

LOCAL LORE.

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

Floyd Williams was a Corvallis visitor Sunday.

Mr. J. B. Horner left Monday for a visit to Newport.

Guy Benight of Albany spent Sunday with friends in Corvallis.

Mrs. William Crees is confined to her home with illness.

Arthur Belknap returned Saturday from a ten days' business trip to Eastern Oregon.

T. W. Espy, a member of the class of '04, has been the guest of Corvallis friends the past week.

Miss Louise Cooper left Monday for a visit with Falls City friends.

Miss Letha Patton and brother were Sunday visitors at the home of M. M. Davis.

Miss Agnes Klecker has arrived from Portland for a three weeks' visit with Corvallis relatives.

Mrs. W. L. Patterson of Baker City, arrived Friday for a visit at the home of her father, W. S. Linville.

Mrs. H. A. Hemmenway of Eugene, arrived Monday, and is a guest at the Linville home.

Mrs. A. E. Wilkins returned Saturday evening from a visit in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Peterson left Sunday for Portland, for a week's visit at the Fair.

Miss Lottie Kilgore of San Francisco has arrived for an extended visit with her aunt, Mrs. M. M. Davis.

Frank Howell arrived in Corvallis Monday from Grays Harbor Washington, and went on to Alsea for a visit with friends.

Mrs. E. T. Woods of Albany, was the guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woods. She left Monday for a visit at Philomath.

Mrs. Julia duMoulin completed a successful term of school twelve miles west of Corvallis, Friday, and has returned to her home in Corvallis.

The first Benton county peaches of the season were in market Monday. They were from a tree owned by Dr. Withycombe and were large and luscious.

Mrs. W. P. Rogovsky and children of Chicago are the guests of Charles Hout and family, Mrs. Rogovsky and Mrs. Hout are sisters.

Mrs. George Stevens and grandson of Gold Hill have arrived for a two weeks visit with the family of C. E. Hout. They were joined yesterday by Mrs. D. P. Blue.

Mrs. V. E. Watters is improving rapidly in a Portland hospital, and may be sufficiently recovered for a return home the latter part of this week.

Married at Benton Harbor, Mich. June 26, Warren S. Clark, formerly of this city, to Miss Mae Ellsworth of Chicago. In September the young couple will visit the Exposition in Portland, while on their way to their future home in San Francisco.

The following sales have recently been made by Ambler & Watters: Martha Scheiern to W. E. Albin, 50 acres 6 miles southeast of Corvallis, \$1,250. Sarah F. Elgin to W. H. Thompson, 3 1/2 acres on College Hill, \$2350. Pauline Kline to Sarah F. Eglin, house and 2 lots Corvallis, \$1,000. Levi Joy to Mr. Erickson, store property Granger, \$1000. A. R. Brown to Oscar Gustafson, 30 acres west of OAC, \$2,000. Prof. Cordley to Hilda Gustafson, 2-3 acre College Hill, \$600. M. Burnap to Georgina P. Ambler, house and 2 lots, \$3300.

It was seven years ago yesterday, the Fourth of July, that Mrs. Captain Geary was burned out of house and home in Corvallis. Her husband was commandant at OAC but went into active service when the war broke out. He was killed in action during the year while serving with his battalion in the regiment in the Philippines. As stated, it was on a 4th of July that the Geary home was burned. During the afternoon, flames were discovered issuing from the house. There was an alarm of fire, and the department hastened to the burning house which was located on Eighth street. A hose was laid, but there was no water. The pressure was not strong enough to lift the stream on to the roof, and firemen climbed on to one part of the roof and for a time bravely tried to maintain the unequal struggle against the flames. The trouble, during the absence of her husband, prostrated Mrs. Geary.

HERE IS THE PLAIN ISSUE.

Here also, are Plain Figures—And a Plain Statement of the Case—Income, Over \$8,000—Figures on Mountain Water by a Man who Offered to Install the Plant Under Private Ownership.

To the Editor of the TIMES:

Seeing you solicit a discussion of the water question through the columns of your paper and feeling as I do that this is one of the most important questions we, as citizens, are likely to be called upon to decide for many years to come, I think it my duty as a citizen to do all in my power to assist those who are anxious to give the matter honest investigation. I wish to say in the outset that I have no time to waste nor have I an inclination to take up the time of others in discussing the terms of the bill creating our committee, except to say that I like many others am not in favor of a perpetuating committee and possibly if I had been in charge of the drawing of the bill originally, I might have changed some other of its features, but these things are of small importance compared with the main question to wit: Are we to have good, wholesome water and good fire protection extended to all parts of our city, and that, too, first class mountain water, the thing all of our wide-awake and up-to-date towns are so earnestly seeking these days, and then follow up this great advance step by so amending the bill at our next session of our legislature as to obliterate these objectionable features, and make it provide for an elective commission; or shall we, simply for these technical objections vote it down and thus say to the world "No;" Corvallis does not care just yet to take this forward step, we are not yet quite sure that we wish to be classed among the progressive towns of this great Willamette valley, nor are we yet certain that the one-half of our residents who are at present beyond the limit of our present water system have use for water or that their property is in any immediate need of fire protection. Gentlemen does it stand to reason that the present water company or myself and associates would ever have offered to install just such a system provided we should be given a franchise for such purpose, if we had entertained the least doubt about its being, not only self sustaining but over and above this, a profitable investment. Seeing such statements have been made in your columns and especially noting one in the columns of the "Investigator" which I can not help but think is largely based upon guess work and appears to be somewhat tinged with a desire to alarm the tax paying voter into thinking that the plant would be non-self-sustaining and that our burdens of city taxes would surely be increased, therefore I have gone back and dug up my estimates of income made when figuring upon the installation of such a system under private ownership, and I think you will all agree with me that under municipal ownership more, if any difference would patronize it than under private ownership. I, too, have taken the trouble to count the dwellings in the city, and find them by actual count to be 572, and in my statement which follows, you will note that I am only figuring on 70 per cent of the whole number taking water in any form, and might add that this is very conservative and in fact I have made all estimates herein on a most conservative basis, and am prepared to satisfy any voter I feel sure as to any and all items so estimated, who might care to apply to me personally with an honest intent to learn the facts.

Table with 2 columns: Liabilities to be provided for, and Annually. Includes interest on bonded debt, salary superintendent, sinking fund, etc.

I trust all will ponder over the above figures and see how weak the claim is that the voting of these bonds means the saddling on the city of an additional debt and additional burdens. True it is a debt in a sense but it will prove a great asset, and if we should so desire, I am thoroughly convinced that we could from the net profits retire our entire warrant indebtedness now amounting to say \$25,000 in round figures, inside of 15 years operation of the plant without increasing our water rates one cent above the low rates above given. You will notice I count nothing as income from the college in my estimates above, and too keep in mind the saving to the city in its own water rates. Come boys, lay aside our personal prejudice and quit wrangling over these small technicalities and over the fact that the personnel of the committee may not be just to our liking, for you all know it would be utterly impossible to select 10 men in our midst but that there would be those found who could and very likely would raise objection to them, some to one and some to another until they should all find their opposers, just as in this case, but who can say that these men are not of our most substantial citizens and men whom we can trust to act in our best interests in the installation of this system if the authority be given them, and men who will thoroughly investigate the question as to whether or not the best made wood pipe is the proper pipe to use, and if not, then whether or not the limit of \$75,000 will permit them to install the plant with some other grade of pipe which may meet their approval. In any event, remember there is no particular harm done, for in such case the bond simply would not be issued, and the plant would not be installed. This is a clear, clean-cut proposition when it is divested of all the side issues that some are working so hard to bring into this election and is merely a question of whether or not we want a first class mountain water system installed in our city, provided it is found on further investigation that such can be done for the money at hand, when we authorize an issue of \$75,000 for the purpose. Everybody vote on Thursday and I feel sure the result can not long be in doubt. Yours for success, A. J. JOHNSON.

The following from the Albany Democrat would indicate that Corvallis is to lose a popular teacher from her public schools: Miss Hazel Weller, of Brownsville has been selected to succeed Miss Fortmiller in the Maple street school.

W. C. Swann is at Newport this week, where he went Monday with a shipment of furniture from the firm of Hollenberg & Cady. The goods go to the handsome hotel, formerly the Bailey house, which has been put into first class condition by Thomas Leese of Corvallis. Thirty rooms are being fitted up, and this is the work in which Mr. Swann is engaged.

Mr. EMERY AGAIN. Says He Has Signed Documents Bearing On His Veracity—Got Them At Dallas.

EDITOR TIMES:—

Repeated notices have appeared in later issues of THE TIMES asking for contributions discussing the water question and stating that all such would be given a fair and impartial hearing. When such an article was handed you at variance with your ideas, instead of treating it as an honest opinion you vilified the writer and seek to detract from the important features of the article by attacking with affidavits some minor statement that might not be technically correct. Signed statements from prominent citizens of Dallas and a personal letter from Dr. Embree will prove whether or not I had reason to believe such items were correct. Such statements, I have, and are open for inspection of any one who will call at my place of business. As other more important facts contained in my article have not been attacked by affidavits, I presume your emissary has found them to be correct. Whether or not I was justified in making these statements may also be determined from similar statements, also open for inspection at my place of business.

W. G. EMERY. (Again, Mr. Emery is in error. He has not been "vilified" by THE TIMES. He published untruthful statements, and it was City Auditor Stouffer and Dr. T. V. B. Embree, Mr. Emery's own uncle, of Dallas, that declared the statements untrue, and swore to it. Because of this, Mr. Emery, in the above, seems to think THE TIMES has wronged him. What did he expect THE TIMES to do? If he was publishing untruths, and big bare ones at that, in his attack on mountain water, did he expect THE TIMES to let them go, and permit people to believe them?)

A funny thing is that Mr. Emery says he has signed statements and personal letters from "prominent Dallas people" to prove that he had reason to believe the romances he told to be truths. Also, such things to prove how true was lots of the stuff in his late letters. Why didn't he print these in THE TIMES and Gazette simultaneously. Alas, how changed is all. But yesterday it took two newspapers to convey to the people of Corvallis the information Mr. Emery had about the Dallas water system. Today Mr. Emery keeps his "signed statements" and such things down in his own private office where nobody is going to get any chance to draw an affidavit on them. THE TIMES has also a signed statement. It isn't locked up behind closed doors, afraid of the search light of truth either, but is published free to the world in another column. It is signed by ex-Mayor Hayter of Dallas, and it tells the public more about Mr. Emery's romancing.)

Finding Its Parents.

It looks now as if the parentage of the "Investigator" would become known. By chance, what seems to be a clue to one of them has been discovered, and the authorities think they know almost to a certainty the identity of the other. They claim the youngster's hair gives it away. Naturally enough, the suspect denies all knowledge and refuses point blank to confess. The following signed statement, however, seems to make confessions unnecessary:

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:— This is to certify that about the first of June last, W. G. Emery, of Corvallis, came to me and talked about employing me to print a small paper to be used in fighting mountain water. He said the main thing in the whole business would be secrecy, and that if I should take the job he did not want anybody in the world to know who was conducting the paper. He said there would be several issues, but did not know just what size the paper would be. He remarked that he was afraid some one might drop in to my office while I was printing the paper and find out the secret of who was editing it. I did not give him figures because for one thing; he did not know the size of paper he wanted, and for another I did not like the secrecy that had to be observed in the business and the fear of discovery involved. MILTON P. MORGAN, Corvallis, Or., July 3, 1905.

Suitable Reward.

Will be paid for the return of a silver watch, lost on the State road. Finder leave at Times office.

Lost.

At Junior Hop on June 12th, a large golf cape. Finder will please return to Mrs. S. N. Wilkins.

GRAND 35th Anniversary Sale-35th

As this week marks the Thirty-fifth year that I have been in business in Corvallis, I wish first to thank my patrons and friends for the liberal patronage they have extended me, and to announce that, as has been my custom, I am going to hold an Anniversary Sale for just one week. But this year I am going to offer you prices that will eclipse any previously made on the same line of goods.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE PRICES I AM MAKING:—

Table listing various goods and their prices, including Torshon Lace, Thompson's Glove Fitting, Ladies Sailor Hats, etc.

I want to close out my entire line of summer suitings and wash goods comprising:—

Table listing various suitings and wash goods with their prices, including Voiles, Scotch Ox-fords, Mercerized Taffetas, etc.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT-EXTRA SPECIAL

- List of grocery items and prices: Ball Mason Fruit Jars, 21 pounds choice rice, 6 cans Sardines, etc.

S. L. KLINE The White House Corvallis, Oregon

F. L. MILLERS Great June Sale!

A bargain opportunity that happens only once a year. On Wednesday June 7th we place on sale our entire stock of Summer Wash Fabrics and ladies Waists

Table listing Wash Fabrics and their prices, including 10c values reduced to 8c, 12 1/2, 15c, etc.

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.

F. L. MILLER