

LOCAL LORE.

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Mrs. Riley of Portland, is the guest of her sister Mrs. J. E. Andrews.

Mrs. J. C. Hammel and daughter Blanche spent Sunday at Newport.

Horse back riding promises to be popular with Corvallis ladies the coming season. It is a healthful exercise and fine sport.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. occurs tomorrow at 3 p. m. at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Crees.

The dancing class will have its last practice dance Wednesday evening March 15th, in the hall over Hollenberg & Cady's.

Dr. L. Foley, ex-Mayor and a prominent citizen of Lebanon for more than 30 years; died at his home in that city last week. Dr. Foley was at one time a resident of Corvallis.

F A King arrived Monday from the Soldiers Home at Roseburg. He was absent but two months. He went to stay longer but gripe was prevalent at the place and he returned to the summer skies and better health of Benton.

In the probate court Marinda E. Watkins has been discharged as administratrix of the estate of James Watkins and her bondsmen released. Isaac Stroud, G. A. Whitney and Edgar Plunkett have been appointed appraisers of the estate of George W. Owen.

Caller—Mr. Ardup, you said last month if I would come on the 15th you'd be ready to meet this note, and I've brought it. Mr. Ardup—Why, the fact is, I'm—er—ready to meet it for old acquaintance sake, but it is simply impossible for me to be chummy with it. Can't you come again some time next week?

Standing on College Hill now, the observer can see new houses in process of erection in all directions. Besides the half dozen now building, plans for others are constantly being drawn. It is the statement of all carpenters and contractors that more new dwelling houses will be built in Corvallis the coming season than ever before.

Chester Skeels has lived for 30 years on the same place in the northwest corner of Benton county. Every year but one in that time the floods of the Willamette have covered his entire farm, some of it 10 feet deep. In that year the waters did not reach a stage to the farm at all. The past winter the Willamette backed up enough to cover about half the place once, and only once.

This, Wednesday afternoon will close the rebate business on this year's taxes. There has been a grand rush at the sheriff's office for several days past. Between Thursday noon and Monday noon Sheriff Burnett wrote 250 receipts, took care of the books, figured out the proportion of the various funds, all without assistance. The total number of persons who had paid up to Monday noon was 1,254.

Harley Hall's 30 acre farm a mile west of Corvallis passed Monday into the possession of F. L. Miller. The place is one of the prettiest in the vicinity. The price paid was \$3,800. Mr. Hall purchased it two years ago for \$2,600. Immediate possession is given. Mr. Miller will convert the place into a poultry farm, and occupy it a portion of the time in summer months. The deal was negotiated by Ambler & Watters.

A committee of the council has been appointed to select an engineer and arrange for a preliminary survey for the proposed mountain water system. The committee is P. Avery, Alex Rennie, and William Hansell. Their instructions are to report at the next meeting of the council. In favor of the plan it was urged that an estimate of cost was necessary before the people could be in position to vote on the question of whether or not to issue bonds for city ownership of the system.

The sale of the Schoel farm near Granger has transpired. The place was once owned by William Hogan of Albany. It was sold by him a year or more ago to Mr. Finski, from whom it is now purchased by Stephen Merrick. Mr. Merrick came from Nebraska to Philomath about four months ago, and has since looked at many farms in Benton and other counties. The farm comprises 280 acres and the Finskis paid \$12,000 for it. The figure at which the place goes to Mr. Merrick has not been made public. The sale was negotiated by J. L. Lewis.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bey Rickard, March 3rd.

A letter received yesterday reports 30 cases of measles in Kings Valley.

Lieutenant D. P. Quinlan has returned from Portland where he made arrangements for the June encampment of the O. A. C. regiment at the Lewis and Clark.

The residence property at the corner of Fourth and Washington, known as the Samuels house, was bought yesterday by Mr. Abbott of the feed barn, for \$900.

Petitions signed apparently by all the people in town, and asking the chief of police to be instructed to require a general clean up, were presented to the council Monday evening. The petition was granted and the instructions to the chief issued by unanimous vote.

The Portland market is bare of broilers, with the price at 25 to 50 cents. A little three months old chicken delivered there brings a half dollar, and is snatched from the coop by buyers with such a demand that there is no supply. The wonder is that effort is not made to meet this demand. Nothing turns into money so quickly, or apparently pays such a profit on the investment.

A big Parent's Meeting is to be held at Philomath next Saturday. Schools of the following districts will participate: seventeen, nineteen, forty nine, twenty, thirteen, ninety seven, seventy two, eleven, fifty nine, fifteen and fourteen. An elaborate programme has been prepared by Superintendent Denman. There will be a basket dinner, and all the parents in the various districts are urged to attend.

The city council refused to appoint Robert Campbell a special police officer Monday night. Campbell is nightwatchman for the sawmill. Mr. Strong and other citizens presented a petition asking that Campbell be clothed with the authority of a special officer. A fiery discussion resulted, the trend of which was that the council did not desire to assume responsibility for acts of Mr. Strong's night watchman. A motion finally passed laying the petition on the table.

A flutter of interest ran through the athletes at the college Monday evening over the exploits of Tom Graham and Greenhaw, sprinters. Though training has scarcely begun, the two men were started off in the fifty yard dash with two stop watches on them. Both watches, one of them held by Mr. Trine, caught the time at 5 2-5 seconds. Not satisfied with the time, Mr. Trine required the men to do the stunt again, when the watches showed the same swift pace. The wonder now is, in what events are all of these sprinters, the new and the old, to be placed.

ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Mrs. Green—In Corvallis, Enroute to Toledo for Examination.

A woman charged with murder was in Corvallis yesterday. She was Mrs. J. W. Green, enroute from Portland to Toledo to answer a charge of murder for preliminary examination. She was in charge of Sheriff Ross. Her husband, who is jointly held with her for the deed has been bound over, and in a few days is to be lodged in the Benton jail at Corvallis for safe-keeping.

Mrs. Green and her husband are accused of the murder of a man named Sharratt. Both strenuously deny the allegation. They resided at Waldport, and Sharratt lived with them. One morning, Sharratt was found with a bullet hole in his throat under the chin. On the bed there was a rifle, and the Greens gave it out that he had committed suicide. Sharratt did not die for eight days afterwards. He was conscious most of the time until death. He never spoke, on account of his wound, but by a nod or shake of the head was able to answer questions. When plied with questions as to whether or not he shot himself, he never made reply. After the funeral the will was filed and Sharratt's property went to the Greens. This increased the suspicions of the neighbors. Mrs. Green went to Portland to reside, and last week was arrested by Sheriff Word of Multnomah, at the instance of the Lincoln county authorities.

Mrs. Green stoutly maintains her innocence, and says she will be speedily acquitted, if tried. The old man's property she says, was of small value, and was given to them as a result of care they had given him.

Wanted.

Setting hens. Call on or address Bowen Lester, Corvallis.

IS BEST WATER.

Rock Creek—Ten Samples of it Tested for City Council by Experts.

A report of the character and purity of Rock Creek water was submitted to the city council at a meeting Monday night. The investigation of the water has been in progress since last autumn. It began when the water was low, and included the test of samples at every stage of subsequent rise and fall of the waters up to a few weeks ago. In all ten samples of the water were analyzed.

The work was done by Fred C. Stimson and H. C. Darby of the senior class at the college, under the supervision of the heads of the chemical and bacteriological departments. The analysis of each sample involved chemical and bacteriological methods. The findings are highly satisfactory, and are declared to place Rock Creek water on an equality with Bull Run or any other water. "Exceptionally pure" is the term used by Prof. Pernot of the bacteriological department in giving his endorsement to the work of the students.

The report is purely technical and involves the description of such germs as are found. When no more than 500 germs are found in a cubic centimeter of water it is considered good. It does not become suspicious until the number of germs reaches 1,000. In ten tests of Rock Creek water, in but one instance did the number of germs reach 100. In one instance they ran as low as nine. Thirty to forty was the usual number.

PAY FOR FIREMEN.

Sawmill Fire Cost City Nearly Fifty Dollars, if Pending Claims be Paid.

A number of claims are pending before the city council on account of the late saw mill fire. They are for the pay of firemen and aggregate a considerable sum. They were presented Monday night, and were the topic of some discussion. A resolution adopted more than a year ago provides for pay for firemen during fires at fifty cents an hour, and a dollar an hour for the fire chief. The sawmill fire was in lumber piles where the flames smoldered for many hours, and much time was utilized by the firemen in the effort to extinguish. Among the bills presented are the following:

- J. K. Berry, 9 1-2 hours work at sawmill fire, \$9.50.
A. Lafferty, 10 3-4 hours, \$5.35.
C. C. Bardwell, 10 3-4 hours, \$5.35.
A. Griggs, 10 3-4 hours, \$5.35.
H. Brandon, six hours, \$3.
Will Colbert, 9 hours, \$4.50.
J. Stewart, 10 3-4 hours, \$5.35.
G. H. Carl, 10 1-2 hours, \$5.25.
The bills aggregate \$45.35. They were referred to the committee on fire and water.

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