

LOCAL LORE.

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

Mrs. G. S. O. Humbert of Eugene has been the guest of Corvallis friends this week. She will occupy the pulpit at the Christian church Sunday morning.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Missionary Society were entertained by Mrs. John Rickard Wednesday afternoon. The occasion is said to have been very enjoyable.

Miss Bessie Irvine returned Wednesday, after a two weeks' visit with Salem relatives. She was accompanied home by Clifford Elgin.

Miss E. Graham Crozier of Iowa, wants to put the children of poor families to death by chloroforming them to save them from the troubles incident to the life of the poor.

Joseph Henkle is to leave Sunday for Schenectady, New York, where he is to join the other OAC graduates engaged in electrical work there. His many friends in Benton unite in good wishes for his success.

J. H. Albright sold his residence Wednesday to M. L. Earnest who recently settled in Corvallis. The price paid was \$850. Just what Mr. Albright intends doing is not known at present.

Presbyterian church, M. S. Bush, pastor. Worship 11 a. m., subject, "Something Christ Could not Find." Evening service 7:30, subject, "The Parable of the Sower." The sermon will be illustrated. Miss Spangler will sing in the morning and Miss Marvin in the evening.

There would be no race suicide if someone would follow Senator Clark's example and guarantee to settle a million dollars upon each new baby. Senator Clark gives that amount to each new grandchild.

The musical programme given by the Polmatier Sisters in College chapel Wednesday evening was a very enjoyable entertainment. The orchestral playing and the quartette numbers were first class, and elicited many a round of applause. The cornetist, by reason of the purity and sweetness of her tones as well as her technique, played with very fine effect, and was compelled to respond to numerous encores.

Oregon Council No. 2, Royal and Select Master last evening elected and installed the following officers for the ensuing year:—J. B. Horner, Th. Ill. M.; M. M. Davis, D. M.; S. L. Kline, P. C. W.; Z. H. Davis, Captain of the Guard; E. B. Horning, Recorder; S. N. Lilly, Steward; E. Holgate, Treasurer; J. R. Rowland, sentinel.

Rev. Joseph Hoberg officiated at the funeral of the smallest baby in Oregon a few days ago. Francis Gallagher, daughter of James and Esther Gallagher of North Yakima, died at the age of four months and twelve days. At the time of her death the little one weighed eight pounds and ten ounces. At the time of her birth she weighed two pounds and fourteen ounces. When one day old she was taken to the incubator at the Lewis and Clark Fair, where she was kept for six weeks until the close of the Fair.

Mention was recently made in the Times of four hogs sold at Lilly's meat market that weighed an average of 328 pounds, though but eight months of age. In answer to requests, attempt has been made to ascertain fuller facts, but without avail. They were sold at the Lilly market by Sol King. They were bought as pigs by Mr. King on the Albany prairie a short distance this side of Lebanon. Even their breed is not known to Mr. King. Their weight for their age was remarkable, but not over strange as Sol King always has the best livestock to be had.

R. M. Gilbert left Wednesday to resume his duties as inspector of pipe in course of construction at Tacoma for the Corvallis water system. He came to Corvallis in company with Mr. Russell of the Pipe works to adjust matters relative to the construction of pipe. Russell claimed that pipe that contained but a quarter of an inch of sap or less in thickness on the inside next to the water flow, was admissible under the specifications, because just as good as pipe entirely free from sap. The water committee refused to admit the contention and rejected 10,000 feet of pipe that has already been manufactured, requiring the staves to be entirely free from sap, as provided for in Engineer Miller's specifications. A large amount of pipe has been rejected at Philomath because it contains streaks of sapwood.

Dr. M. M. Davis left Tuesday for a visit at Eugene.

Services at the Catholic church next Sunday at the usual hours, mass at 10:30 a. m., and vespers at 7:30.

The voting place of the Oregonian contest for a tree to Yellowstone Park is at the Pioneer Bakery.

Rev. M. J. Ballantyne, Presiding Elder will preach in the United Evangelical church Saturday night at 7:30 and Sunday morning and evening. Communion Sunday morning.

Miss Nita Kerr was given a surprise party at her home Thursday afternoon by a dozen juvenile friends. The occasion was very enjoyable.

Services at the M. E. church, South, Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject of morning sermon, "The Unity of the Christian Church."

Mrs. J. M. Howard entertained a number of ladies Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. G. S. O. Humbert of Eugene. The guests were, Mrs. F. E. Edwards, Mrs. R. M. Gilbert, Mrs. G. W. Fuller, Mrs. Carns, Mrs. Vidito, Mrs. Dilley, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Goodchild, Mrs. Raudall, Mrs. Mathena, Mrs. McReynolds, Mrs. Erwin, Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Prudence Chipman, Mrs. F. L. Miller, Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Goodsett.

Albany Democrat: Josh Ballard appeared before Recorder Thompson at 10 o'clock this morning, and in response to a plea of guilty to the charge of fighting and riotous conduct was sentenced to three days in the county jail, without a fine. The recorder also gave him a lecture which would be worth a good many hundred dollars to him if considered, one on the neglect of his family, and the spending of his money for liquor when it should go for the support of his family.

The sale of the Arch Johnson farm 10 miles south of Corvallis is announced by Ambler & Watters, who made the deal. The farm comprises 1,300 acres, and the purchasers are said to be three Portland business men, who make the buy as a side investment. The figures have not been given out, but are guessed at by persons familiar with the farm as likely to be \$20 per acre or a total of \$26,000. The deal is the biggest that has been made in the county in some time. The fact that it is Oregonians who are buying the farm is a good sign, as it shows that they have faith in their own state, particularly in Benton county.

A very pleasant dancing party occurred at Fisher hall Wednesday evening, given in honor of J. C. Henkle, who expects to leave Sunday for New York. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion and presented a pretty scene. Mrs. S. N. Wilkins, Mrs. Lee Henkle, Mrs. Will Horning, and Mrs. M. O. Wilkins, were chaperones, while Mrs. Sarah Moore served punch. The guests were, Misses Moore, Fisor, Gretta Harrington, Besse Danneman, Pauline Davis, Kate Moore, Thompson, Myrtle Harrington, Mary Danneman, McBee, Sheasgreen, Sprout, Bonney, Kennison, Dwyer, Williams, Logan, Wysong, Messrs. Henkle, Cate, Groves, Barnett, E. Wills, Eisman, R. Wills, Doane Catehy, Brownell, Thompson, Davolt, Jones, Lingaas, Davis, Bundy, Stebinger, Wilkins, Abraham and Woodcock.

The campaign for crucifying the pests and diseases that are about destroying Benton orchards is about to begin. A first class spraying apparatus has been ordered by D. C. Montgomery and Mr. Tedrow, who will do spraying in any and all orchards on a commercial basis. The work under the direction of Prof. Cordley, and by that token will be intelligently and scientifically done. The spraying for San Jose scale is opportune from now up to the time when the buds are forming. By the arrangement those who do not have trees enough to justify the purchase of a spray pump and to fool with spray mixtures, can at small expense have all their trees well sprayed without bother. Many orders for spraying have already been received by Mr. M. Montgomery and his associate.

A fine line of fishing tackle and the best shells in the market, cheap at Hodes gun store.

The S. P. is selling round trip tickets between Corvallis and Portland for \$3, good going Saturdays or Sundays and returning Sunday or Monday following, either on West or East side, but good only on afternoon train from Albany to Portland on Saturdays if East side is taken. Passengers to pay local fare between Corvallis and Albany.

LIGHT PLANT SOLD.

New Owners Take Charge February First—Something About Them.

The sale of the Corvallis Electric Light plant is announced. The purchaser is the syndicate that was recently given a 30 years franchise in Corvallis, and which owns the light plants in Woodburn, Silverton, Salem, Albany, Eugene, and probably in other valley towns not yet reported. The representative of the corporation is R. Welch of Salem.

The price paid for the plant is \$18,000. Under the terms, the owners are to take charge February 1st. Ed Strange will have management of the plant and remain in it in the same capacity that he has hitherto maintained at the works. He is a very able electrician, as is manifest by the excellent service the concern has given under his direction.

The present instance is the third time the local light plant has changed hands. The works was built by L. L. Hurd in the eighties. He retired from it to give place to a company of which J. M. Porter held the controlling stock, which company has since owned the plant and business. Most of the smaller stockholders have long since disposed of their holdings. Porter had a franchise from the city for eight years to come when the late franchise to the Welch corporation was granted. The latter extends to the year 1935.

There is a strong belief that the Standard Oil people are the new owners of the plant. When the Corvallis franchise was sought it was stated that the Eastern investors were Philadelphia people. A dispatch in Sunday's Oregonian, sent out from Brooklyn, denies this statement and says that it is very rich New Yorkers that are reaching out for control of the light plants in the Willamette Valley. "The very plan," said a well known citizen today, "in which these people are going about the business means Standard Oil. That corporation," he continued, "is already in Portland with its grip on several big enterprises. It owns one of the biggest banks. It controls the Portland General Electric Company. Of course, wherever it goes, it controls the situation and drives out competition. The way it is going about the purchase of light plants in the Willamette valley, would suggest that it expects to be master of lighting, whether electric or by coal oil, just as it is master of the oil business in many states now trying to drive them from their borders."

It is to be hoped the new transaction may be for the good of Corvallis and that the misgivings on account of it are without foundation.

SIGNING PETITIONS.

For Licensing Corporations—Proposed Initiative Laws.

Petitions are in circulation in town invoking the initiative for the enactment of the laws proposed by the State Grange, explanation of which appeared in Tuesday's Times. They are in the hands of John Withycombe, a well known student and are being signed freely. Up to yesterday, about 200 signatures had been secured in Corvallis. The proposed laws are of a character that ought to appeal to every citizen. The Standard Oil Company, for instance, did a \$300,000 business in Marion county last year and paid \$4.40 taxes. It is proposed to levy a tax of three per cent on the gross income of this company and by that means force it to pay for the privilege of doing business in Oregon and thereby compel it to pay its just proportion of taxation. It is also proposed to impose similar indirect taxes on telephone and telegraph companies, express companies, refrigerator car and sleeping car companies doing business in the state. All these laws have been proposed in the legislature, but they have always been turned down. There should be no hesitancy in signing the petitions for they are in the interest of good government and a proper distribution of the tax burdens.

Railroad Lands for Lease.

Lands of the Oregon & California Railroad Company, in Oregon, will be leased for the year 1906 subject to cancellation of lease in the event of sale of land during the term of the lease. Owners of farms and ranches adjoining railroad lands should file their applications not later than February 1, 1906, after which date applications from others will also be considered. Address: Charles W. Eberlein, Acting Land Agent, 1035 Merchants Exchange, San Francisco, Cal.

4 Days More of Bargains 4

Just 7 days remaining in which to take advantage of the phenomenal low prices offered you by our 36th Annual Clearance Sale.

You will find every department just as attractive during the remaining days of our big sale as they were. New goods have been added in every department.

Below are grouped some of our special prices for this week only.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Items include Sorosis undershirts, Dress goods, City mens suits, Ladies shirtwaists, Dress trimmings, Ladies patent leather shoes, Mens shoes.

GROCERIES

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Items include 16 pounds Best Rice, 30 pounds Beans, 50 pound Sack Dairy Salt, 10 cent Corn Starch.

These prices are just a few of the many that we have made in every department. The values are the best for the goods offered, are from our regular stock, and not goods "slightly out of date."

S. L. KLINE

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Corvallis, Oregon.

THE HOUSE FURNISHERS.

HOLLENBERG & CADY.

Upside down... In our ad, but you'll find us "Right Side Up" in our store and ready to serve you in anything in the line of House Furnishings.

Corvallis & Eastern RAILROAD

Table with 2 columns: Train Number and Schedule. Includes Time Card 30 and various train routes and times.

THE GEM CIGAR STORE

All Leading Brands of Key West and Domestic Cigars. Whist and Pool room.

JACK MILNE, PROP.

Our Big Stock Reducing Cash Sale is still on

Every article in the store sold at a reduction excepting groceries.

A new supply of premium dished has arrived with which to redeem all outstanding tickets, but no tickets will be given during this cash sale. We give you a cash discount instead.

Remember the Great January Sale of Women's & Children's Muslin Underwear

12 1-2, c 19c, 29c, 59c, 79c and \$1 10

SPECIAL BARGAINS

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Items include 58 inch homespun, 48 inch \$1 grade fancy suiting, 54 inch \$1 25 grade serge, 27 inch 75c grade French flannel, 48 inch \$1 25 grade fancy zibolene, 46 inch \$1 fancy couert, Few pieces 50c mixed goods.

F. L. MILLER

For further information apply to J. O. MAYO, Gen Pass Agt. T. Cockrell, agt Albany, H. H. Cronise, agt Corvallis. Some splendid bargains at the Bazaar.