

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.

—Otto Hatbaway moved this week to the J. O. Walker farm just across Oak Creek.

—Mrs. John Smith arrived home Monday from a several weeks visit with relatives in California.

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

—Miss Luella Wagner returned Friday from an extended visit with relatives in Yakima, Wash.

—Miss Grace Nichols left Saturday to begin Monday a term of school in the Alpine district.

—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wagner, of Portland arrived Sunday and are the guests for a time of Corvallis and Benton relatives.

—Misses Ruth and Edith Fugate who have been for some days the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bauer returned yesterday to their home at Monmouth.

—The four children of the Day family are still suffering from fever, with little or no improvement in their condition.

—The members of the Order of Washingtons are to have a big meeting at their hall Thursday evening, with a first-class program and a banquet as features.

—Theodore Barnhart and family are to leave this week for California, to reside. They have been for many years residents of Corvallis, and are followed by the good wishes of neighbors and friends.

—Miss Anna Chesney, who has spent the winter in Corvallis as a typist on the Corvallis Gazette, left Saturday for her home in Albany, to remain.

—George Gerhard paid Corvallis relatives a visit last week. He left Monday for his home at Bellingham, Wash., It had been 13 years since Mr. Gerhard in Corvallis.

—Student—I don't think I deserve an absolute zero. Professor—No Sir, neither do I; but it is the lowest mark I am allowed to give. Good day.

—Reporter—Uncle, to what do you attribute your long life? Oldest Inhabitant—I don't know yet, young fellow. They's several of these patent medicine companies that's dickerin' with me.

—Mrs. J. Mason left yesterday for Portland, where she will attend the millinery openings. She expects to visit A. F. Hershner and family at Gresham before her return, which will be next Saturday.

—There was a surprised man in Corvallis Saturday night. He was S. B. Bane, and the occasion was a party, planned and carried to a successful termination by Mrs. Bane. It was the joint celebration of the birthdays of Dr. Cathey and the host, and the affair was a happy one for all present. Music and conversation were features, and delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bane, Dr. and Mrs. Cathey, Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Feese, Mr. and Mrs. Punderson Avery, Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hall, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Swann, Mrs. James Hayes, Mrs. Pressley, Mrs. Clara Brant, and Mrs. Edith and Ruth Fugate, of Monmouth.

—Spraying and Whitewashing Done in first class manner. Montgomery & Tedrow Phone 374. 2-20-1m

For Sale. My farm of 280 acres, 2 1-2 miles west of Eddyville. One of the best goat ranches in Lincoln county. Call or address John Hewitt, Eddyville, Oregon.

For County Recorder. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of county recorder, subject to the decision of the voters, at the primaries April 20th.

HARLEY L. HALL.

Notice to Bidders. Sealed bids will be received by the sewer committee until six o'clock p. m., February 16, 1906, for the construction of a sewer through blocks 14, 15 and 16 N. B. & P. Avery's Addition to the city of Corvallis, according to the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Police Judge. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

Geo. E. Lilly. R. M. Colbert. P. Avery. Sewer Committee.

MISSING CATS.

Many of Them were Shag-haired—Happened the Night Barnacle Club met.

It is understood that since Saturday night, the cat is missing from several Corvallis homes. Where all the felines disappeared to is uncertain, though it has leaked out that a part of them found their way into the postoffice. When Postmaster Johnson walked into the office Sunday morning, a cat leered at him from his private desk. It non-plussed the postmaster to find a cat there, because cats are not kept in the postoffice. For a moment he doubted his own eyes, and then began to wonder if the way he had them was cats instead of snakes. Just then a second cat perched on the shelf at the delivery window met his gaze. Then he was sure that he had 'em, and he fully expected to begin to see cats in the air, in his hair, in his pockets and everywhere else,—but he didn't. In spite of his fears, he was allright, and of cats, there were but two. Later, he learned that cats were missed from various homes, and that of those stolen two had been brought to the postoffice and thrust in by persons holding keys to the boxes. The identity of those who held their neighbors' cats so lightly, is not known. Their club had a meeting that night, and it is wondered if belated Barnacles had a hand in the business.

Damon's New Orleans Colored Students.

Lee Damon's New Orleans students, a company of cultured musicians and elocutionists. Prof. Damon who has the personal supervision of the company, ranks at the top in his chosen profession. The manner in which he performs upon the violin, cello, zither, banjo and piano is marvelous. The company supporting Prof. Damon is the pick from the State University of Louisiana, and each and every member are artists in their respective lines. The program is high class with just enough light stuff interspersed throughout to please both child and adult.

This attraction is guaranteed to be as represented in every particular, and will be a rare musical treat and will appear at the Opera house, Friday night, February 23.

Veterinary Surgeon. Dr. E. Jackson, veterinary surgeon, has located in Corvallis for the practice of his profession. Office at Winegar & Snow's livery stable.

The New Orleans Colored Students, who are to appear at the Opera House on Friday night, are a talented company of instrumentalists, vocalists and elocutionists, who render a clean, wholesome and delightfully pleasing entertainment.

For Rent. Nice office rooms to rent in my concrete building. Also cheap back room. B. R. Thompson.

50 Cents Per Setting For eggs. Best brown Leghorns. J. B. Irvine, Corvallis.

The Empire Theatre Company, which is to play a three nights engagement at the Opera House, commencing next Monday, is preceded by excellent press reports, and is said to be a very capable organization.

Found. A pair of gold-rimmed eye-glasses with chain attached. Owner can get them at G. W. Reeds, south of the ice factory by paying for this notice.

Wanted. A man and woman to work on a ranch. For further particulars write or inquire of A. J. Warnock, Norton, Oregon.

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.

Oak wood, stove lengths. Call at Saw Mill Co.

Suffered for Five Years With Kidney and Liver Trouble. "I suffered for five years with kidney and liver trouble, which caused severe pains across the back and a blinding headache. I had dyspepsia and was so constipated that I could not move my bowels without a cathartic. I was cured by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and have been well now for six months," says Mr. Arthur S. Strickland, of Chattanooga, Tenn. For sale by Graham & Wortham.

DYNAMITE EXPLODED.

Fifty Pounds—Miraculous Escape of Harry Walker, who was Thawing It.

An explosion of dynamite that shook every building in Corvallis, and that shattered window panes in buildings two miles distant from the scene was an incident of yesterday forenoon. Though there was enough destruction in it to have annihilated a regiment of men it killed nobody. The miraculous escape from death of Harry Walker, who was in 30 feet of it when the blast went off, is incidental to the happening. There was 50 pounds or about 180 sticks of the dynamite when it went off, and had it occurred three or four seconds later, it would have been the death and burial of the victim. As it is, the drum of his left ear is shattered, and he will never again hear in that organ. His left eye was blinded for sometime afterward, but the sight is gradually returning, and it is believed the injury in that organ will only be temporary. Walker is 45 years of age, and his home is at Independence. He is temporarily employed as expert powder man in the removal of stumps from the Taylor hop yard.

The accident happened while Walker was thawing out dynamite. As is well known, dynamite freezes in a temperature of 60 degrees, and before use has to be thawed out. That was the business on which Walker was engaged at the moment of the accident. Some time before, he had put the fifty pounds of powder into his thawing apparatus. The thawing process was by steam, that method being the safest known. Shortly before the accident, he had examined the powder to see if it was dry enough for use. It was not, and taking four or five sticks, he passed out in the field a distance of thirty rods where he blew up a couple of stumps. He was in the act of returning for more dynamite and had advanced to within 30 feet of it, when the whole lot he was thawing blew up.

The Victim's Story.

"I was in 30 feet of the powder when it went off," said Mr. Walker, after the accident. "I was walking rapidly and in two seconds more it would have been all off with me. I was looking at the dynamite when the explosion came. I saw what looked like a blue star suddenly flame up, and I remarked audibly to myself, there, feeling sure that my time had come. The next instant the concussion struck me, and never before did I encounter such an experience. It seemed to me just like my head and my body was struck with terrible force with a big lot of lead. I never dreamed that mere concussion could have such terrible force. I was thrown backward probably a dozen feet, and then thrust along the ground. I had no other idea than that I was done for, and even after I had regained my feet and could walk about, I had doubts as to whether or not I was scheduled to survive. I have handled dynamite ever since I was 18 years old, a period of more than 25 years, and this is my first accident."

It Shattered Glass.

The detonation from the explosion was terrific. Window panes were shattered in one of the buildings at the college. The glass transom in Small's store was shattered by the concussion. Windows were also broken in the office at Fischer Mill. Every building in town was shaken and every window rattled violently by the phenomenon. The detonation brought everybody into the street. Some suggested that a meteor had fallen and exploded in the vicinity. Bob Huston suspected that the druggists next door had been fooling with chemicals and had blown themselves and the establishment up. He went to investigate and found both druggists, and eyes open for news, but all intact and unharmed. A farmer living five miles over the river in Linn county heard the report and came to town to investigate.

It Caused Excitement.

Crosby Davis was in Washington City when a whole powder works blew up only five miles away, and he says the shock was no more violent than that of yesterday. People in the vicinity hurried to the spot expecting all sorts of things, but only found Walker. His dynamite was gone and along with it, his thawing apparatus. Of a tarpaulin used as a cover to the powder, only a few shreds were found. Walker says most dynamite is freakish as to the direction in which it sends its force. Sometimes most of the energy goes down and in other instances in another direction, and so on. Mr. Walker says that in this instance most of it

went in the direction opposite to him, or he would have been blown to atoms.

The drum in the left ear of the victim is entirely blown away. When he saw the "blue star" as he called the explosion, Mr. Walker ducked his head to save himself also turning his head slightly to one side. That gave the concussion full sweep into his ear, and it shattered the drum. The drum in the other ear is split. There is sight in one half the left eye. The loss of the other half shows that the concussion affected the brain and one half the optic nerve.

A curious fact connected with the experience of Mr. Walker is, that he felt no pain whatever, until after he had risen to his feet and set about to take an inventory of what had happened. Then pain came into his brain, ears and everywhere, and so continued throughout the day. The incident shows that people blown up by dynamite die an entirely painless death.

A FINE CONCERT.

The concert last night given by the New Orleans Grand Colored Opera Company was a treat. The violin solos by A. M. Damon, the soprano of Mme Knox, and Sloan Edward's splendid bass proved a revelation, the quartette work was excellent, and the wonderful voice of Miss Julous was really startling, many thinking that a man was concealed somewhere doing the singing for her. The church was packed to the doors and will be again, should the company return.—Argos Williamsport, Pa.

Portland Market Report.

Wheat valley 72c
Flour \$3.60 to \$4.
Potatoes .60 per hun
Eggs Oregon, 16
Butter 16c per
Creamery 27 to 30
Corvallis.

Wheat 63c
Oats 36c
Flour \$1 \$1 45
Potatoes 80 per sack
Butter 50 per roll
Creamery 80 per roll
Eggs 15 per doz
Chickens 15c per lb
Lard 13c per pound

Corvallis & Eastern RAILROAD TIME CARD 31

No 2 for Yaquina
Leaves Albany.....12:45 p. m.
Leaves Corvallis..... 1:45 p. m.
Arrives Yaquina..... 6:00 p. m.
No 1 Returning
Leaves Yaquina..... 6:45 a. m.
Leaves Corvallis.....11:30 a. m.
Arrives Albany.....12:15 p. m.
No 3 for Albany-Detroit
Leaves Albany for Detroit..... 7:30 a. m.
Arrive Detroit.....12:30 p. m.
No 4 from Detroit
Leaves Detroit..... 1:00 p. m.
Arrive Albany..... 6:00 p. m.
No 5 for Albany
Leaves Corvallis..... 6:30 a. m.
Arrive Albany..... 7:10 a. m.
No 8 for Corvallis
Leaves Albany..... 7:55 a. m.
Arrives Corvallis..... 8:35 a. m.
No 7 for Albany
Leaves Corvallis..... 6:00 p. m.
Arrive Albany..... 6:40 p. m.
No 6 for Corvallis
Leaves Albany..... 7:35 p. m.
Arrives Corvallis..... 8:15 p. m.
No 9 for Albany
Leaves Corvallis.....12:40 p. m.
Arrives Albany..... 1:25 p. m.
No 10 for Corvallis
Leaves Albany..... 2:30 p. m.
Arrive Corvallis..... 3:10 p. m.
No 11 for Albany, Sunday only
Leaves Corvallis.....11:30 a. m.
Arrive Albany.....12:15 a. m.
No 12 for Corvallis, Sunday only
Leaves Albany.....12:45 p. m.
Arrives Corvallis..... 1:32 p. m.

Train 1 arrives in Albany in time to connect with S. P. southbound train.

Train 2 connects with S. P. trains at Corvallis and Albany, giving direct service to Newport and adjacent beaches.

Train 3 leaves Albany for Detroit at 7:30 a. m. arriving in ample time to reach the Breitenbush hot springs the same day.

Train 4 between Albany and Detroit connects with Eugene local at Albany also with local for Corvallis.

Train 5 leaves Corvallis at 6:30 a. m. arrives at Albany 7:10 in time to catch Eugene local for Portland and train to Detroit.

Train 8 leaves Albany for Corvallis at 8:00 a. m. after arrival of northbound Eugene local.

Train 7 leaves Corvallis at 5:00 p. m. arrives in Albany in time to connect with local for Eugene and way points.

Train 6 leaves Albany for Corvallis at 7:35 p. m. after arrival of S. P. local from Portland.

For further information apply to J. C. MAYO, Gen Pass Agt T. Cockrell, agt Albany, H. H. Cronise, agt Corvallis.

A grand vocal and instrumental entertainment, high class Southern singing, one merry jingle the entire performance, at the Opera House Friday night.

At the Opera house, three nights commencing Monday, February 26. The Empire Theatre Company, in high class comedy and drama. Popular prices.

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Corvallis, Oregon

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Perhaps you want to clean house early this spring. We can supply your every want NOW just as well as later. See our display window of NEW matting, finest patterns, large assortment to select from, prices low.

Carpets and Wall Paper

That's what it takes to make a room look neat. Of these we always have a full line, prices very reasonable

We change our "ads" often because we *Always have Something New* to offer. If you watch this space you'll know first where to get the best goods at the lowest prices.

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No More Dish Tickets

One of the important changes, as announced in our December ad, is that commencing Feb. 1st.

We expect to shorten up our back accounts, not allowing any to run longer than 30 days. You will get 5 percent discount for spot cash, to take the place of dish tickets. No more long time accounts; no more bad accounts; a whole lot more goods for the money; and better goods for the money, than the long time and dish houses can give you. We will give out no more dish tickets, but on all cash purchase, groceries excepted, we will refund

5 percent in Cash.

I receive a statement on the 1st of each month and in no case will we extend credit longer than 30 days.

Remember that we pay the Highest Price for Country Produce.

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