

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Mr. and Mrs. Travis have arrived from northern Washington for a visit at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Skelton.

—The resignation of T. V. Vidito as Constable of district 9 was accepted and J. D. Wells named as his successor.

—Twenty five Corvallisites attended a dancing party in the Artisan's hall at Wells' Friday night. All report the occasion very enjoyable.

—Miss Martha Tracy, Miss Caroline Smith and John Bauer, arrived Saturday from Red Oak, Iowa. They will spend the summer in Corvallis, and are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bauer.

—Mrs. Charles Beach, who has been taking treatment for stomach trouble in a hospital there, arrived Friday from Portland for a visit at home. She expects to return in a few days.

—The second annual concert of the College Glee Club occurs in College chapel next Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Admission 25 cents, children 15 cents.

—One of the cleverest clowns in the world is with the Norris and Rowe greater circus this season. His name is William LaRue and he will be with the circus in Corvallis today.

—Mr. Peterson has sold his ranch on Beaver creek to a new-comer from Canada. The sale was made Friday, and Mr. Peterson was in Corvallis Monday seeking a location.

—Miss Lorreta Sheasgreen entertained a number of friends at a Whist party as a farewell to Miss Minnie Woldt. The first honors were won by Miss Gladys Moore, and the booby, Miss Edna Thrasher. A feature of the evening were a number of piano selections by Clyde Fox.

—A number of friends were very pleasantly entertained at the Wicks home Monday evening at Whist, Mr. Metzgar winning first, and W. H. Wicks, the booby prize. Dainty refreshments were a feature of the evening. The affair was in honor of the birthdays of Miss Lettie Wicks and Mrs. A. J. Metzgar.

—Moscow Star: Prof. H. T. French has bought the H. L. Coats dairy herd, some eighteen in number and will conduct a larger dairy. The scene of these operations will be on Prof. French's farm, one mile south of the city limits. The Coats herd are of the best butter making strains. They have netted him an average profit of \$100 a month since he has been engaged in dairy work. The quality of butter made by Mr. Coats was considered superior to any that ever reached Moscow. It always brought five cents a pound more than the top price for the local product.

—The sixth debate in the college series occurs in OAC chapel, tomorrow, Thursday night. The question is, "Resolved that the American presidential form of government in the United States is better than the English cabinet system." The Utopians have the affirmative and the Amicitians, the negative. The debate is the last of the preliminary contests, and will be followed at Commencement time by the final, which will determine which society holds the cup for the coming year. The final contest will be between Sorosis and the winner of tomorrow nights debate.

—It will be a very strong track team that OAC men are to go against on College field on Thursday of next week. The Washingtonians have long been at the head of the list in field and track work in the Northwest. They nearly always have track meets with the California teams, and have a schedule with them this season. Next week's track meet will be the first with OAC, and the Oregonians hope to make it interesting for the men from the North. Among others who represent the Washington team is Tom McDonald who holds the Northwest record both in the shotput and hammer throw.

—A nine year old boy is ill at the home of Louis Hartley with diphtheria. The child is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Winnings, who recently arrived from the East. The case was reported to the police Monday morning by Dr. Farra, who had just been called in the case for the first time. The attack is a severe one, but the chances favorable for a recovery. It is not believed that there have been exposures. The place is under quarantine. Mr. Hartley resides on Fifth street between Washington and A.

—Mrs. Lura Campbell and little daughter of Albany are guests of Miss Bessie Irvine. Mrs. Campbell has just completed two terms of school at Hood River.

—W. O. Heckart of Eugene, has been awarded the contract for building a high school at Klamath Falls. The contract price is \$29,500.

—Dock Jackson has purchased the two lots in the Northeast corner of the Irwin block, and is shortly to begin the erection of a modern residence thereon.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Rose arrived Monday from St. Louis, Mo. Until May 3rd Mrs. Rose was Miss Kate Meyers, the couple having been sweethearts for twenty years.

—"You are beautiful enough to be wooed by an emperor." "Am I beautiful enough to be wooed by a duke?" "Yes indeed, but not rich enough."

—"We can't have everything in this life," said the philosopher. "No," answered Stax. "The ideal but impossible combination is a millionaire menu with a deck hand appetite."

—The State of Iowa pays Prof. Holden \$5,000 a year, says an Iowa paper, to teach farmers how to grow grain at a profit. The State grew 27 1-2 bushels to the acre, but under the teaching of Prof. Holden, the crop was increased to 40 bushels an acre. The increased value of the crop was \$10,000,000.

—Mr. Hurd, owner of the tug Roscoe which makes occasional trips into Yaquina Bay, was in town yesterday on business. His home is at Coos Bay where he is an extensive operator in mercantile, shipping, salmon canning and other ways. The Roscoe is now at Yaquina, whither Mr. Hurd went yesterday for the trip home by water.

—The bid of J. R. Smith & Co. was submitted at a meeting of the council Monday evening, offering to construct a two block sewer lateral through the Marshall Miller block and Southern Pacific block to the S. P. railroad depot. The figure in the bid was \$585. The matter was referred to the sewer committee with instructions to notify the parties.

—Mrs. T. Norton returned Friday from a week's visit at Hood River. While there Mrs. Norton attended, last Tuesday, the marriage of her son, Dolph R. Norton and Miss Cora Copple. With his brother-in-law, Hugh Smith, the groom is engaged in the plumbing business. The bride has been a teacher in the public schools of Hood River for the past three years.

—Wool has reached 25 1-2 cents in the local market. A dealer said yesterday that best lots now would bring that amount. In other cases, he said, no more than 25 cents could be paid. A feature of the situation, is the fact that practically all the clip is sold. Most of it is yet on the backs of the sheep, but the farmer has bargained it away at figures ranging from 22 up to 25 1-2. A large part of it went at 24 and 25 cents. Shearing is in progress, and in a small way, deliveries have already begun. One firm shipped 5,000 pounds the other day and was shipping another 5,000 yesterday.

No street carnival is to unfold its tents in the town. By that token some people are glad, and some are out of humor. Some wanted the attraction some did not. Some say that it would have brought to town all the population of the county to spend money with Corvallis dealers and caravansaries, and others that obviously it would have taken out more money than it would have brought in. The Firemen voted against hooking up with the shows on the ground, it is said, that they should have had 25 per cent instead of the 15 per cent of the proceeds that the carnival people offered. The advance agent wouldn't grant the 25 per cent, saying that if the Firemen would pay salaries and expenses and give the carnival management 15 per cent of the proceeds they could take whatever profit might be left be it thousands or only dollars. So, Albany, Independence, Salem, Eugene, and the other towns are to have three days each of the shows, and Corvallis is to have only those pleasures and diversions that are the lot of a dry town.

It is probable that the number of people pleased by the failure of the carnival to come, is greater than is the number of people pained, though there are kickers who kick, on both sides.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bear the Signature at

IOWA SHERIFF CAME.

And Brought Russell Gifford Back to Corvallis—Latter is Insane.

The sheriff of Crawford county, Iowa, was in Corvallis for an hour at noon yesterday. His name is Thomas Meehan, and his home is at Dennison, Iowa. He came to bring Russell Gifford who was a resident of this section until last September, when he left for the East. Gifford was brought as an insane patient, and within an hour or two after his arrival yesterday, he had been examined as to sanity and committed to the Oregon asylum for the insane. He will be taken to Salem this, Wednesday morning, on the early train by Sheriff Burnett.

Gifford resided for about four years in the old Dennick house at the brick yard across Mary's river. For six or seven years before that, he lived off and on in Benton county. An air of mystery always surrounded him, and there are those who think he ought to have been in the asylum years ago. The statement is that he never worked, but that he always managed to exist. His former neighbors aver that he was up at all hours of the night, that he was roaming about more or less at night and that, in fact, he was strange in many respects. A peculiarity with him is that though he is above fifty if not even sixty years of age, when he registered as a vote, which was every time there was an election, he always gave his age as 38. When asked his age at the examination yesterday afternoon, he gave it as 36. His height is five feet 10 inches and his weight 180. New England is the land of his nativity, and he claims to be a Quaker in religion.

His story of his doings since he left Corvallis does not tally with that of the sheriff who brought him. The sheriff tells that Gifford was in the poor house of Crawford county, that the building burned up, and that though there was no way to prove it, suspicion was directed to Gifford as the cause. Immediately afterward he was examined as to his sanity and adjudged insane. The commissioners of the county, in the commitment accompanying Gifford, relate the facts of the proceedings as to sanity in the Iowa court, and order Gifford brought to Corvallis, Oregon, his place of residence. Gifford tells a tale of having been in an accident in which he sustained great injuries and of treatment that he had at the hands of various doctors, some of them in New York all of which is not believed.

May 13

is the date for the meeting at Grange Hall of those interested in the clearing of Muddy. Don't forget the date.

Artistic Dressmaking.

Ladies wishing artistic dressmaking at reasonable prices, call on Mrs. L. Estes of San Francisco, at the residence of Gene Simpson, Corvallis. Indept. phone 254.

Wanted.

200,000 lbs clean vetch seed in strong sacks 1905 crop. If you have vetch seed for sale, correspond with me. L. I. Brooks.

For City Treasurer

I wish to announce myself as a candidate for the office of City Treasurer at the election, Monday, the 15th day of May, 1905.

Very Truly Yours, Wm. McLagan.

For Chief of Police.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of chief of police. J. M. Howard.

For Photographs

Portraits or views, photos tinted in colors, oil paintings on hand or painted to order. All work guaranteed. Call on B. R. Thompson, Artist.

For Exchange.

A nearly new 3 1-4 farm wagon, four inch tire will be exchanged for lighter wagon.

A. J. Irwin, Philomath. Bell phone 4x3.

YATES & YATES.

Bert Yates and W. E. Yates have formed a partnership under the firm name of Yates & Yates. They expect to do a general insurance and abstract business. They represent good reliable insurance companies, and will furnish accurate, neat and complete abstracts of Benton county property at reasonable prices. Call on or write to Yates & Yates, Corvallis, Or.

H. E. HARRIS DEAD.

Former Corvallis Merchant and Well Known Citizen. Passed Away Sunday.

H. E. Harris died in Portland Sunday. He was a former Corvallis merchant who began business in the town away back beyond the time of most of the present residents, probably late in the Fifties or early in the Sixties. In association with L. L. Horning, he built the brick building in which Graham & Wells do business. It was the second brick structure in town.

Mr. Harris continued to do business in Corvallis until about 1885 when he retired. At that time he kept a grocery store in the room now occupied by E. B. Horning, and was the first occupant of the Burnett brick. About 1891, the family removed to Portland, where two years ago, Mrs. Harris died. Two sons, Mayer and Ala had died years ago. The surviving members of the family are, Isaac, Solomon, Carrie, Lena, Tillie, Frances, Henrietta and Sarah, all of whom reside in Portland. The funeral occurred yesterday.

REPAIRS WERE STARTED.

But Fire Chief Stopped Them—Fire Limits Involved—The Irvin Shack.

The fire limits and the question of what kind of repairs can be made therein bobbed up as a subject for authorities to differ on the other day. Charles Blakeslee took a contract to repair the David Irvin shanty on Main street. He was to be paid \$55 for the job. It included new foundation, new walls, new floor, in fact everything new but roof and front, according to the statement of Councilman Porter. Complaint was made and Fire Chief Berry stopped the work. Mr. Blakeslee made application to the fire and water committee and some of them expressed willingness for the work to go ahead. Blakeslee had done a portion of the work but the job was hung up until it could be referred to the council which met Monday night. The matter was there discussed and referred to the fire and water committee with instructions to investigate and pass on the question of whether or not the structure could be repaired.

The question of maintaining fire limits in the block in which the Irvin building is located was raised while the matter was under discussion. The point was made that fire limits offer a reward to owners of buildings there to cling to an old wall or a front as susceptible of repairs and through which to save themselves from building a brick or iron structure. This, it was urged, has the effect to perpetuate a lot of old shanties, which, because they are repaired and re-repaired never improve in appearance or take on modern features. It was urged that it would be better for appearances as well as from other considerations in such cases, for permits to be issued for the erection of new wooden buildings, under certain regulations as to fire proof roof and other requirements that would add to the safety and enormously to appearances.

The fire ordinance provides that no repairs shall be made to a damaged building in case the improvement adds 25 per cent to the value of the structure.

For Sale.

Two work horses. W. K. Taylor.

Diamond Chick Food.

Head Light oil the best for incubators. Field and garden seeds at

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 Zerolf 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.

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.

For Sale.

Seed wheat and Burbank potatoes. f25-tf Roy Rickard.

Women's Oxfords

We are now showing all the newest and most popular styles of Womens Oxfords both in tan and black leathers.



A New Ribbon Tie Price from \$1.00 to \$3.50

For The Little Folks

Grecian Sandals, Strap Shoes, Oxfords and Moccasin in the newest Spring colors

S. L. KLINE

The White House Corvallis, Oregon We pay special attention to Mail Orders.

Spring Display of Mens

Fine Toggery!

exclusive designs, in Neckwear, Underwear, Plain and Fancy Hosiery, Shirts, Gloves, Etc.

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Clothes Patterns are exclusive. Spring Suits

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The Best \$3 Hat on earth is the

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F. L. MILLER

Chickens and Eggs Wanted Moses Brothes

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silverware.

Eyes tested free of charge and glasses fitted correctly at prices within reach of all Fine watch repairing a specialty

Pratt The Jeweler & Optician.