

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blake of Wells spent Christmas with A. W. Herbert and family in this city.

—Mrs. W. W. Smith of Dallas, invited her sister, Mrs. W. C. Swann, Friday and Saturday.

—Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Preston of Portland arrived Saturday for a visit at the Minor Swick home.

—Clarence Whiteside left Saturday to spend Christmas with friends at Dallas.

—Mrs. Mary Stewart is ill at the David Blake home near Wells, where she has been a visitor for a week.

—There was a basket social at Plymouth chapel Friday evening, which was well attended and enjoyed by all present.

—Mrs. George Brown is to leave shortly for California to spend the balance of the winter in the hope of benefitting her health.

—Christmas exercises were held Saturday night at the Evangelical church and Sunday night at the Methodist church, South.

—Miss Olive Mallow, one of the public school teachers, leaves tomorrow for a week's visit with Brownville friends.

—Reuben Patty, who for a considerable time has been employed at the Pioneer bakery in this city, is to leave in a few days to reside in Eugene.

—Jack Kilpack, after spending Christmas with Corvallis friends, left for Portland today, where he is employed in the electrical goods establishment of Alex Samuels.

—Mrs. A. J. Lindgren is to arrive from Douglas county the first of this week for a New Year's visit with her daughters, Mrs. Carroll Cummings and Miss Anna Lindgren.

—Mrs. John Scott has returned from Yakima, Wash., where for six weeks she, with relatives, was under quarantine with scarlet fever. Her mother, Mrs. Butler, died of the disease while Mrs. Scott was at the bedside.

—Proud Mrs. Fitzsimmons doesn't want to live with a "has been." She promptly went into fits of passion when Fitz got thrashed, and while the fits were still on, she left Fitz. If he prized her, it was a sad thing for Fitz, when he last "fit."

—Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Lyndon arrived Friday from Portland and left today for home, after a Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beach. Mrs. Lyndon was formerly Miss Lizzie Beach, of Corvallis.

—At their last meeting the Order of Washingtons elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W. H. Dille, president; Maude Mattley, vice; J. W. Ingle, secretary; West Newton, treasurer; Nora Miller, escort; Artie Starr, assistant escort; Levi Wooster, guard; William Whitesides, sentinel; A. B. Peters, captain of the team.

—A party was given Friday evening at the home of Miss Olive Mallow, by her pupils of the 8th grade of the public school. There were about 20 present, and Miss Mallow was presented with a fine rug as a token of esteem. The occasion was delightful for all who participated.

—In Portland there is an OAC club. It is composed of former students and graduates of the State College. It meets once a month, the next regular meeting being January 13th. The meeting place is the general committee room at the City Hall, reached easiest from the Fifth street entrance. The present officers of the club are, Lionel Johnson, president; H. C. Brodie, vice pres; J. Kilpack, secretary-treasurer; Herman Tartar, sergeant at arms. All old students and alumni of the college are eligible for attendance and are always extended a hearty welcome.

—It has leaked out that some local citizens have been gambling. Unconfirmed reports of winnings and losses have been in circulation for two or three weeks. One party was accredited with a gain of \$150 in a single night. It has also leaked out that District Attorney Bryson suddenly appeared on the scene. Subpoenas were issued, and a number of the brethren were duly investigated. Just what the outcome was, is so far as known, still a secret. One of those investigated, however, has confessed to a friend that it is all off now with the play, and if further gaming is attempted, the sports will be worsted. As well for those who play as for those who do not, the gaming law should be strictly enforced and it doubtless will be.

FOR ONE COUNTY.

Half a Million Dollars by Sale of Cows—What Willamette Might do.

Mr. Schulmerick, the well known Washington county dairyman was in town yesterday, enroute home from Alsea, where he went with Dr. Withycombe to hold a Farmers Institute. Mr. Schulmerick, being a practical dairyman of great experience and pronounced success, is added to the staff of lecturers at all institutes held now in dairying sections, and it was on this account that he went to Alsea. In the Times office he dropped a bit of information that is of value to those who feed skim milk to hogs. Here is what he said:

"It has been demonstrated that to get the best value from skim milk in hog feeding, three pounds of it should be given with one pound of meal or other mill feed. Fed on a proportion of three pounds of milk to one of meal, skim milk has a food value of 40 cents per hundred pounds. If it be fed in a proportion of 10 pounds of milk to one of meal, its food value is only 25 cents per 100 pounds. If fed straight, without meal, its food value is only 10 cents per 100. I have full confidence in these statements, having frequently demonstrated their truth in the use of skim milk on my own farm."

Mr. Schulmerick is emphatically opposed to the dual cow theory, that is, to the breeding of an animal supposed to be good for both beef and milk. He says such a cow cannot be profitably kept on a farm. The design should either be for beef altogether, or for milk exclusively. Another plan he says will turn out to be unprofitable. He adds that Washington and Eastern Oregon are already turning to the Willamette Valley for a supply of dairy cows. A Washington man was at Mr. Schulmerick's farm in Washington county the other day, hunting for high grade Jersey cows and heifers to freshen in the autumn. He wanted a carload, but was unable to get them. Those who had such cattle did not want to part with them. Later, an Eastern Oregon man on the same errand and seeking the same number applied to Mr. Schulmerick, but couldn't buy a hoof.

One county in Wisconsin this season sold half a million dollars worth of dairy cows and heifers. Some of them went as far south as Mexico. One herd of 26 graded cows brought \$2,500, all in one sale for shipment southward. Half a million for dairy cattle in a single county is a magnificent revenue.

ENORMOUS STEERS.

And People Guessing at Their Weight—Three hit the Figure Exactly.

The biggest thing in town for the past few days has been two beef steers and the commotion they aroused. Friday and Saturday afternoon they were exhibited on the street for people to guess at. Half the town turned out to see them, and everybody guessed. The sports got to betting on the weights, and several hundred dollars was finally staked on the question of what the steers would show when put on the scales. They were Christmas beef for the Homer Lilly market and cash prizes were awarded for best guesses on their combined weight and their individual weights.

The aggregate weight was guessed exactly by three persons, Dr. E. H. Taylor, A. Leader and D. C. Heiston. The guess of each was 3,980 pounds, which was the combined weight of the two steers. George Belt guessed in half a pound of the weight of the black one. Its weight was 1,967 1-2. He guessed 1,968. W. Kearth got the \$2.50 prize for the best guess at the spotted steer, missing its weight but 1 1-2 pounds. His guess was 2,011; its weight was 2,012 1-2.

The black steer was slaughtered Saturday afternoon and displayed at the market Christmas. Its dressed weight was 1,046. One of the steers was over 16 hands high.

For Sale Holly Flour.

The same as we make our bread of at \$1.40 per sack. Small & Son Bakery.

Large assortment of balls at Hodes Gun store.

Fine lot of harmonicas at Hodes gun store.

Get your husband one of those fine razors or pocket knives from Hodes gun store.

Seeds.

All kinds of clovers and grass seeds. Grub oak wood, all sowed. Vetch hay. L. L. Brooks.

LEAST IN BENTON.

Crime is—District Attorney so Declares—Court Expenses Smallest

An incident of last week's trial in the circuit court was a pungent and interesting statement by District Attorney George Brown. It was at the Wednesday evening session, and the argument of the attorneys was on. There was a big crowd in the court room, one of the largest seen there at a trial in years. District Attorney Brown was making the closing argument in behalf of the prosecution, and was most forcible and convincing in his oratory. In fact, Mr. Brown is one of the best criminal lawyers as well as one of the finest jury speakers in the state. Attorney Wyatt had preceded Mr. Brown, and had, in the course of his address, declared that Benton county is a county of cranks, or words to that effect. Alluding to the reference, Mr. Brown explained that he did not fully understand what was meant by the word "cranks" as used by Mr. Wyatt, and said in effect: "I want to congratulate the people of Benton county upon the lofty character of their citizenship. I want to congratulate Benton county and her citizens upon the high reputation she carries among her sister counties. I want to add that no county in Oregon, in proportion to its population, has so little litigation in the courts, as does this county of Benton with its alleged cranks. No county in Oregon, in proportion to its population has so few criminal prosecutions; no county has so few persons brought to the bar of justice; no county in the second judicial district is at so little expense in the conduct of its court as is Benton, and no county anywhere is better fitted by the character of its people to be the home of a great educational institution, as is Benton county, with its so-called cranks."

There was a deep hush in the court room as with the utmost dramatic effect the lawyer hurled forth his characterization of old Benton. There was a deeper hush when he had concluded the flight, and then there would have been a stormy response to the sentiment but for the presence of judge and jury. It was a beautiful tribute, beautifully expressed, the language above falling far short of that used in Mr. Brown's impassioned flight.

MAIL MAN SAYS IT.

Benton Roads far Better—Something About Corvallis R. F. D. Routes.

All the R. F. D. routes out of Corvallis are handling a greater volume of business, and showing a greater increase in the number of patrons than was ever expected of them when they were established. Better still, their influence in securing a betterment of the roads followed by the routes has been more potent than was ever hoped for by the man responsible for their being established. That is the statement of Postal Inspector Clement, who has been in town several days on official business. The declaration is made after a trip over three of the routes in as many days and of observations actually made along each route. Today, Mr. Clement, in company with the carrier is making the rounds of the fourth route. It is supposed that a favorable report of the observations will find its way to the authorities at Washington, and that permanency will, at least, be the case, if the material improvement in the roads, so well begun, is kept up so that within a reasonable time the trip can be made with a reasonable degree of ease and celerity.

The R. F. D. routes are great road builders, and great developers of the country. Wherever he goes in the prosecution of his duties, Mr. Clement finds this to be the rule. The patrons want the free rural service continued. An essential thereto is a road that can be traveled in the winter time. That influence organizes every patron along that route into a society interested deeply in the betterment of the roads along the route. The carrier is a constant kicker for improvements, and the upshot is that the roads neglected and slighted for forty years receive attentions that never would have come to them apparently, but for the farmer's free delivery.

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.

Wanted.

A cook, at the Commercial restaurant. Games, all kinds cheap at Hodes un store.

A HIGH AVERAGE.

For the Year for Butter fat—Big sum Paid out by Local Creamery.

Between \$75,000 and \$80,000 in cash has been paid out during the past twelve months by the Corvallis Creamery for butter fat. Though but little is ever said about it, the enterprise conducted by Mr. Kaupisch is one of the most important industries in the county. It is perhaps the biggest single creamery in business in the Willamette valley. It is known through a medium that makes no mistake, that it buys more butter fat, sells more butter and pays out more money than any other establishment of the kind in the valley. Its butter product brings the fanciest figure in the markets. The probabilities are, that nearly as much money was actually paid out by Mr. Kaupisch to his patrons for butter fat as was paid out for this year's wheat crop delivered in Corvallis.

Butter fat is now 30 cents at the creamery. The average price paid through the year has been between 26 and 27 cents. The place is now making 4,000 pounds of butter a week, more than 600 pounds per day. The cream comes from Benton and adjoining counties, including large shipments from Yaquina Bay. Monroe is furnishing a considerable supply, and the Alsea farmers are becoming patrons of the establishment.

The experience of those who are dealing with the creamery is that the industry is profitable for the farmer, especially where the standard of the herd has been properly raised. If there have been failures, it is traceable to poverty cows. Animals whose milk product tests a low per cent and that yield but a moderate amount are responsible for all failures. The business won't pay if poor cows are relied upon. Seven dollar, \$8 and \$9 a month cows are possible, and until dairymen bring their herds to that point, they are not realizing the possibilities that are in the business.

"The Missouri Girl"—a rural play the Wednesday after Christmas. Usual prices.

Try a cup of hot chocolate at the Gem.

Zeke, with "The Missouri Girl" says and does only what he should do and say, no more no less.

This cold chilly weather you need something to protect your chest and lungs. Nothing will protect you like one of those "Frost King" or "Frost Queen" Chamols Vests, at Graham & Wells.

On a cold day a cup of beef tea at the Gem.

Have you an engagement for December 26? Don't make any dates for that time, because you want to see "The Missouri Girl."

Wood to Sell—Stumpage.

want to clear some land and have 2,000 cords of fir and oak grub wood to sell. First come gets first choice of timber to cut.

G. A. Cooper, P. O. box 218.

A plain story of plain people plainly told in the real heart of literature and a play founded on such a subject, must, of necessity, contain the heart interest that in the desideratum of the playwright. Such an element is embodied in the beautiful home story of "The Missouri Girl," and an evening spent at the theatre, witnessing this play is as beneficial as it is entertaining. Tickets on sale Tuesday morning. Reserved seats, 50 cents.



S. L. KLINE

PROPRIETOR

The Peoples Store.

Corvallis, Oregon.



Our 36th, annual Clearance Sale begins Tuesday Dec. 26, and as usual will continue for 30 days.

Every article in the store will be sold without reserve.

Watch for it Wait for it

Prices in next issue of this paper.

S. L. Klines, The People's store

As usual mail orders will continue to have prompt attention.

Advertisement for A. K. Russ, Corvallis' Exclusive Men's Furnishing Store. Text: "If you don't trade with me we both loose money." Name: A. K. RUSS.

Christmas is Over

We have enjoyed a good Holiday trade and wish to thank all of our friends and customers for their liberal patronage.

In order to reduce our Stock before invoicing, we will offer for CASH for

Ten Days Only.

a liberal REDUCTION on everything in the FURNITURE LINE.

We take pride in the fact that our patrons always get full value for their money and our policy is, and shall be, to GUARANTEE GOODS AS REPRESENTING.

HOLLENBERG & CADY. THE HOUSE FURNISHERS.