

LOCAL LORE.

NEWS OF CORVALLIS AND VICINITY TOLD IN BRIEF.

The Comings and Goings of People
Social Gossip, Personal Mention and Other Items of Public Interest.

IN ASHES NOW

Farm Home of Gus Harding—Three Miles North of Corvallis—Burned Thursday.

The farm home of Gus Harding with most of its contents was burned to the ground Thursday forenoon. News that the structure was ablaze reached town by phone and was wired from friend to friend, who were powerless to render assistance. Charles Shenofield, of the Bell phone on learning of the fire, started for the place to save, if possible, the company's phone in the house. He took with him a number of Corvallis men who went to render such assistance as might be possible. On their arrival the place was entirely beyond assistance. The dwelling was burned to the ground, lying in a blackened and smoking mass of ruins.

At the time of the fire, Mr. Harding was in Portland. The other members of the family and the hired man were at the place. They managed to carry out some of the contents, but most of their effort was devoted to saving the outhouses, all of which escaped. The flames are supposed to have had their origin in the chimney.

There was no insurance on the house. Of striking peculiarity is an incident in this connection. Arrangements had been made for the building to be insured with the Grange. About the time the building was burning, John Whitaker was on the way to Harding's for the purpose of writing the policy. When he reached Corvallis, he learned that the building was in ruins and that his errand was vain. There was a small policy on the furniture. It is doubtful if \$2,500 would cover the loss.

A factor of the loss was the library of Mrs. Harding. Many of the volumes were books of her father, Judge Thayer, and involved sets of considerable value. In addition Mrs. Harding had collected many volumes until altogether the library was estimated to be worth fully \$1,000. It is a loss that cannot be repaired, especially in view of the associations connected with the older volumes.

STRANGE WATERS

Appear on Desert, Forming Inland Sea—What Earthquakes did.

One of the queer phenomena of nature is the rapid rise of water forming an inland sea on the great Colorado desert in Southern California. Mrs. H. E. Burns, who arrived in Corvallis recently has been at the scene and is familiar with the details. Already the advancing water has submerged an area of more than 500 square miles and the advance of the tide goes steadily on. Water first appeared in last April, and the process of forming a great inland sea has been going on ever since. What adds to the peculiarity of the condition is that the waters are salt, and that in them are the salt fish and other life of the ocean. The desert lands where the waters are rising are at considerable distance from the Gulf of California, and 265 feet below the level of that body of salt water.

A notable fact in connection with the phenomenon is that the first appearance of the water was preceded with earthquakes, all of which leads to a general belief that the seismic disturbances resulted in subterranean fissure or rent in the earth through which now the waters of the California gulf and its sea life flow to the desert. The whole circumstance forms one of the curiosities of the time, and is of striking interest in the southern portion of the Golden state. A touching phase of the phenomenon is that some years ago a huge irrigating canal was built through a portion of the desert, and large tracts of land were reclaimed on which there were prosperous farms. All these have been inundated the homes have been washed away and the occupants reduced to ruin by the rising waters.

Hop Picking Season.

Hop picking will begin in the Lilly hop yard Monday, Sept. 4th. Will move camping outfits to yard Wednesday, August 30.
Jim Sing.

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inclined to make much of the fact that the minutes of yesterday's fateful meeting have not been signed by the plenipotentiaries. It is pointed out that either side could repudiate the agreement but the plenipotentiaries refuse to admit the possibility of such a happening.

SELLING WATER BONDS.

Water Board Expects to Order the Issue Sold Next Monday Night.

An informal meeting of the Water Board was held in the council chamber Thursday evening. The business at hand was preliminary to the regular monthly meeting of the board which occurs next Monday night, when it is the purpose to take action for sale of bonds.

At Thursday's meeting the question of interest rate, of the manner of sale and other features were considered from every stand point. No plan was adopted, but a general notion of procedure was obtained. It is the endeavor of the board to secure opportunity for local investors to take as much of the bonds as they want, but how to do this and at the same time get the lowest interest rate is a problem. In response the late informal advertisement asking information as to what amount of the bonds would be taken locally at four per cent, the tenders were not sufficient to be completely encouraging. One man made a tender to take \$5,000 at four per cent, interest payable semi-annually. Many other persons inquired of the clerk concerning the bonds. Some members of the board believe the issue would go at par at four per cent, and it looks now as if that plan might be undertaken.

Confidence in the sale of the bonds at a low interest rate is heightened by the excellent character of the security. The bonds have behind them, not only the water plant and water receipts, but also the full credit of the city. The debt of the city is but a trifle over \$20,000, an extremely small indebtedness, in comparison with the population and wealth of the town. The legislative act fully protects the bondholders in the stringent regulations provided. In fact, in every way the security is complete and stable. One of the bonds is as good as its face in \$20 pieces at any time and anywhere. It is a security that can be taken to a bank and be converted into cash at a moment's notice, either by sale, or as security for a temporary loan.

Next Monday night, the board will take action, fixing the manner of sale, and the advertisement for the issue is likely to soon appear.

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Lime and Cement.

Best and highest grades of lime and cement can be had at the Benton County Flouring Mills, at the lowest prices. Agents for T. S. McRath & Co.

At Kings Valley.

Henry Oleman is said to be improving since his return from the hospital.

Hoppicking begins in the Ritner and Charles Maxfield yard September 1st. The other yards will begin a few days later.

Dr. Luther gave an ice cream social Saturday evening.

Rool Maxfield is home from the hospital and the sight in his remaining eye is improving very

rapidly.

F. J. Chambers is improving and enlarging his store building.

Mr. Logan has stored over six thousand bushels of wheat this year at the Kings Valley Mills.

L. G. Pice has the lumber on the ground for his new residence at Kings Valley. He was sick last week or rather worse than he has been since he returned from the hospital.

W. S. Alcorn's father and mother are visiting him. They are Easterners.

ANY FOOL

Shows enough to carry an umbrella when it rains, but the wise one is he who carries one when it is only cloudy. Any man will send for a doctor when he gets bed-fast, but the wisest one is he who adopts proper precautionary, preventive and curative measures when the first appear the ills which, if unchecked and uncured, grow into serious ailments. Impaired digestion and nutrition are generally the forerunners of a nervous or functional break-down. Nature has provided remedies most abundantly for all such conditions in our native medicinal plants. With the use of chemically pure glycerine, of proper strength and at a proper sustained temperature, Dr. Pierce's extracts from Golden Seal root, Queen's root, Stone root, Black Cherry bark, Bloodroot and Mandrake root, medicinal principles which, when combined in just the right proportions, constitute his widely famed "Golden Medical Discovery." It restores the tone of the stomach, the activity of the liver and the steadiness of the nerves, pouring vitality into the blood till the once sick and debilitated one is so renewed in health, strength and power that he can resume his work, whatever it is, with vigor and elasticity.

All medical authorities, of whatever school, agree that Hydrastis, or Golden Seal—one of the essential roots in the make-up of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery—is of very great value as a pure tonic, and as an alternative—valuable in chronic affections of the stomach, intestines and bladder.

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A series of earthquakes similar to those felt recently gradually increasing in violence, culminating in the eruption of December, 1631, when 1800 inhabitants of the vicinity lost their lives.

Since this great upheaval the volcano has never relapsed into a condition of total quiescence. In 1776, 1666, 1794 and 1822 occurred violent eruptions succeeded by spasmodic emissions and earthquakes. Stromboli is on an island between Sicily and Italy. It rises from the sea to a height of 3,022 feet. It is of interest as the only volcano in Europe in a state of constant activity.

Hay For Sale.

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

Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES ROBINSON, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of James Robinson, deceased, by the county court, of the state of Oregon for Benton county. All persons having claims against said estate of said James Robinson, deceased, are hereby required to present the same, with the proper vouchers, duly verified as by law required, within six months from the date hereof to the undersigned at his residence four miles north of Corvallis, Oregon, or at the law office of E. E. Wilson in Corvallis Oregon. Dated this August 12, 1905. WILLIAM KNOTT, Administrator of the Estate of James Robinson, deceased.

Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of LOUISA IRWIN, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Louisa Irwin, deceased, by the county court of Oregon for Benton county. All persons having claims against said estate of Louisa Irwin, deceased, are hereby required to present the same, with the proper vouchers, duly verified as by law required within six months from the date hereof to the undersigned at his residence ten miles south of Corvallis, Oregon, or at the law office of E. E. Wilson in Corvallis, Oregon. Dated this August 12, 1905. R. S. IRWIN, Executor of the last will and testament of Louisa Irwin, deceased.

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