

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Mrs. H. W. Kaupisch left Sunday for a visit in Portland.

—W. E. Yates of Vancouver arrived yesterday for a few days visit.

—Frank Thrasher of Portland, was an over-Sunday visitor in Corvallis.

—The greatest actor that ever visited Corvallis in any capacity is Frederick Warde.

—The indications are that the Opera House next Friday night will house the largest, intellectual and best dressed audience in its history.

—Miss Mayme Crawford returned Saturday evening from Portland where she has been engaged in millinery work for the past two months.

—In the probate court Cynthia E. Jackson was granted authority to sell at auction the highest bidder, the real property belonging to her ward, Archibald Johnson. Her bond was fixed at \$4,000.

—The seats in the Opera House for Frederick Warde's engagement will be arranged so as not to be as close together as they usually are. This is done at the expense of the seating capacity, but for the convenience and comfort of the patrons next Friday evening.

—Frederick Warde, the eminent Shakespearean actor, who stands at the top of his profession, paid Corvallis a high compliment when he included her in his itinerary. The large audience that will greet him next Friday night however, will reciprocate the compliment and its show of appreciation will convince Mr. Warde that Corvallis, though small is metropolitan in its intelligence.

—Portland Welcome: If there is anything that gives us longing for eternal rest and deep solitude, it is a man who comes to a town or city, builds up a paying business, grows rich from the sources of a prosperous country, and then squats down on his pile of money like a clucking hen on a door knob and is even too infernal stingy to let the gravel grind in his own gizzard.

—The Knights of Pythias are to have charge of Frederick Warde's Portland engagement. However, on Monday night, he will be entertained by the Elks lodge. On this occasion Governor Chamberlain, on behalf of the Portland Elks, will present Mr. Warde with a handsome stein, especially made for the presentation. Arrangements have been made for 1000 Elks to be present.

—There was a reunion of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buchanan last Saturday, in honor of their Golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan were married in England April 7, 1856, and shortly afterward started across the Atlantic for Oregon and settled on the farm which they now own, ten miles south of this city. Members of the family present at the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. William Curran and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Veatch and son, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Buchanan, Miss Mary Buchanan, John Buchanan, and William Buchanan. Andrew, a son, residing in New York was unable to be present.

—Saturday evening, James L. Pussard and family, late of Golden City, Missouri, settled in a new home a few miles southwest of Philomath. Their arrival and purchase of a farm in Oregon involves an interesting fact. On the 3rd of March, Secretary Allen answered Mr. Pussard's request for information about Benton county. The request was the result of advertising issued by the Citizens League the latter part of February. Within a little more than a month from the time the correspondence between the League secretary and the Missourian opened, Mr. Pussard had come to Benton, purchased a farm and settled with his family. He bought the farm of Fred L. Strain, near Philomath.

—Dallas Observer: J. M. Staats superintendent of construction of the Independent telephone system between Dallas and Corvallis, was in town Saturday. He is working to secure a commercial wire between these two points, and is meeting with hearty encouragement in his efforts. Corvallis and Dallas have had mutual telephone connection through party wires for several years but the demand for a purely commercial wire is now becoming of great importance. The expense of the improved service will be small, as the poles are already up. Mr. Staats found the people of Dallas wide awake to the necessity of the improvement, and received hearty promises of assistance in the enterprise.

—Miss Edna Irvine left Monday for a few days' visit in Portland.

—Miss Minnie Phillips is visiting McMinnville friends.

—Mrs. J. H. Scott of Albany, arrived Monday for a visit with Mrs. T. E. Riley.

—Mrs. J. A. Harper returned Friday from a week's visit with friends in Portland.

—Horace Brodie, '04 who has been very ill at his Portland home, is improving.

—Mrs. Chester Proebstel has returned from a month's visit in Portland.

—Miss Ryth Gatch, after a week's visit in this city, left yesterday for her home in Salem.

—A dozen friends tendered Mrs. James Harper a surprise party Saturday evening in honor of her birthday.

—Miss Winnie Ewart left Saturday for her home in Portland, after a month's visit with friends in this city.

—Prof. E. F. Pernot has so far recovered from his recent very serious illness to be able to leave his bed.

—W. K. Taylor, Robert Huston and August Hodes have been appointed appraisers of the estate of J. H. Patty deceased.

—All the teachers of the Corvallis public school are planning to attend the local institute to be held at Philomath Saturday.

—Invitations to the wedding of Logan Hays and Miss Lena Mae Nemyre have been received in this city. The marriage is to occur in Portland, April 21st.

—H. H. Veatch returned to Cottage Grove Sunday evening. Mrs. Veatch will visit relatives and friends in the vicinity for a week or so.

—Tommy—Ma, Freddy's crying 'cause I'm eating my cake and won't give him any.

—Mother—Is his cake finished?

—Tommy—Yes ma; and he cried when I was eating that, too.

—Mrs. Floyd Williams is at Toledo paying her father a farewell visit preparatory to joining her husband in the Philippines. She expects to sail from Seattle for Manila on the 28th of this month.

—Jesse Spencer's barber shop is now located next door north of Hode's gun store. The removal occurred yesterday. The room it formerly occupied is to be added to the accommodations of Small's ice cream establishment, the present facilities for which, are cramped.

—Eugene Guard: President Campbell of the U. of O. is arranging for a meeting of college representatives of the Northwest in April to discuss the adoption of Rugby football in the larger institutions of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and at any rate to revise the present intercollegiate rules.

—A copy of the Little Rock Gazette, published at the capitol of Arkansas, announces that the candidate for state treasurer is likely to be J. L. Yates. The man is a cousin of J. F. Yates of this city, and strange to say, is a rock-ribbed democrat, as is all the Yates tribe in Arkansas. The present incumbent of the state treasurer's office in that state is a brother-in-law of the new aspirant.

—A system of improvements is in progress in the First National bank. W. O. Heckart arrived yesterday from Eugene to superintend the work. The changes involve an extension of the counters, wire caging and other changes to add to the convenience and facilities of this large and important establishment. A week or more will be required to complete the task.

—Mrs. Ackert lives near a little town in the northern part of New York state where the farmers bring butter and eggs to the country store to exchange for tea, sugar, and other commodities. One day Ackert brought some butter in pound lumps to exchange for calico. The grocer weighed the lumps.

—"Mrs. Ackert," he said, "this butter doesn't weigh a pound."

—"Can't help that," snapped the lady. "I weighed it by a pound of soap I got here last Friday."

—Albany Herald: J. R. Wyatt went to Corvallis yesterday afternoon, where last evening he appeared before the city council to arrange for a transfer of the old water company's plant to the city. The company has an offer for the sale of the plant to another city and is ready to transfer the machinery, unless the city wishes to acquire the plant. As the city's new water system will not be ready before the first of July, the removal of the old company's plant would leave Corvallis in a bad condition, and it is thought the council will act promptly and acquire the old plant.

—Up in Eugene there is talk of starting a third daily newspaper. Both of the two excellent dailies already there opposed public ownership of the water works in the late water works election. For three weeks during the campaign a small daily was issued in opposition to them. The fight was very bitter and at the end, public ownership won by a majority of more than 300. The agitation for the new daily was begun last Saturday when pledges of subscription were sought among the municipal ownership people.

WATER TALK.

Lawyers Want Water Board to buy old Plant—Fischer Writes a Letter.

The air is thick with rumors as to the old water company and the new mountain system. It is told on the street that the old company has sold the plant and that it is to be shipped away. At a meeting of the Water Board last night Attorney J. R. Wyatt of the law firm of Weatherford & Wyatt, of Albany, and W. E. Yates, of Vancouver, Washington, were business visitors. Both made brief speeches accompanying a written offer that the Corvallis Water Company made for a sale of its plant to the city. The proposition of the company was that it would sell its works to the city for \$10,000, delivery to be made June 1st, or for \$8,000 with delivery August 1st.

The remarks of Mr. Wyatt and Mr. Yates, who appeared as attorneys for the old company had particular bearing on the offer. They said as to terms of payment that these could be so arranged as not to be embarrassing to the city. They said that the pipes and pumping station would be of value to the city in its system and that their purchase by the city Water Board would seem to be advisable.

Mr. Yates stated also that the plant had been deeded to a man who was a resident of another state, and that if there came to be a contest as to rights in the premises, he and his client would not come to Benton to litigate, but that they would try the thing out in "another court."

In reply to the lawyers, President Avery of the Water Board, answered briefly that the matter of the purchase of the plant had long been considered by the committee, and that a special committee of the board had spent much time in negotiations, but with unsatisfactory results, because of the large compensation demanded by the owners for the property. He said further that the report of Engineer Miller showed that on account of the heavy pressure of the new plant the old pipes would be of little or no value in the new system. The Board, he continued, had placed its order for pipe for the local distribution system and that all of it would be soon on the ground. Practically all of the appropriation for the new water works would be consumed in construction work, and there would be nothing left for purchase of the old plant. The outlook, he concluded, is not favorable for the water committee to make much, if any investment in the old plant.

Of interest in the same connection is, that a little more than a week ago, Clerk Kline was notified by the old company that an offer had been received for the old plant, and that if the offer were accepted the pumping station had to be on the cars by April 15th. The announcement was accompanied by a statement that if the Water Board wanted to buy the property it would have to act at once.

What all these things mean, nobody knows. Mr. Yates left for Vancouver today, and Attorney Wyatt for Albany this morning. No deed conveying the property to anybody has been filed for record, though it has leaked out that one was actually executed late yesterday afternoon. Who the party is that is named in the deed, or where he resides, is not known.

In the meantime, no water bills for the current month have been collected, as is usually done, and a great many people are wondering. If the old plant is to actually be dismantled and carted away.

Another incident of interest in connection with the whole matter, is that at last night's meeting the Water Board received a communication from August Fischer, inquiring what provision had been made by the city for remuneration for water taken by the city from Rock Creek, which, he said, would materially decrease the flow of water through his race and interfere to a considerable extent with the operation of the Corvallis Flouring mills at the low water season. All these things have become public on the street, and have been much discussed throughout the day.

—Reverend Moses, McCaustland and Ellison returned Monday from attendance at the District Conference of the M. E. church South, held last week at Junction. They report the past year as a very prosperous one for their denomination.

—There are five cases of typhoid fever in Corvallis now. Three are at the home of W. H. Dilley where a mother and two sons are ill with the disease. The boys are, Max, aged 13, and Irl, aged 11. The mother is convalescent. The two boys are in the early stages of the disease. A fourth case is at the G. W. Fuller home, where A. J., the 18 year old son is the patient. His attack is light. The fifth victim is a three year old daughter in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stränge. She was slightly better yesterday. It continues to be of the utmost importance that every precaution be taken to prevent the spread of the disease. Boiled water, and boiled water only, the doctors say, whether from wells or from the city system, should be used. The importance of hurrying the new system to the uttermost and bringing in water from the mountains, is very patent.

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USE OF ROAD DRAGS.

In Southern Benton—Immensely Popular, They say—The Plan.

Farmers in Southern Benton think they have struck a good thing in the road drag that was a theme of discussion at the Good Roads convention held at the Corvallis court house last December. The appliance is made from a trunk of a tree, say eight feet in length. It should be eight inches in diameter, and oak, fir, ash, or any other kind may be used. It is split in halves and framed so that the two pieces stand on edge, with the split side to the front. The forward piece is shod with a plate of quarter inch iron so that its edge while in use will not wear away. This simple device dragged occasionally over the road has, they say, remarkable results. It fills the holes and reduces the road to a condition of smoothness that is surprising. It can be so slanted while in operation that it will throw such of the dirt as is loose to the center or to the outside. Those who use it say that for its purpose no road machine does so much with so little effort.

On R. F. D. route number 4, a dozen of these drags are in use. Farmers along the route have built them, and whenever it seems to be necessary they send out the drag and work the road for an hour or two with the result that the smoothest highways in the county are said to be in the neighborhoods where this practice is followed. Among the farmers who are following the plan are, Rich McBae, Jesse Porter, R. S. Irwin, J. S. Watkins, E. Dinges, S. S. Henkle, M. S. Darby, Jesse Porter, Peter Rickard, J. W. Jones, W. W. Starr, Ed Buchanan and J. C. Buchanan.

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New line ribbons just received at the Bazaar.

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Embroidery Lessons.

Mrs. M. P. Burnett will give lessons in Eyelet Embroidery Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at her residence.

Ind. phone No 202. Bell phone No 135.

Lame Back.

This ailment is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and may be cured by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm two or three times a day and rubbing the parts vigorously at each application. If this does not afford relief bind on a piece of flannel slightly dampened with Pain Balm, and quick relief is almost sure to follow. For sale by Graham & Wertham.

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