

LOCAL LORE.

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

—O. J. Blackledge made a business trip to Portland yesterday.

—Abner Woods of Blodgett transacted business in Corvallis Monday.

—By Frantz who was in from Kings Valley yesterday believes grain is more or less injured by aphids.

—Mrs. Clifford Gould and children are visiting at the home of Mrs. Jacob Whiteaker, in the country.

—The adjourned term of court for Benton, provided for, at the April term convenes in Corvallis on Thursday of next week. Several matters of minor importance will be up for consideration.

—F. W. Foster and family departed Monday for their home in Lake county. The young people in the family were students last season at O. A. C.

—Sugar tumbled 40 cents on the hundred pounds the other day. Some of the local merchants are said to have been caught with pretty good stocks on hand on which loss must result. The product stood at \$6.10 and suddenly dropped to \$5.70. The drop upsets a popular theory to the effect that sugar always goes higher in fruit season. In the past five years the experience is that sugar, instead of going higher, in fruit season has actually dropped during three of those seasons. The cause of the present drop is said to be an overflow of the raw product.

—For the summer, four trains, two each way are in operation on Sunday between Corvallis and Albany. One train leaves Corvallis for Albany at 6:30 a. m., each Sunday morning, and the Sunday evening excursion train from Yaquina leaves Corvallis for Albany about 9:30 p. m. The first train from Albany leaves Albany for Corvallis about 7:30 a. m. and the other leaves Albany for Corvallis about 10 o'clock p. m. The latter train is the Sunday excursion train returning to Corvallis for the regular run from Corvallis to Albany Monday morning. The new service is already much used, though but little is known of it.

—The Gleason sawmill, two miles south of Philomath, burned to the ground last Saturday evening, along with about 45,000 feet of lumber. The loss is about \$1,200. The mill was a portable steam affair. About eight o'clock in the evening the watchman made his rounds, and left everything in apparently safe condition. The usual wetting of the floors had been attended to. At nine o'clock everybody was awakened by the roar of the flames, which by that time had such headway that nothing could be done to arrest their progress. The planer and a portion of the machinery can be repaired and used. The mill will be rebuilt at once and is expected to be in operation in two weeks.

—Curtis Miller, the 20 year old son of A. C. Miller, was injured in a Kings Valley logging camp Saturday. The accident was exactly similar to that in which Lark Price sustained injuries some time ago, though less severe. Miller was with a team dragging a log when the swamp hook suddenly became detached. The hook, with cable attached, struck Miller with great violence on the shoulder, and glancing delivered a heavy blow on the side of the head. The boy was knocked unconscious, but subsequently revived, and within a short time will be able to go to work again. Lark Price, who was injured in the same way several weeks ago, though not entirely well, has sufficiently recovered to go back to his logging camp.

—The Times apologizes to country readers for devoting so much space to the water question. The truth is, a bold attempt is being made to fasten Willamette river water, notoriously dirty and unclean, upon the people of Corvallis for an indefinite number of years. A cabal of lawyers has been hired to assist in deceiving and duping the people into cheating themselves out of the chance to get an abundance of pure water from the mountains for domestic use and for fire protection. With the utmost ingenuity, false issues are raised with the expectation of gulling people into voting down the proposed grant of authority to the Water Committee for issue of bonds. The plot is known to involve, in case of present defeat, the ceaseless cultivation of false ideas whereby any future attempt to re-create public sentiment for mountain water may be prevented and opposition to municipal ownership be developed.

—Ray Cady returned Monday from a week's visit at the Fair.

—Miss Mayme Crawford is home from Portland for a short vacation.

—A. J. Johnson is on a trip of bank examining in Southern Oregon.

—Mrs. Charles Young of Elk City is visiting relatives in Corvallis.

—R. L. Whitehead and wife are to leave tomorrow for the East for an extended visit.

—Wallace Baldwin, an old time Benton county man, has arrived from his home at Los Angeles and is the guest of friends.

—Mrs. Minnie Arnold arrived Sunday from Berkeley, California, for a week's visit with Corvallis friends.

—Mrs. B. A. Cathey and daughters, Marie and Evelyn, returned last evening from a two days visit to the Fair.

—Mrs. Ed Phillips arrived Friday from Grant's Pass to spend the summer with Corvallis relatives. Mr. Phillips is at Jacksonville.

—Miss Kate McCune of Eastern Oregon has been for several days the guest of Mrs. B. W. Wilson. The young lady may spend the summer in Benton county.

—Mrs. Mary Avery has returned from Portland where she has resided for sometime, and has again taken up her residence in Corvallis.

—Roy Harlan, A. N. Harlan, and a graduate of the business department of O. A. C., leaves today for Boise, Idaho, where he has accepted the position of the Y. M. C. A.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Coffee Club occurred Monday afternoon. It was decided to discontinue the meetings of the Club during the summer months. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served to about thirty ladies.

—Merritt Pratt of Blodgett was in Corvallis yesterday. He sold his 75 acre ranch 2 1/2 miles from Blodgett Monday, to a Mr. Bennett, who arrived in Corvallis from Des Moines, Iowa, Sunday, with his family. The price paid was \$2,300 and the deal was made in less than half an hour after Mr. Bennett arrived at Blodgett.

—They named their brat "Investigator" and laid it on their doorstep. "Invest" under the circumstances, as a part of the name is peculiarly appropriate. About the only interest the public has in the thing however, is that people are a trifle curious to know what the "Investment" is, and who is making it.

—It is noticeable that the main purpose of the "Investigator" is to convince Corvallisites that Willamette river water is just the thing for them. It may as well be admitted first as last that in part the claim is correct. Willamette river water has some advantage, in that it is not only a good irrigant, but a good fertilizer. As least, it is good in the latter respect, when the dead horses whose carcasses float around in it, do not die of the wrong disease.

—A phone message from a prominent citizen of Dallas to the Times yesterday morning announced that the actual reduction of insurance rates as a result of the new gravity water system in that town runs from 10 to 33 per cent. The average reduction is about 15 per cent. If the town had fire limits, he says, the underwriters would have made the reduction average 25 per cent. As it is at present, the saving to the people is fifty per cent more than the interest the town pays on the bonds she floated to pay for half the cost of building the system. He said also, that the use of water had turned out to be far greater than had ever been figured on before the works was built.

—While enroute to a social at Monroe Friday evening, with two young ladies in the buggy with him, Jay Zierolf of Bruce, had a runaway that came near being disastrous to another buggy full of people, as well as to his own party. Jay's team became unmanageable, and started to run. Just ahead of them was Tom Reader and wife, who saw the team coming and turned their team out to one side of the road. On came the runaways, and instead of keeping in the road they made for the Reader rig beside the fence. The shafts of the Zierolf buggy were run through the top of the rig ahead, while each of the horses became entangled. Reader was pinioned down in his buggy by the shafts that had come through the top, but on managing to crawl out, it was discovered that aside from demolished rigs and scratched up faces of the female contingent of the party, there was no particular harm done.

—Oscar Gustafson of Spokane Falls, arrived in Corvallis Monday, in search of a location. He is delighted with Corvallis, and will probably find a place to suit, as he desires to send his five children to OAC.

—A sensational story ran through town yesterday morning, relating the loss of two young ladies, by drowning or otherwise. They had been blackberrying on the Willamette above town and it was told that they had disappeared. It developed in good time that they were at home, safe and sound.

—The Benton County Sunday School convention begins in this city tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock. It is the purpose of those in charge to make the affair one of the best ever held in this section. Mr. Beatty, a prominent worker from abroad will be present and assist in the convention. The sessions close Friday evening. Everyone should turn out and help in this laudable undertaking, that lasting good may result from the meetings. The convention will be held at the First Methodist church.

—A man, who does business on Main street, declared Monday, with an air of unblushing confidence, that if the proposed water system should be built and some of the folks didn't take water, the city council could pass a law to make them take water. Ye Gods! For such a statesman! The Times will give the man \$5 in cash if he will repeat the statement in the Times over his own signature, so the people can for the first and perhaps the only time on this earth, see for themselves who it is that is a bigger fool than that was the late lamented Thompson's colt.

—Harry Robertson testified Monday in the trial of Senator Mitchell at Portland, and like that of Tanner, his testimony was a severe blow for the defense. It was expected that Senator Mitchell himself would take the stand yesterday, and that argument would begin today. The end of the great trial is near. It seems impossible that a conviction can be escaped, though there is always that factor of human sentiment and a hung jury to reckon with. Before the people, however, the venerable senator is convicted, and his punishment, loss of public esteem and a dizzy fall from the summit of greatness to the criminal dock, already administered.

—President Baldwin of the College of Philomath, has been elected to the presidency of Edwards College, Whitman County, Washington, where he will have Greek, history and English. Prof. Baldwin was president of the same institution from 1899 to 1903, resigning to take the presidency of the College of Philomath, where he has maintained a vigorous and progressive administration for the past two years. Mrs. Baldwin goes with her husband to Edwards College as a teacher of elocution. The college is well endowed and well equipped and is conducted by the church of the United Brethren in Christ.

—One opponent of good water says the present plan won't do because Avery, Woodcock, Leese and Kline might buy the bonds. Well, what if they did? In the name of old fashioned common sense, what would be the harm of that? If they got the bonds wouldn't they have to bid for them and pay as much or more than others for all they might get? Would it not be better for all the bonds to be owned at home and the interest be paid out to home people than for it to be sent abroad to strangers? The fact is that if all the bonds could be sold in Corvallis and Benton county, furnishing a safe investment for people who are depositing money now in banks and drawing no interest, it would be one of the best things that could happen. The argument instead of being against the water project is one of the very strongest ones for it.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership of Dunn & Thatcher is dissolved, E. J. Dunn retiring from the firm. The business will continue at the old stand, under the name of Thatcher & Johnson, Mr. Johnson having succeeded to the interest of Mr. Dunn. Thanking all patrons for past favors, we bespeak a continuance of the same for the new firm.

E. J. Dunn.
B. J. Thatcher.

All new wall paper at Blackledge's.

Sprained Ankle, Stiff Neck, Lame Shoulder.

There are three common ailments for which Chamberlain's Pain Balm is especially valuable. If promptly applied it will save you time, money and suffering when troubled with any one of these ailments. For sale by Graham & Wortham.

LEST WE FORGET.

Significant Invitations That Nobody Accepted—What do They Mean Now?

Let us forget, let us be reminded. Let us recall recent happenings, lest our neighbors forget. One of these is that the columns of the Times have ever been wide open to any or all articles, for or against the mountain water plan. Not only this, the Times has frequently asked for contributions. But, have any of the friends of the Willamette river water accepted the invitation, and over their own signatures proceeded to show reasons why the pending proposition should be turned down? If it be true that there has been such an invitation, and if it also be true that no champion of the Willamette river graveyard seepage has publicly through the Times offered to defend his position, what does it mean?

And what does it mean when instead of accepting this free, frank, open and fair challenge to a manly discussion of the issues, the enemies of good water get their arguments together and print them in an anonymous, unsigned, unfathered publication, and leave the little thing on people's doorsteps? When they got their little doorstep paper printed, why did they require the printer to keep their names forever a secret? The paper was printed at the Gazette office. Let any man interested go ask the Gazette people who are the editors and proprietors of this unfathered nondescript and see if it can be ascertained there who is paying for the printing and furnishing the reading matter for this little paper of which its promoters and daddies are ashamed? Why are the friends of the Willamette graveyard seepage ashamed to be known to the public? Why do they pay money for having their arguments printed when they could get them printed free in the Times? Where do they get so much money, and how do they get it so easy that they are able to spend it so freely in the printing and free distribution of their little newspaper brat, all at a large expense? Why do they refuse to allow God's searchlight of truth to stream in on their doings, and on the question of who and what they are? What is it about their work that makes them ashamed to have their names known, that causes them to require the printers not to tell the public who they are? Why all this, if their cause is just, and their work for the people?

In order that some things may not be forgotten, below are printed certain invitations that recently appeared in the Times:

From the Times, May 6, 1905: "The columns of the Times are wide, open to any or all who desire to discuss the water question. Public rather than private discussion is the easiest way for the exact truth to become known, for in private, it is possible that some of the statements made may not be quite correct. For instance, the privately given opinion of an unknown attorney is quoted from person to person now to the effect that no change could be made in the method of electing the commission after the bonds should be once sold. Against the private opinion is the public opinion of Deputy District Attorney Bryson published in another column which illustrates wherein and how public discussion of water might yield beneficial results."

From the Times of May 13, 1905: "The columns of the Times are now and have ever been wide open for the discussion of mountain water or any other topic. It might be especially helpful in the mountain water case for the subject to be publicly discussed. A great many things have been said in private that ought also be said in public, and the Times especially urges those who have said them to reiterate their statements in cold type through its columns."

From the Times, May 17th, 1905: "The columns of the Times are still open for discussion of mountain water. Where are those who privately peddled about this town recently, statements that nothing could be gotten in the Corvallis newspapers about mountain water?"

Hay For Sale.

Vetch and alfalfa, best cow hay in the world. Ind Tel 155. L. L. Brooks.

Every imperfection removed from the latest models of talking machines. If you will come in we will be happy to render a select entertainment. Graham & Wells.

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We offer our entire stock of Spring and Summer Shirt Waists at greatly reduced figures. Those Waists are made up in the very latest styles and comprise sizes from 32 to 44 in white, black and figured lawns—very sheer and dainty for hot weather.

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China Silk waists, very stylish, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50 and \$5, reduced to \$3, \$3.50, \$4 and \$4.50. This sale will continue for one week only.

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50c " " "	37 1/2

New Waists.

We have just received from the East a sample line of waists which we are instructed to sell at cost ranging in price from 40c to \$6.00

This sale includes all our new Spring Goods, and when we say it is a bargain opportunity, we mean it. So come in and see "you are welcome" everybody is.

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