

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Levi Wooster and family moved yesterday into the Wills house, near the foundry.

—Frank Thrasher left yesterday for Portland to accept a position in the general office of the O. R. & N. company.

—Miss Alice McNeal arrived today from Albany for a visit with Mrs. Taylor Porter.

—Mrs. George Rycraft is the guest this week of her brother, Grover Headrick and wife.

—Mrs. Joseph Smith of Wells has been the guest since Friday of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith.

—The adjourned term of the Benton county circuit court convenes Saturday at 9 a. m.

—Miss Ella Johnson was a business visitor in Portland yesterday returning home last night.

—Miss Mary Nolan returned home Monday evening from a visit with Miss Emma Sox at Albany.

—Mrs. B. W. Johnson visited Portland friends over Sunday. Mrs. Johnson returned home last night.

—Sam Dolan, All Northwest tackle, returned to Corvallis last night after a visit with Albany friends.

—J. M. Howard purchased the Lee Henkle place, near the S. P. depot and moved into it last of the week.

—Robert R. Liggett, of Polk county was in Corvallis Monday and made a filing on a 40 acre homestead tract in the Soap Creek precinct.

—Miss Louise Cooper leaves for Portland tomorrow morning to attend the wedding of Miss Mae Batchelor and Will Scott, a former O. A. C. student. Miss Juliet Cooper has been the guest of Miss Batchelor since Thursday.

—C. B. King, wife and daughter arrived Sunday from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, for a visit with the former's nephew, J. D. Wells and other relatives. The visitors are enroute to California to spend the winter.

—Invitations are out for the marriage of County Clerk Moses and Miss Lavinia Woods, which will be solemnized at the Methodist Episcopal church South, at ten o'clock Christmas morning. A reception occurs at the residence immediately after the ceremony.

—George Bain of Wren, who recently purchased the Croft place a few miles from Corvallis, in Linn county, has taken possession of the property. He moved yesterday. Mr. Croft and family have moved onto a farm they have leased in the same neighborhood.

—At their meeting Friday afternoon, the W. R. C. ladies elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. Sarah Cronk; sr. vice, Melinda Robinson; jr. vice, Elizabeth Hubler; sec. Emily Henkle; treas., Fannie Oren; conductor, Agnes Young; chaplain, Jane Lane; guard, Frankie Smith; assistant guard, Ada Farmer.

—The beginnings of the annual Christmas rush is now appearing at the local postoffice, and for 10 days to come the force will have a strenuous life. In ordinary times, the volume of business is great enough to make every employe earn more than the salary the government allows.

—A basket ball game between the Pacific College and OAC teams has been arranged, and is expected to take place next Friday night, though the date is still unsettled. A squad of 30 men has been practicing the game in the college armory for weeks past, and it is the expectation that a good team will be available. Of the old veteran players, Swan, Rinehart, Grover Cate and Bilyeu are available. Additional men of much promise are Reid and Rooper as well as many others. A possible lineup as suggested by the above names is, Cate, center; Rinehart and Bilyeu, guards; Swann and Reid, forwards.

—John F. Allen, secretary of the Corvallis Citizens League, makes an interesting statement in regard to the work done by the League during the last few months. As a direct result of advertisements carried during the past spring and summer in about 25 Eastern papers, there has been brought into Benton county by newly arrived home-seekers, the sum of \$200,000. This sum represents the capital invested in Benton real estate by these newcomers and cash deposited to their credit in Corvallis banking houses. Yet some people have the nerve to ask, "does advertising pay?"

—After a month's vacation, Miss Florence Wicks returned to Portland Monday, to resume her course at Good Samaritan hospital.

It is earnestly requested that every member of the Maccabees be present at their regular meeting on Wednesday evening as there will be very important business to consider.

—The ladies of Elsworth Relief Corps will give a supper and entertainment at Odd Fellows Hall on Thursday evening Dec. 14, from 6 until 9 p. m. At this time the drawing for the prize doll will take place. Program, good music, and supper all for 15 cents. Proceeds will be for the benefit of the old soldier's home.

Petty thefts are agitating residents along the river bottom three miles east of Monroe. The deviltry has been going on for some time, and so far there is no clue to the perpetrator. Locks from the doors and sash from the windows have been taken from the unoccupied house on the Harkins place. Parts of harness have been taken from the Garlinghouse farm and, collars, bridles and like articles from the James Goodlin place. The practice has continued so long and with such frequency that the neighborhood is becoming aroused.

—The amputation of his leg below the knee took place Saturday in the case of William Graham, living near Monroe, as the result of the accidental discharge of a gun. With others he was out coon hunting. As Graham stepped on a log, one of his companions slipped and fell. The force of the fall discharged his weapon, and the charge entered Craham's leg, so shattering the bone that amputation became necessary. Graham is 25 years of age, and unmarried. His home is four miles southeast of Monroe.

BURIED THERE.

In Kings Valley—Mrs. Bruce Miller—She Died Friday.

Mrs. Bruce Miller was buried in Kings Valley cemetery Saturday. The funeral is said to have been one of the largest that has taken place in the Valley in years. Mrs. Miller died Friday, of consumption after an illness that began a year ago. Had she lived until yesterday, she would have been 24 years of age.

Dollie Elkins Miller was born in Arkansas, and ten years ago came with her parents to Oregon, settling in Salem. Three years ago, the family removed to Kings Valley, where shortly afterward she was united in marriage to Bruce Miller. She and her husband resided for some time in Corvallis, occupying a house in the western part of town. Her mother is Mrs. Patti, whose husband recently died, and who has since resided at her daughter's home. Besides the mother and the bereaved husband, among immediate relatives are two young brothers and a young sister and their father. The funeral service was conducted by Recorder Vincent.

LECTURE.

"The Footprints of the Centuries" by

"George A. Gearhart, civil war veteran, enlisted Aug. 8, 1862 as private for three years; appointed Corporal Jan. 1865 at Clouds Mills Va." Dec. 15th Opera House. The American Soldier, come and see him. His company participated in 65 engagements, capturing 1,533 prisoners, 19 pieces of artillery and four battle flags.

"George A. Gearhart's lecture on 'Footprints of the Centuries' is all that the press has said of him." —General Thomas J. Thorpe, Comrade in arms.

"I have heard the greatest living lecturers in the United States and I am confident that an unprejudiced judgement will place Mr. Gearhart well to the front in the first class." —Supt. of Schools, Glenville, Ohio. Corvallis Opera House, Thursday evening, Dec. 14.

8th Friday Economy Sale December 15th—Kid gloves, walking and dress skirts. We have made special money saving reductions for this sale. J. M. Nolan & Son.

Large assortment of balls at Hodes Gun store.

Largest line of matting in the city at Blackledge's.

The ladies of the First Methodist church are to hold a housekeepers' sale Dec. 19th and 20th. On the 20th, a chicken pie dinner will be served. Watch for particulars.

THE PHILOMATH FRANCHISE.

For the Mountain Water System—What Some of the Terms are.

The franchise granted to the city of Corvallis by the Philomath council last week, gives to Corvallis the right to lay mains and pipes through the streets and supply water to the citizens of Philomath. The franchise is to exist for 99 years. It is provided that water shall be furnished to the people of Philomath at the same rates that are given the citizens of Corvallis. Ultimately, Philomath is certain to become a heavy consumer of water of the Corvallis system, and a good revenue will inure. That town is growing very fast, numbering already a population of 525 souls, according to the census made by Assessor Davis. It is a town of homes, and a good community to live in, and as it grows, will use more and more of mountain water. The fire protection it will get through the mountain water system will be of great value, and all that it costs is the franchise just granted.

FIRST CORVALLIS PAPER.

It was the Occidental Messenger—Early Times Recalled.

Tony Noltner, the well known newspaper man, who was connected for a time with the first paper published in Corvallis, left today after a brief business visit. The original Corvallis newspaper was the Occidental Messenger, a weekly democratic journal which was founded in the early Fifties. The plant was owned by the late J. C. Avery and J. H. Slater at one time, was editor. Mr. Noltner was associated with Mr. Slater in the publication of the Messenger.

Mr. Noltner was born in Germany, and at the age of three with his parents came to America. His tenth birthday occurred during the journey across the plains, the destination being San Diego, California, where he arrived in time to be the first white child in the town. At 19, which was in 1857, he arrived in Corvallis, where he remained as alternate clerk in a store, job printer and newspaper editor till 1862 when he went to Eugene, and began the publication of a paper in that town.

Mr. Noltner has always held a high place in the councils of the democratic party. He is now connected with the Rural Spirit, published at Portland.

PIONEER PREACHER.

Familiar Character Passes Over—Burial Yesterday.

The funeral services of the late George W. Bennett, who died in Portland Saturday, were held yesterday afternoon at Newton cemetery, where interment took place. The service was simple but impressive, being conducted by Rev. Feese of the Methodist church of Corvallis. The remains arrived from Portland on the noon train yesterday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Randall, the latter being a daughter of the deceased, and the funeral party left at once for the cemetery. Death occurred in Portland Saturday forenoon, the causes being principally due to old age.

George W. Bennett was born in England, and at the time of his death was aged 88 years and ten months. In early life he came to the United States, settling in Illinois. There he married Miss Woods, a sister of Rev. Jesse Woods, and in that state four children were born, two sons and two daughters. Many years ago deceased came to Oregon and for a time resided at Cottage Grove, coming to Corvallis some forty years ago. At different times Mr. Bennett, who had early in life taken to the ministry, was pastor of the local Methodist church, often lending a hand when the church was in dire need.

Far and near, "Father" Bennett, as he was familiarly known, was beloved for his noble character and kindly, genial nature. No more faithful Christian gentleman ever made his home in Corvallis and many friends revere his memory. For the past few years he had resided in Portland with his daughter but his interest in Corvallis never waned, and he sent frequent messages of the kindest remembrance to the local Methodist congregation. The only relative residing in Corvallis is Mrs. Harold Strong, a granddaughter, who formerly lived with deceased in this city when she was Miss Ethel Hillman.

Wanted.

A cook, at the Commercial restaurant.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Corvallis, Oregon,

MAKES LOANS on approved security, and especially on wheat, oats, flour, wool, baled hay, chittim bark, and all other classes of produce, upon the receipt thereof stored in mills and public warehouse, or upon chattel mortgages and also upon other classes of good security.

DRAFTS BOUGHT AND SOLD upon the principal financial centers of the United States and foreign countries thus transferring money to all parts of the civilized world.

A CONSERVATIVE general business transacted in all lines of banking.

E. E. WILSON, ATTORNEY AT LAW.

One Dollar Saved Represents Ten Dollars Earned.

The average man does not save to exceed ten per cent. of his earnings. He must spend nine dollars in living expenses for every dollar saved. That being the case he cannot be too careful about unnecessary expenses. Very often a few cents properly invested, like buying seeds for his garden, will save several dollars outlay later on. It is the same in buying Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It costs but a few cents, and a bottle of it in the house often saves a doctor's bill of several dollars. For sale by Graham & Wortham.

Get Your Presents Now

Why wait until the last day to purchase your Christmas gifts? Buy them while you have every opportunity to get just what you want

Ties Our line is complete, the latest designs in silks all patterns Mens Silk Handkerchiefs, 50c, 75c, \$1 " " Suspenders " \$1, \$1.50 " " Fancy Slippers from 75c up Corvallis' only exclusive Mens Furnishing Store, Phone 484

A. K. RUSS

Now is Your Chance

During the month of December will offer all of our Talkaphone and Columbia Graphophones at 25 per cent discount REMEMBER—for one month only. We have also added to our stock The Victor and Edison Talking Machines.

We also carry a good assortment of records as follows:

- Victor Records Zonophone Records Columbia Records American Records Edison Records.

The same old firm in the same old place.

Graham & Wells

Christmas Near Everything Here Watch Our Store Goods Galore.

HOLLENBERG & CADY.

THE HOUSE FURNISHERS.

Seeds.

Red, White, Crimson, Alsalfa clovers, Vetch, cheat, Ray, English and Italian Rye grass, Timothy, Black and gray oats. Grab oak wood sawed. Vetch hay.

Leave orders at Robinson and Stevenson's office or telephone to L. L. Brooks.

For Sale.

Choice oats, vetch and cheat seed to be had at reasonable prices, either at the Corvallis or Benton County Flouring Mills. A. W. Fischer.

Wear the Rubberhide Boots and Shoes with Waterproofed Leather Bottoms, absolutely water tight. Sold by J. M. Nolan & Son.

Baking Hour Changed.

At 4.00 o'clock each day you can have hot cinnamon rolls, doughnuts and bread at Small's Bakery. We have the finest baker in Oregon.

Butter.

Try a roll of that Maple Creamery Butter, the sweetest, cleanest and best. At Thatcher & Johnson's.

Santa Claus will visit the Bazaar soon. Sylva Starr.

Winter time is reading time, and with the approach of cool nights the desire for good reading matter ripens. You can find all the late books at Graham & Wells.

Street hats at cost. See Mrs. Maxfield.

Go to the Gem for best cigars.

Bazaar. Bazaar. Bazaar.

Common Colds are the Cause of Many Serious Diseases.

Physicians who have gained a national reputation as analysts of the cause of various diseases, claim that if catching cold could be avoided a long list of dangerous ailments would never be heard of. Everyone knows that pneumonia and consumption originate from a cold, and chronic catarrh, bronchitis, and all throat and lung trouble are aggravated and rendered more serious by each fresh attack. Do not risk your life or take chances when you have a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will cure it before these diseases develop. This remedy contains no opium, morphine or other harmful drugs, and has thirty years of reputation back of it, gained by its cures under every condition. For sale by Graham & Wortham.

OUR BIG Stock Reducing Cash Sale IS STILL ON

The first day's sale weighed in cash just ten pounds, and every customer went out of our store more than pleased with their bargains.

Our ladies, misses and children shoes ranging from \$1.40 to \$4.00 that have not only been going out in half dozen lots, at

96 Cents per P.

Come early; you can't avoid the rush, but before your sizes are all gone. Every bolt of goods in the domestic department given 15 days' notice to get out of the store at the business.

Everything in the house reduced (excepting

F. L. MILL CORVALLIS, ORE

HOME-SEEKERS

If you are looking for some real good Stock, Grain, Fruit and Poultry Ranch special list, or come and see us. We are giving you all the reliable information showing you over the country.

AMBLER & WATSON Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Corvallis and Philomath, O