

LOCAL LORE.

For advertisements in this column the rate of 15 cents per line will be charged.

—Miss Emma Crawford is the guest of Albany relatives this week.

—Miss Grace Gatch left Sunday for a month's visit with her sister in Seattle.

—Mrs. F. Berchtold returned the first of this week from a few days visit in Portland.

—M. F. Moores representing the P. C. B. Co. of Portland, was a Thursday business visitor in Corvallis.

—Mrs. Rosenberg left Tuesday for her home in Seattle after a visit at the Jacobs home.

—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Simpson have been Portland visitors since Wednesday. They are expected home today.

—The Reading Club was pleasantly entertained by Mrs. F. Berchtold Tuesday afternoon. There was a program and a dainty luncheon.

—Miss Mae Pollock arrived Thursday from Dallas for a visit with Mrs. G. H. Feese, the two being old friends. Miss Pollock is instructor in the school of expression in Dallas College.

—Claud Clark, a former well known and popular student of O. A. C. is now secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Boise, Idaho. To friends in Corvallis, he writes that he expects to be here for Commencement.

—Tomorrow at the Congregation church: Morning sermon, "The Growth of the Kingdom: how it grows;" evening, "The Ancient Jonah and the Modern Minister." This is the first of a series of sermons to be given on Biblical characters on Sunday evenings. Service tomorrow at Plymouth at 3.

—The statement of Rich Irwin and George Garrett, who were in town Thursday, is that grasses, grains and foliage never grew so thrifty before as in the case at present. Every promise is for a great crop in all lines and a season notable for widespread thrift.

—The Catholic ladies are to be at home to their friends next Thursday afternoon and evening at Marshall Miller's hall. Mexican drawn work, aprons and other useful and ornamental articles will be on sale, and light refreshments will be served.

—A wrestling bout between Mr. Makerji and Mr. Sinha, the Hindoo students, a boxing bout between two popular collegians, a band concert and a championship indoor base ball game transpired in college Armory after the Times press hour last night.

—After a thorough examination, Prof. Coote says the fruit in the college orchards is uninjured. Two frosts and successive cold rains, it was at first believed had certainly wrought havoc among various of the blooming trees, forced into blossoming much earlier than usual by the warm February weather Prof. Coote says the cherries, pears, plums as well as the Italian prunes on college hill have not suffered.

—Wednesday's Times said the Berry attachment was brought on two notes aggregating \$570, one of which was due next September and the other in September, 1906. What should have been said is that it was the debt represented by these two notes, and not the notes themselves that are the basis for the suit. The notes are not pleaded in the complaint, but only the money they represent, and the interest thereon. The condition is in reality a distinction without a difference.

—Mohair was quoted yesterday at 31 1-4 cents. A pool of 5,000 pounds sold at that figure Saturday, the owners being Alsea growers. On the same day, a big pool at Dallas, under the stress of extreme competition sold at 32 1-2 cents, while one at Brownsville went at 31, and another at North Yamhill, 31 1-2 cents. Most of the clip in this vicinity has been disposed of. The Alsea pool went to S. L. Kline.

—At their hall Wednesday evening the United Artisans had one of the most enjoyable affairs in a social way that has been given by them for some time. A program was given that included an instrumental solo in pantomime by Mrs. Lee Henkle which elicited a prolonged storm of applause; readings by Miss Ethel Kyle, Mrs. A. F. Peterson and Mrs. Henkle, and a vocal solo, by Mrs. J. Fred Yates, entitled, "Mary had a Little Lamb." Mr. Yates was not aware that he was to appear on the programme until he arrived at the hall, which perhaps accounts for the rendition of an old selection. Refreshments were served, after which a farce, entitled, "Who was the Biggest Fool" was rendered.

—The enrollment at O. A. C. yesterday was 125 greater than last year and the spring attendance 117 more than last year or any other year.

—Mrs. Stratton, who is a sister of Richard Williams of Portland, and who has two sons in O. A. C., left for Portland Tuesday for a fortnight's absence. She stops at Salem on her return to Corvallis to be present at the dedication of a new Congregational church, in which she has placed a memorial window for her deceased parents.

—The biggest railroad merger yet proposed is the newly announced deal by which the New York Central, the Chicago and North-western and Harriman lines are joined into one system, extending from ocean to ocean. Bigger and bigger grow the mergers and consolidations. How long before all the roads will be in one vast system? Then, what?

—If those who look at Main street and complain that the town appears quiet will journey down to Job's addition their tune of quiet conditions will change. There, the sound of hammer and saw, the whistle of the carpenter and the bustle of building operations present the opposite of quietude. A new building for Mr. Noyes, another for Recorder Vincent, and various other operations are among the things doings in the Addition, which is now the busiest part of Corvallis.

—This afternoon occurs the try out for selection of a team of athletes to represent O. A. C. in the indoor track meet at Columbia University next Saturday. Many men are in training, and there will be sharp competition for places on the team and the opportunity it brings to win the handsome gold medals that Columbia University annually hangs up to be contested for. In this afternoon's tryout nearly all the events, both in field and track will be pulled off.

—Friessell, the Nevada football player and sprinter is at the state university, and the question becomes why did he leave the University of Nevada to enter the University of Oregon? Since it is such an unusual thing to do, how did it happen to happen so? The Eugene Guard says: "Friessell is now at the University of Oregon, where he is training with the track team, and is said to be a crack all round athlete, but the statement that the U. O. is receiving a subsidy from the Lewis and Clark Exposition is ridiculous."

—There has been a rapid sale of lots in the Irwin block on Jefferson between Eighth and Seventh, which was recently placed on the market. The block is divided into six two lot tracts. Of the latter, all but two have been sold. The two unsold are, the northwest corner and the southeast corner. The middle tract on the East was secured by O. F. Gray, and those on the West by Ed Buxton who re-sold them. Prof. J. B. Horner has the southwest corner and E. D. Jackson the northeast corners. The stipulation in all the sales is that no barns shall be built on the property, and that the houses shall be good ones. The block promises to become one of the best in town.

—What is believed to be the biggest oak tree in the Willamette Valley was measured the other day by County Surveyor Jones and M. P. Fruit. It is on the Wilson farm between Halsey and Shedd and is famed in that vicinity on account of its huge size. The Wilsons are related to the Swicks and Stewarts of Corvallis. The oak, at a point two feet from the ground is 20 feet in circumference, giving it a diameter of nearly seven feet. At six feet above the ground its girth is 22 feet, or more than seven feet in diameter. It has an immense spread of limb and gives evidence of having been a monarch of the wild prairie of the Willamette when only the coyote and the Red man inhabited it, long centuries before the White man had heard of it.

—According to all accounts, a poverty social given by the Relief Corps in Odd Fellows hall Thursday evening was an occasion of much hilarity. It was against rules to wear jewelry or fine clothing, and those who violated the law were promptly fined. W. E. Yates arrayed in a long white beard was the magistrate before whom all offenders were brought for sentence. The hall was policed by ladies in haps and b g stars who made all arrests for violation of the poverty regulation. The occasion was the anniversary of the institution of the Grand Army, and a big speech in honor of the event was made by Willis Vidito. Captain George Robinson won first prize for the best sustained poverty character. There was a feast and it was midnight when the hilarity ended.

THEIR SALARIES.

Benton County Officers—Reduction in all but one—What They are.

Copies of the laws of the late legislative session have been received in town. One of the measures of interest in Benton that has never been printed, is the bill reducing the salaries of Benton officials. It cuts the salary of every office save one, the county treasurer, but reductions do not take effect during the incumbency of anyone now in official position. The full text of the law is as follows:

Section 1.—The salary of the county judge of Benton county, shall be \$720 per annum, to take effect on the first Monday in July, 1906.

Section 2.—The salary of the sheriff of Benton county shall be \$1,600 per annum, to take effect on the first Monday of July, 1906.

Section 3.—The salary of the county clerk of Benton county shall be \$1,440 per annum, to take effect the first Monday in July, 1906.

Section 4.—The salary of the recorder of Benton county shall be \$800 per annum, to take effect the first Monday of July, 1906.

Section 5.—The salary of the treasurer of Benton county shall be \$500 per annum to take effect the first Monday in July, 1906.

Section 6.—The salary of the county school superintendent of Benton county shall be \$800 per annum, to take effect the first Monday in August, 1908.

Section 7.—The salary of the assessor of Benton county shall be \$800 per annum to take effect the first Monday in January, 1908.

THEY GOT THE PHONE.

For the First Time out on the Farm— And There was a Sequel.

The phone has struck E. Skipton's residence near Philomath. It happened last week for the first time, and being a brand new incident in the family history, it was a season of congratulation. But fate had decreed a change, for next morning at the hour of two o'clock "Lige" turned the phone bell into the sun-burnt ear of a sleeping Corvallisite with a lusty "hello."

"Hello, yourself: who's this?" was the response.

"I'm E. Skipton, sir, and I want to tell you about my bad luck."

"Well, go ahead," said the half-awakened slumberer.

"All right!" Then clearing his throat of that dry-town huskiness acquired of late, Mr. Skipton continued.

"Just now, I thought I heard some one out in the road shrieking for help with a 'hello! hello!' and when I awoke my wife was sitting up in bed, yelling, 'hello! hello!' into my ear which she had evidently mistaken in the dark for a telephone receiver. Say we've never had so much excitement since my younger days, when I used to feed paregoric to two or three babies at once. Too much hilarity before day break sir, so tell central to switch us off till matters quiet a little; and I'll remember you with a silk hat for the Lewis and Clark Fair. Goodbye."

And a click at the Philomath switch was a signal that the slumberers on the Skipton farm would be disturbed no more.

Again Open.

The repair department of my bicycle and sporting goods business is again open for business second door south of postoffice. Quick repairing or first class work a specialty.

James K. Berry.

MARKET REPORT.

Wheat valley 88
Flour 4.10 to \$4.25 per bl.
Potatoes \$.85 to 95 per cent
Eggs Oregon, 17 per doz.
Butter 18 c to per lb.
Creamery 25 to 27 per lb.
Corvallis.

Wheat 78 per bushel.
Oats 38
Flour 1.10 to 1.15 per sack
Butter 50 per roll
Creamery 60 per roll
Eggs 16 per doz
Chickens 15 per pound
Lard 13 per lb

For Sale.

Real estate, farm and city property for sale, exchange or rent. No sales means no commission to be paid. Your patronage kindly solicited. Help furnished and positions secured.

H. M. Stone,

South Main street, Corvallis.

Largest line of matting in the city at Blackledge's.

For Sale.

Two work horses. W. K. Taylor.

FIVE AND A HALF MILES

Only, to Sulphur Springs by Proposed New Road—Was Considered in Court.

A strong fight was made in the county court this week in the interest of a proposed new road to Sulphur Springs. The road was once before considered by the court and at that time was rejected. The route via Griggs, Bicknells, Knotts Fraziers, and others residing in the stretch of country to the westward of the Mountain View road. In behalf of the new highway it is urged that it would shorten the distance to Sulphur Springs from 14 to about five and a half miles. Also that it would give a roadway to farmers who do not have that right except by use of numberless gates through private lands. One man interested, has to open 12 gates in order to get to Corvallis with a load. The region the new road would tap is a great wood country, and on this account the people of Corvallis were claimed to be deeply interested because of hundreds and even thousands of cords of wood that would not otherwise get to Corvallis would be brought here as a result of the road's construction.

Incidental to the plan is the appraisal of damages by the road board. A number of farmers along the way donated the necessary land through their farms, while others required damages. The latter aggregates \$500. The court was asked to pay this, but at last accounts the matter was under consideration.

EXTENDING WINTER RATES.

To Yaquina Bay Which to People Wish to Enjoy Nature's Beauties Prove so Popular.

The low rates in effect from points on the S. P. to Yaquina Bay during the winter which proved so popular with the people wishing to view nature at that magnificent seaside resort have been extended during April and tickets will sold on Wednesdays and Saturdays until the last of April good for return at any time up to May 31st, 1905.

The month of April should be a favorite one for visiting the seaside where the health-giving breezes of the Pacific will banish "spring fever" and other ills to which flesh is heir.

Tickets from all eastside points to all westside points, and vice versa, via the C & E are also on sale; and on April 1st tickets to all westside points will be on sale by the C & E at Albany; and to all eastside points on the S P by the C & E at Corvallis on which baggage can be checked through to destination.

Full information in regard to rates etc can be obtained from any S P or C & E agent or from W. E. Coman G P A S P Co Portland, or T H Curtis Acting manager C & E R R Company Albany, Or.

For Sale.

Cleaned Side seed oats. Inquire of Wm. Cress.

Six dozen school hats for children, 30 cents each at Mrs. J. Mason's 3rd st.

Stockholders of Corvallis Independent Tel. Co.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Corvallis Independent Telephone Company will be held at the office of the Company in Zierolf building in Corvallis, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 10th day of May, 1905, at the hour of eight o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

Robert Johnson, sec.

Corvallis, Or. April 8, 1905.

Estimates cheerfully given on any kind of concrete work at Whitney's.

For Sale.

Seed wheat and Burbank potatoes. \$25-tf Roy Rickard.

New Trays.

All parties having tray checks, call and get your tray as this is the last I will have on hand. A. Hodes.

Notice that elegant new delivery wagon. Moses Bros' run it. m11-2t

Branard & Astrmsrong wash silk at Moses Bros.

Picture frames made to order at Blackledge's. a1-tf

For Sale.

Mill feed, flour, wheat, oats, vetch, chicken feed, potatoes, wood and gravel Delivered to all parts of city. Phone 342. Opposite Steam Lau ndr John Beach.

Newest Spring Models

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Exact Reproduction of this Style Shoe.

An Ideal Walking Oxford. We have now in stock the most complete line of Women and Children's Oxfords ever shown in Corvallis.

All the latest Lasts and Leather Tan, Chocolate, White, Patent Leather, Colt and Kid, and Gun Metal oxfords. In shoes we have the Newest Styles in Tan and Black, Plain and Blucher cuts.

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