

LOCAL LORE.

—The German Lutheran congregation will hold their regular service again Sunday at the Presbyterian church at 2 P. M. All are welcome.

—Albany Democrat: T. E. Armstrong, the walnut promoter, went to Corvallis this morning to talk walnuts to Benton county people.

—R. A. Thrasher left yesterday for his farm in Linn county after several days visit with his brother, Cal. Thrasher, of this city.

—Miss Florence Wicks, who has had a month's vacation, returns to Portland today to resume her duties as nurse in the Good Samaritan hospital.

—M. M. Long has become the agent for the Victor talking machine. Melodious strains may be heard issuing from his establishment at all times of the day and night.

—Twenty members of the Y. M. C. A. of O. A. C. left today for Eugene, where they went to attend the Y. M. C. A. State Convention. Delegates are to be present from all the associations of Oregon.

—One of the big \$50 prizes to be given away at the All-Benton School fair next year is to be given to the pupil that has the best exhibit, based on excellence of the display at the age of the pupil. A \$25 photograph and \$5 worth of records will be a second prize in the same class.

—News was received at the college this morning of the death of Wallace Atwood Thompson at his home in Echo, Umatilla county, yesterday evening at five o'clock. Mr. Thompson graduated with the '16 class at O. A. C. He was a very popular young student. The cause of his death was consumption and heart failure.

—The work on the Wils building, near the college, is nearing completion. The wiring was finished some time ago and the plastering will be completed in a few days. The building is to have 27 rooms in it and will accommodate about 40 students. The lessee will have no trouble in filling the building with students. This building, which at one time stood upon a prominent site on college hill will no longer be recognized as the same structure. The work of remodeling will be finished by the first of the year.

—It had been planned for the big school fair next year to encircle the entire court house block with a row of electric lights but ten feet apart and to fill the trees on the grounds with hundreds of incandescents producing an effect like that at the Lewis and Clark. The Electric Light Company had donated the lights for the purpose. It had also been planned to have a row of lights leading along Main street to the court house, but the action of the county court denying consent for the use of the courthouse for exhibition purposes has knocked the plan in the head. The illumination would have been a very attractive feature of the big school fair.

—Among those who went to Salem from O. A. C. to attend the funeral of Clay Shepard were T. W. Shaw, C. C. Clark, A. G. Bouquet, C. C. Cate, D. G. Thayer, John Schroeder, the last five mentioned with J. C. Clark of Portland, acted as pall-bearers. It was a most impressive funeral, Mr. Shepard, having arranged most of his service before his death. He selected the Scriptures and named the pall-bearers, besides other details. A profusion of flowers were placed on the grave, among them were pieces sent from the Y. M. C. A. of the O. A. C. and the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church of this city of which he was an active member while in college.

—Geo. E. Cole was found dead in a Portland hotel Monday night. He was postmaster in Corvallis in 1858, was a delegate from Washington to congress in 1866, was governor of Washington territory in 1868 and was postmaster at Portland. He has of late been a resident of Fairview, Washington.

—The minister's wife was busily engaged one afternoon mending clothes when a neighbor called for a friendly chat. After a few moments of news and gossip the caller remarked, as she began to inspect a basket of miscellaneous buttons, "You seem to be unusually well supplied with buttons of all kinds. Why there's one like my husband had on his last winter's suit." "Indeed," said the minister's wife with a slight smile. "Well all these buttons were found in the contribution box, and I thought I might as well make some use of them."

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to Washington to secure the senatorial endorsement of the bargain he had made.

What took place at this conference with Senators Fulton and Mitchell is clearly set down in a most remarkable letter. It bears the date of January 18, 1904, and at the top of the first page, in the handwriting of Senator Mitchell, is the warning: "Strictly confidential."

The letter, which was sent to Brownell, covers four typewritten pages. The important part of the communication is here given, as follows:

"My Dear Senator and Friend: I have received your several dispatches since Hall left Portland, and since he arrived here, and both Senator Fulton and myself have done everything in our power to protect you, and also Campbell, who is also under the ban of Greene and others as we learn to our very great surprise and regret—and without going into particulars I think I have been able to so arrange matters as to protect you both.

"Of course, Friend Brownell, this letter is to you in the strictest confidence. The best way for the present is to drop all talk about the district attorneyship and let the matter rest just precisely as it stands for the present. Both Fulton and I have, for the purpose of fully protecting your interests, gone very much further in a certain direction than we ever supposed we would. I cannot explain fully to you until I see you just what I mean.

"Hall leaves this evening for home. My advice would be for you to say nothing to him whatever, unless he says something to you. Just let the matter drift for the present. This is all important.

"Faithfully and sincerely your friend,

Signed, J. H. MITCHELL.

"I have read the above and fully concur in it.

Signed, C. W. FULTON.

As to the letter, Collier's article says:

"What Senator Fulton thinks of the significance of this letter may be inferred from the fact that on the fourth day of January, 1906, Senator Fulton's brother, by appointment, met the recipient of the letter and offered him \$500 for it. When Brownell did not produce it G. Clyde Fulton warned him in this language:

"If you have given up the correspondence of Mitchell and my brother it will be your ruin, and you will be a traitor and an outcast."

The article charges that Senator Fulton intends taking advantage of senatorial courtesy to continue to thwart the wishes of the president, who desires the confirmation of Bristol, and in conclusion says:

"While the responsibility rests on the senate as a whole, the direct burden must be borne by two members of the committee on judiciary, Senators Fosaker and Klittridge. They know what manner of man is their colleague from Oregon. Yet they gave ear to Senator Fulton and refused to report the nomination which President Roosevelt had made to secure the prosecution of the criminals engaged in stealing the public domains of the United States.

Portland, Or., Dec. 4.—Evening Journal: Though declared dead 20 years ago, Thomas Johnson, 92 years old, is still alive at the county poor house, where he has lived since his alleged death. For 20 years Johnson maintained a sphinx-like silence on the subject of his going to the county home for the poor, but told his story to the grand jury when it investigated the county institutions recently.

"I was sick at the Good Samaritan hospital more than 20 years ago," said Johnson. "I went into a kind of a trance and the doctors said I was dead. I was conscious of what was going on around me, but couldn't move or speak.

"They put me in a coffin, loaded the coffin onto a truck and started me out to the poor farm to be buried. I knew I was going to be buried, but was helpless. I tried all the way out to the poor house to move, but couldn't."

"As the truck was being driven

through the gate at the poor farm one of the wheels struck against a gatepost and the shock woke me up. The lid of the coffin was only tacked on and I pushed it off easily. The driver got down to close the gate.

"When he climbed up over the wheel to his seat I pushed the lid of the coffin off and sat up. The driver saw me, let out a whoop and started to run. Nobody ever saw that driver again, but several years later they captured a maniac in the mountains over in Tillamook county. People said that maniac was the driver who took me to the poor house in a coffin.

When the driver ran away I got up on the seat and drove the team up to the poorhouse and I have been out here ever since.

Johnson says he is a veteran of the civil war; that he was formerly in business in Portland; that he was at one time a justice of the peace and at another a constable. He has no relatives in the city as far as is known.

Portland, Dec. 2.—Oregonian: For about ten minutes late yesterday afternoon Mount Hood took on the glistening pink glow of the sunset and held all spectators spellbound by the glorious beauty of its coloring. It is not an unusual thing to see the mountain reflecting the pink and red of the sun, but there was a delicious shading and mellowness about it yesterday which caused artists to gaze in adoration, and common, every-day individuals to stop and wonder at the beauty of it.

There have been no successful pictures of Mount Hood showing this wonderful coloring, as a reproduction appears grossly unnatural and lacks the transparent lighting. At sunset the changes are rapid, and there will be brief instances when the effect is that of a spot light turned upon the peak. As the sun dropped below the horizon yesterday, the blue mists crept up from the timber line, gradually enveloping the mountain, until at last the glowing tip was submerged and old Hood again stood out in the steel-blue coldness of a winter's day.

"Where in this country—or any other country—would one see such a sight as that!" enthusiastically sighed a nature-loving spectator.

"Nowhere but in Oregon," replied the practical real estate man who made one of a group. "If I had had that party of Eastern customers on Council Crest just then I could have sold every lot on my list!"

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