in a program that appeared in a recent issue of the Times was a fine feature of the meeting. The next gathering of the kind will be at Philomath the last Saturday in March.

W. W. Baker and W. W. Holgate have just completed a six-room cottage at the Lilly hop yards which were recently purchased by D. B. Taylor. The new house is now occupied by David McAdams, foreman of the yards, and his family.

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THE LUCKY DAY

Yesterday closed the month of February and with it our big free offer ended. Of course you know I am going to give back all the money paid me for goods purchased on a certain day in the month of February. So today at 12 o'clock at my store a person selected by a committee composed of those present will draw from a sealed box, in which the committee will place numbers corresponding to all the Business Days of the month of February, one number, and that number will be THE LUCKY DAY, and all persons that have duplicate cash checks bearing date of that day will have their money cheerfully refunded.

Corvallis, Oregon.

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LOCAL ITEMS

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

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