

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Lime, Sulphur and Salt for spraying at S. L. Kline's.

—When you want a Sewing Machine see J. H. Harris. Big line White and New Home.

—Mrs. Thos. Riley of Albany, was the guest of Corvallis relatives over Sunday.

—Miss Lulu Gunther returned last evening from a few days' visit in Portland.

—Miss Vesta Esson returned to her home in Eugene Monday, after an over-Sunday visit with her aunt, Mrs. M. Gilbert.

—Miss L. Smith of the Mouth Normal, arrived Saturday, and is the guest of Miss Mary Jones.

—There will be a basket social at Simpson chapel Friday evening Feb. 16, sale of baskets to follow the program. Everyone is assured a hearty welcome and a good time.

—The Red Wing basket ball team which is to play in Corvallis next Monday night has played 12 games so far on its tour along the line of the Northern Pacific, including a game at Spokane last Friday night, and won all. The average height of the five players is said to be six feet three inches.

—The O. A. C. basket ball team defeated the Dallas College men in a game at Dallas Friday night by a score of 18 to 17. The game was played with Billy, a crack O. A. C. guard, out of the line up. A return game is to be played at Corvallis on the 2nd of March.

—Mrs. G. B. Keady entertained a dozen little girls with a Valentine party Friday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Miss Jessie Keady. A feature of the afternoon was an impromptu program of songs and recitations. Light refreshments were served.

—The Congregational Y. P. S. C. E. will give a social at the church Wednesday evening, Feb. 14. An especially fine programme has been prepared beginning at 8 o'clock and will be free to all. After the programme, refreshments will be served in the church dining-room at 10 cents. Come and enjoy a pleasant evening.

—A statement signed by eleven Eugene doctors and printed in the Eugene papers is as follows: "We, the undersigned physicians of Eugene, Oregon, wish to state that there is no doubt in our minds as to the presence of typhoid germs in our city water, and we emphatically urge the people to boil all water that is used whether it be from the city system or from private wells. The matter cannot be too earnestly considered at the present time."

—Sheriff Word of Portland wants F. E. Vanderhoof, who is very well known in Corvallis where he has visited a number of times. A telegram to the authorities Saturday reads as follows: "I want F. E. Vanderhoof age twenty seven years, smooth shaved, flat nose, dark complexion, grey eyes, five foot six. Agnes Oliver; twenty years, small for age, blue suit, tan coat. Left together last Wednesday, driving dark bay horse and rubber tired, top buggy. Arrest and wire me."

—There will be a hot game of basket ball at the Armory Friday night. It will be the first appearance of the O. A. C. men this year, and there will be interest to see how they will acquit themselves. Especially will this be true on account of the fact that they are to go against the Willamette University team which recently skinned the State University team by a good score. The State College men have also defeated the U. of O. team, and according to records the game Friday night should be a very exciting one. The game will be preceded by a concert by the Cadet Regiment band.

—The Lincoln memorial entertainment given at the First Methodist church Sunday evening by the Epworth League was attended by a large audience, and was in every respect a successful and enjoyable occasion. There was no preaching service, but a program was rendered as follows: music by the church orchestra; scripture reading, Rev. Feese; prayer, B. J. Kelly; song by the audience; selection, young ladies' quartette; paper on Abraham Lincoln, Miss Alice Edwards; selection, young men's quartette; character sketch of Lincoln, Miss Winnifred Gates; Political Life of Lincoln, George Cross; remarks, Rev. Feese; selection, young ladies' quartette. The church was prettily decorated with flags, and the G. A. R. and W. R. C. members attended the entertainment in a body.

—Dr. James Withycombe left yesterday to attend a farmers' institute at Central Point.

—The Episcopal young ladies are to entertain the young gentlemen of the church at the rectory this evening. It is to be a valentine party and a jolly time is anticipated.

—Lee Kennedy of Portland has been in Corvallis the past few days on business. Mr. Kennedy was formerly a Corvallis carpenter.

—Mrs. N. F. Gillispie and children returned Monday to their home at Amity after a visit of several days with friends in Corvallis.

—A dozen or more members of the United Artisan lodge of Corvallis drove over to Albany last evening to attend a big meeting of the sister lodge, and to witness the initiation of a class of candidates.

—Suit for divorce was filed with the clerk of Benton Monday by Mrs. Cecil I. Turner vs Bert Turner, on the grounds of desertion. They were married in Corvallis March 26 1904. Mrs. Turner was formerly Miss Cecil Bryant.

—At the Congregational church, Sunday evening a sermon of the series on "Prominent Characters of the Bible" was given. It was interesting, instructive, practical, and was listened to with closest attention. The solo by Miss Allen with violin obligato by Mr. Rosenstien will be repeated by request.

—There was a little trouble at police headquarters the other day, over payment of a dog tax. It is not the plan for this item to tell the whole story. Those who want to know the details will have to inquire of the principals. It was the Chief of Police and a member of the city council that got into the difference. As stated, it was over a dog tax. Neither, so far as known, struck the other, nor did either call the other hard names. The most that is known, and all there is to tell is, that after they had used mild language to each other for a minute or two one was requested to leave the office, which he did.

WANTS RAILROAD

To Kings Valley—Independence Does—Fever at Eugene.

Eugene Register: The statement has been made that the newspapers of Eugene are suppressing the cause of the contagion existing in the city. Those who are of this opinion we refer to our issue of January 29, giving a report of the Lane County Medical society meeting wherein it was urged that all water be boiled. Again under date of February 2, we stated that the physicians of the city had about agreed that the contagion comes from the city water. Again on the 7th instant, we gave under the heading of "Satisfied that water is Cause," an interview from Dr. Matson of a half a column in which he stated that he was satisfied the epidemic was due to the city water supply. It would seem that readers of the Register have been fully apprised of the danger in using un-boiled water, and this information has been given them as soon as the Register could possibly obtain it. We publish in this issue a statement signed by eleven physicians stating that there is no doubt in their minds of the presence of typhoid germs in the city water supply and urge that all water from the city system and from private wells be boiled.

Westside Enterprise:—While every section of the valley is getting a railroad either paper or real iron Kings Valley is being slighted. That little valley really needs a road. People who make the sacrifice to isolate themselves for years and build up a community as citizens of Kings Valley have their country, deserve consideration at the hands of railroad builders. They have their stores, schools and churches. They raise their grain, fruit and hops. They have mills and a great timber resource. They are shut out from the world when ten miles of railroad from Airline over a not difficult grade would put them in touch with the world and the world in touch with a great valley. The people of Polk county owe it to these people and to themselves to lend every assistance to Kings Valley people in getting a railroad outlet. The natural way out is through Airline and Independence. Long enough has it been said of Kings Valley, "so near and yet so far." It is directly on the line of survey to the great Siletz timber belt and the attention of the railroad world is directed to the demands of Kings Valley.

COLLECTING TAXES.

Roll is in hands of Sheriff Burnett and Many are Paying.

The tax roll was turned over by Clerk Moses to Sheriff Burnett yesterday, and cash is now rolling in over the sheriff's counter. Many took out receipts yesterday, and a still larger number was on hand today. A feature of the roll is the unusually large number of special levies mostly for roads and schools. The list of each with the amounts raised, appears below. The sums raised for all purposes by the various levies, regular and special, will be found in the figures following: County road fund, \$3353.76. City of Albany, \$12.72. City of Philomath, \$590.84. City of Corvallis, \$5585.72. County, state, school, library, etc, \$52746.60. Polls charged, \$498.00. Total, \$75697.43.

The special school levies are as follows: No. 1, Wells, 5 mills, \$92.25. No. 3, Kings Valley, 2 mills, \$138.50. No. 6, Granger, 2 mills, \$203.51. No. 9, Corvallis, 3-5 mills, \$3597.38. No. 15, Pleasant Valley, 3 mills, \$90.17. No. 17, Philomath, 3 mills, \$539.52. No. 23, Bellfountain, 1 mill, \$103.32. No. 25, Monroe, 5 mills, \$58.74.

In eight of the road districts there are special levies. In addition to the special levy, each has the regular two mill levy for road purposes, imposed by law. The list of districts and their regular and special levies is as follows: No. 1, Corvallis, \$163.65. No. 2, Corvallis, \$165.98; special tax, 5 mills, \$830.44. No. 3, Corvallis, \$81.12. No. 4, Corvallis, \$83.87. No. 5, Fairmount, \$126.68; special tax, 3 mills, \$379.93. No. 6, Soap Creek, \$175.47. No. 7, Kings Valley, \$164.25. No. 8, Summit, \$8.88. No. 9, Blodgett, \$98.55. No. 10, Wrenn, \$117.27. No. 11, Philomath, \$301.02. No. 12, Willamette, \$238.51; special tax, 5 mills, \$759.58. No. 14, Bellfountain, \$280.71. No. 15, Monroe, \$188.12; special tax, 4 mills, \$752.45. No. 16, Monroe, \$80.30. No. 17, Beaver Creek, \$177.50; special tax, 5 mills, \$882.46. No. 18, Alsea, \$70.86; special tax, 5 mills, \$354.05. No. 19, Granger, \$116.15; special tax, 2 mills, \$232.32. No. 20, Ben Harris, \$142.07. No. 21, Roy Rickard, \$191.03. No. 22, Philomath, \$108.12; special tax, 5 mill's, \$541.46. No. 23, Fairmount, \$63.49.

BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT.

Students Held big Election—They Pulled and Hauled Like Politicians.

Bert Pilkington was elected graduate manager of athletics at the college, last Friday, and Mark Weatherford was chosen treasurer. The election was under the Australian ballot system, and involved electioneering, button-holing, and other vote-catching devices incident to selection of officers of state, county and municipality. The polls opened at eight o'clock and closed at five. There were printed ballots and booths. There were proper election officers to guarantee a free ballot and a fair count. The supporters of a candidate could follow the voter to the place where there were certain officers stationed, but no further. There was a buzz around the polls all day, just as at voting places in elections on a larger scale.

The election of Pilkington and Weatherford was overwhelming. Each received the same number of votes, 326. Pilkington's opponent was Grover Cate, who received 125 votes. Mr. Thayer and Mr. Stebbins were opponents of Mr. Weatherford. One received 80 and the other 45 votes. The graduate managership carries a salary of \$200 per year, and the treasurer gets a salary of \$50 per year. All students, regardless of sex, who have paid the one dollar incidental fee, were eligible to vote, though a large number of them failed to do so.

The new manager is one of the best known athletes in the Northwest, and one of the best students in the college. The new treasurer is a nephew of Hon. J. K. Weatherford and is a talented young man.

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ENDS THURSDAY.

Star Route Mail Service Between Corvallis, Albany and Philomath.

Thursday, the Albany-Corvallis-Philomath star mail route will go out of business. The mail that has been carried by stage on that route between Corvallis and Albany will hereafter be carried by train. The mail morning and evening to Philomath will be discontinued. The latter will throw the people of Alsea back to the old schedule under which they get mail 24 to 72 hours after the rest of the world has had it.

The Albany-Corvallis star route has been in operation two years next month. The Philomath extension has only been operated a couple of months. A stage line paralleling a railroad always seemed curious, but when the route was put on there was no morning and evening train between Corvallis and Albany. The latter came later. Its schedule came to be practically the same as that of the stage line. It costs less to carry mail by railroad than by stage, and that is partly why the route was discontinued and the business turned over to the railroad. Another reason is that the stage line went on partly in consideration of a passenger business. The large number of passengers that the stage carried showed the need of the service. The inauguration of the fine train service between Corvallis and Albany took away the passenger business, and it is probable that the withdrawal of the star route is equally agreeable to government and contractor. In any event, no more stages are to run after Thursday.

The elimination of the Corvallis-Philomath service is regrettable. It gave Alsea people mail 24 to 72 hours earlier than when before the route began operation.

The change affects but slightly the existing schedule of mail departures and arrivals at the local postoffice. The evening mail to Albany will depart from the office at 5:30 in order to catch the 6 o'clock evening train. That will mean that business men should get their letters into the office at 5:15, or an hour earlier than now. This has particular interest to southbound mail for letters deposited in the office at a later hour will leave by the 6:30 train next morning and reach northbound or Eastern points about as early as if they left Corvallis via the evening mail. The whole incident calls attention to the present mail service of Corvallis which is so excellent as to be beyond criticism.

MAIN RIVER NOW.

New Channel for Willamette South of Town—Effects of the Change.

Another winter's freshets will send the whole volume of the Willamette river through what is known as the "cut-off." The latter is a channel the river has been cutting for several years a short distance south of Fischer's flouring mills. It takes a straight shoot through from one given point to another, while what has been the river proper makes a big detour. The distance through the cutoff is five-eighths of a mile; the distance round is three miles.

In the process of change, more headway has been made this winter than ever before. That is in spite of the fact that the present winter has had comparatively little high water and no extraordinary floods. A full two-thirds of the volume of the water in the river now runs through the new channel. The process of cutting is going on very rapidly even at low water, because the fall in the five-eighths of a mile through the cut-off is nine feet, which makes the flow very swift and strong. In the cutting this winter about 15 acres of fine bottom land on the Fischer farm has been literally washed away. The change removes the pressure from the low bank across the river where the government revetment is located. The new channel does more to save the low lying farms across the river than all the government work has done. Along the revetment now the water is fast becoming stagnant. The danger of wash from future overflows is largely removed, and will be completely so when the whole river, as will soon be the case, sends its flow through the cut-off. The change is very detrimental to the Fischer farm, a large portion of which will be separated from the main holding by the Willamette. Boats are not yet using the new channel, because of snags.

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