

LOCAL LORE.

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

—There will be services at the Catholic church tomorrow at 10:30.

—T. H. Wells returned Wednesday from a visit at the Fair.

—Mrs. Al Bethers left yesterday for an extended outing in Alsea.

—Mrs. George Lilly left Wednesday for Newport, to be absent until about Sept. 1.

—Leder Bros. Threshing Machine begins operations Monday on the Rice farm west of town.

—Miss Ruby Starr of Portland, is the guest of her cousins, Eva and Mildred Starr, in the city.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Goodman left Thursday for a visit at the Exposition.

—Wilbur Weeks of Salem, arrived Wednesday evening, and is the guest of friends.

—Mrs. M. Ek went to Portland Thursday for a two weeks' visit at the Fair.

—Miss Louise Gilbert left yesterday for a month's stay at Newport. She was accompanied by Miss Pearl Campbell of McMinnville.

—The Corvallis base ball team left yesterday for Newport. They play a game with the Newport team Saturday and a return game with Siletz Sunday.

—Mrs. G. R. Farra visited with her sister, Mrs. Graham at Grant's Pass last week. She returned home Tuesday.

—Threshing takes place on Lee Henkle's farm across Mary's river next Tuesday. Many machines will be in operation before the end of next week.

—Arthur Belknap, Charlie Watts and Percy Clark spent two days on a fishing trip to the headwaters of Rock Creek. They report meeting with good success.

—Fred Stimson, general manager of athletics at the college arrived Thursday to accept a position in the drug store of Graham & Wortham. He enters upon his duties this morning.

—In the deep sorrow that has befallen him and for the assistance, sympathy and consolation so kindly and so abundantly bestowed by neighbors and friends, Burt Lacy requests the TIMES to express his lasting gratitude.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCune, who have been touring Oregon and Washington and have been visiting in Corvallis the past week, left yesterday for their home in Los Angeles.

—Late news from George Herbert Root is to the effect that he is in his oldtime health and busily engaged on the farm at Wasco. The accounts are that he has some good football material in tow for next fall.

—M. Murchison, wife, son and daughter from Kewanee, Illinois, and N. H. Wright from Brooklyn, Iowa, are guests at the McLennan home. They arrived Wednesday and are much pleased with the climate and country. Mr. Murchison is a cousin of Mr. McLennan.

—The cause of the trouble with the engine that put the big launching party out of business the other night was that the pump which injects water through the parts to keep the cylinder from over heating got out of order and failed to do its stunt. That stunted further operation of the launch, and gave occasion for Mr. Bryson, Mr. Kiger and Mr. Johnson to appear in their striking and strenuous stunts.

—Mrs. Ruth Clark, Ed Clark and Elmer Clark, all oldtime Corvallisites have been in town for a day or two. Mrs. Clark left last October and has since been most of the time with her daughter at Pendleton. Ed Clark left three years ago, and has become cashier of a bank at Glens Ferry, Idaho. Elmer left five or six years ago, and is cashier of a bank at Vale, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Winslow are expected from Pendleton shortly, and with Mrs. Clark, are to go to Newport for a month.

—The prosecution has closed in the Williamson-Gesner case at Portland. Starr, nephew of Williamson and a star witness for the government, has disappeared, and officers are scouring the Cascade mountains east of Eugene in search of him. Starr has fitted or been induced to flit in order to avoid giving testimony, which was damaging to the defendants in the former trial. Flight at this time looks ugly and it had been better for both witness and accused if he had stood his ground and faced the music.

WITH TARGET RIFLE.

Suicide of Mrs. Burt Lacy—The Inquest and Some Testimony—The Verdict.

The report of a 22-calibre target rifle that nobody heard, sent a chill through Corvallis Tuesday, when Mrs. Laura Lacy, wife of Burt Lacy, and daughter of a well known pioneer, with such a weapon, took her own life, in her own home. The deed is supposed to have been committed about three o'clock. The body was found shortly after six o'clock, more than three hours after the tragedy had happened. The husband, arriving home for the evening meal was the first to discover the mute evidence of the terrible event that had taken place while, all oblivious she was pursuing the usual round of duty at the store of J. H. Harris, where he has been for years, chief clerk.

When found, the body rested on the bed, in the bedroom on the first floor of the family residence at the corner of Seventh & Washington. The room is on the north side of the building, and about three in the afternoon, a deliveryman, taking groceries to the house, glanced in, and saw Mrs. Lacy lying on the bed. Testimony at the inquest was that she rested on the bed then in the same position that the body rested in, when it was found. It may be that the fatal shot had at that time been fired, or it may be that Mrs. Lacy was resting then, and that within a few minutes afterward she procured the little target rifle, and with it, accomplished the awful deed. Before that, during the afternoon, Mrs. Lacy had been seen in the doorway by neighbors, but none of them had spoken to her. At five o'clock or thereabouts, Mrs. Hodes one of the nearest neighbors, went to the house to get cream, but the door was locked, the blinds drawn, and she supposed no one was at home. The body was then sleeping its last sleep on the bed inside.

WITH TARGET RIFLE.

The weapon used was a small pattern of the 22-calibre target rifle. The barrel is 18 or 20 inches in length, and the cartridge of the short pattern. The muzzle was placed to the temple and apparently the trigger touched by Mrs. Lacy as she reached the length of the barrel. It is a popular theory that she sat upright in the bed during the process, and that after firing, she fell backwards, the gun dropping to the floor beside the bed, and her head dropping back on the pillows at the point where they joined. The body, when found, was on the back, and resting diagonally across the bed, the feet extending a few inches over the front side. There was a little blood on the cheek, the wound in the temple, the gun on the floor, and no heart beat in that limp body, when a few minutes after six, the startled and shocked husband arrived, and stood for the first time in the presence of a tragedy.

THEORY FOR THE ACT.

The chief mystery about the melancholy event is the reason for the act. All the reports are that the married life of the dead woman had been most pleasant. Neighbors, at the inquest, told of how Mrs. Lacy had, on many occasions, spoken most felicitously of the relations between herself and husband. All the evidence and all the accounts of the past and present support this theory, and leave it impossible to assign as the cause any other view than that for the moment, she was from illness, temporarily and perhaps suddenly, out of her usual condition of sanity. That is what all familiar with the facts believe, and what is generally accepted in the community as the cause. She was not supposed to have ever shot a gun before. She was afraid of guns, in fact, as shown by testimony at the inquest. She was fond of her husband who consulted her in business matters, and who was equally fond of her. Yet she took the gun, and with her own hand, sent a bullet crashing into her own brain dying instantaneously, all showing a condition of mind at war with reason and sanity.

FINDING THE BODY.

The story of the discovery of the body is brief. Chester Proebstel was boarding at the place. He arrived home at six o'clock in the evening. He essayed to enter the front door but no one answered the bell. The door was locked and it was silent inside. Mr. Lacy appeared and called from the street about that time. The two went around to the back door and entered, Lacy ahead. Passing through the kitchen, Mr. Lacy noticed his wife on the bed in the family bedroom. He called to her, but she did not answer. He stepped up to the bed, touched her, saw the bullet mark in her temple, saw the rifle on the floor, and with his own

heart standing still, called to Proebstel.

They phoned for a doctor, and Dr. Cathey came. He arrived within five minutes. 'She is past aid; we must get the coroner,' were among the first words said. Neighbors came in, and the news spread with a cold numbing thrill through the town. There was shock, deep regret and sympathy everywhere. The coroner came, and the body was carried to the morgue. A jury was empanelled, and testimony taken. Deputy State Attorney Bryson questioned the witnesses, and their statements were reduced to writing. The verdict was quickly reached after the testimony was all in. It was in effect, that Mrs. Lacy came to her death from a gun shot wound inflicted by her own hand with suicidal intent.

Thursday morning, the body followed by the sorrowing husband and many sympathizing friends, was taken to Soap Creek, the home of the dead girl's childhood, and laid to rest. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Collins, and was held in high esteem in Corvallis, and wherever else she was known. Some of the evidence at the inquest, reduced in verbiage and with the questions eliminated, is here given.

AT THE INQUEST.

At the inquest, W. B. Lacy in answer to questions, testified, saying: 'I came in through the kitchen from down town, and she was lying in the bedroom on the bed. Mr. Proebstel was with me. I know of no motive or reason she should have had for committing suicide. Our marriage relations have ever been pleasant. My wife was always cheerful, and was never despondent. Before I left for the store at noon she was in her usual pleasant frame of mind. I have searched the house for written communication that she may have left but have not been able to find any. Her health had been of late extra good. We had returned from a vacation trip at noon the day before. Nothing of an unhappy nature occurred on the trip. We went to Portland and out into Washington about 100 miles. We stopped two or three days at the home of my wife's people in Polk county on our way back. It was a very pleasant visit. My wife never threatened to take her life. She was 32 years of age. I told her not to get a warm supper. I was first in the room where the body was found, and touched the body but did not change its position. I picked the gun up but laid it right back in the same position. Proebstel was there at the time. It is my gun and I have had it in the house two and a half years. It is a 22, small and short, and I last used it about the time cherries were ripe. I did not keep it loaded. The ammunition was kept in the kitchen on the top shelf. I found it there after the body was found. She was not in the habit of using the gun. I don't suppose she ever shot a gun in her life.'

FRONT DOOR LOCKED.

Chester Proebstel, being questioned by Deputy Attorney Bryson, testified: 'I ate dinner with Laura and Burt that day. As soon as the dinner was over Burt and Laura went into the kitchen, and I went to the college, remaining there until 10 minutes to six. I went to Burt's then and tried to get in the front door. Burt was coming up street and he called to me to come around with him and have supper. I turned around and went with Burt to the woodshed. I was six feet behind him when he went into the house. As soon as he got into the house he said, "Oh Laura." He went into the bedroom and called to me to come. She was lying on the bed. The back door of the house was shut. The body was lying on the bed with the head where the pillows join. She was lying on her back and her feet to the right side of the bed. She was lying diagonally across the bed. The gun was lying on the floor with the butt end towards her feet and the muzzle toward her head, almost parallel with her body. It was six or eight inches from the bed. Mrs. Lacy was dead and there was blood on the left cheek. There was a gunshot wound in the temple. After we discovered the body I ran to the front door which Burt unlocked, and I ran two doors north and telephoned for Dr. Cathey who came in about five minutes. Burt said, 'There is no use; she is dead.' Dr. Cathey, after he came, said: 'I will have to get the coroner; don't touch her.' Then E. Horning came along and I called him in. The room was on the north side of the house. So far as I know, the relations of the husband and wife in the Lacy home were most pleasant.'

WHAT THE DELIVERYMAN SAW.

Dr. Cathey being questioned, after making examination in the presence of the jury, testified: 'It is my opinion that death was

caused by a gunshot wound inflicted by her own hand. The wound in the right temple would be sufficient to cause death. I think a few hours elapsed after the shooting before the body was found. I first saw the body a few minutes after six o'clock.'

Charles Harding testified: 'I drive a delivery wagon, and not far from three o'clock was at the Lacy home, delivering goods. I went part way around the north side of the house. I looked in a room on the north side of the house and I noticed a woman lying on the bed. I could not tell what color dress, and only glanced in to see whether I was going the right way or not. I went on the north side of the house through mistake, and when I found out it was the wrong way I turned back. I could not see the face of the woman on the bed. Her position was about as described by the other witnesses, I have been delivering two weeks.'

DELAYED TRUTH.

Brought to Light by two Confessions—New Phase in Blumberg's Case.

Things are doing in the Blumberg case. As all know, the case has been appealed to the circuit court. It is not likely, however, that Jacob will make a very strong fight in that court, if, indeed he appears there at all, for the powerful reason that John McGee who swore at the trial that he obtained no whiskey from Jake, has confessed to the authorities that the contrary is true, and that he did buy the whiskey from Blumberg. Not only this, but Blumberg himself has confessed that he sold the liquor to McGee, all in spite of his former asseverations to the contrary. It reads like romance, this swearing on the witness stand to one thing, and afterward making the statement that the opposite is true, and indeed, there is a deal of romance in it.

The confessions are understood to be the outcome of plans set afoot by State Attorney Bryson for bringing a couple of cases of perjury. It is known that a witness under examination in the attorney's office was broken down and made to admit facts that led to certain and strong cases of perjury, and that there were to be arrests to match. The confession of McGee was made before Justice Holgate and it involved a full retraction of his testimony at the Blumberg trial, and corroborated completely the testimony of Officer Osburn, Fred Overlander and C. C. Huff. Like McGee, Blumberg has all along denied the facts and asserted his innocence. Justice Holgate has stated to the Times that McGee's confession is substantially as above stated. As the Times has all along maintained, this illicit traffic in liquor cannot be safely carried on in this town. The men who attempt it are sure, sooner or later, to come to grief. Blumberg's experience, especially the new phase of it, proves it. It will be proven even more irresistibly when the government takes a hand, under the revenue laws, for Blumberg has no government license.

Sunday Excursions.

Taking effect Sunday and continuing every Sunday throughout the summer excursion trains on the Corvallis & Eastern will run sharp on the following schedule:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Time. Includes routes to Albany, Philomath, Wren, Blodgett, Summit, Nashville, Norton, Eddyville, Chitwood, Morrison, Elk City, Toledo, and Yaquina.

Leave 5:00 p. m. Returning train arrives at Corvallis at 9:20 p. m.; Albany 9:55 p. m. Fare Corvallis, Philomath to Newport and return, \$1.50. West of Philomath to Chitwood inclusive, \$1; all points west of Chitwood to Storrs inclusive, .75; all points west of Storrs, 50.

J. C. MAYO, Gen. Pass. Agent. For Sale. 90 cords oak grub wood. Inquire of F. L. Howe, Corvallis, Or., R. F. D. No. 1.

35th GRAND 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, and Ladies Auto Yacht Golf and Saucy Caps.

I want to close out my entire line of summer suitings and wash goods comprising:—Voiles, Scotch Ox-fords, Mercerized Taffetas, Spot Mohairs and Crepes Luster Linens and Homespun suitings in the season's latest shades, at the following prices:—

Table listing summer suitings and wash goods with prices, such as 40c goods reduced to 31c, 35c goods reduced to 27c, etc.

Fifty pairs men's trousers and outing pants reduced from \$4.50 to \$3.60; \$4 values to \$3.20, \$3.50 values to \$2.65; \$3 values to \$2.35, \$2.50 values \$1.95. Boys' Buster Brown Norfolk and Middv Suits size 3 to 8 years, regular \$3.50 values, special \$2.95; regular \$3 values now \$2.55; regular \$2.50 value \$2.15 all \$2 values now \$1.65; regular \$1.50 value \$1.29.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT-EXTRA SPECIAL

- List of grocery items: Ball Mason Fruit Jars, 21 pounds choice rice, 6 cans Sardines, Extra Standard Tomatoes, Extra Standard Corn, Arm & Hammer or Schillings Soda, Western Dry Granulated Sugar, Fruit Sugar.

S. L. KLINE

The White House Corvallis, Oregon

Our Mid-Summer Sale IS NOW ON And will Continue 30 days! Including our entire stock of seasonable goods, and during this sale we WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD, but will meet all competition. F. L. MILLER When you see it in our ad, its so.