

**LOCAL LORE.**

—O. J. Blackledge went to Portland yesterday on a business trip.  
 —District number 22 has levied a special road tax of seven miles.  
 —The annual election of officers of Corvallis Lodge 14 A. F. & A. M. occurs on Dec. 19th. Installation will be held Dec. 27th.

—Miss Fay Hill who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Trine for the last few days, returned to Portland yesterday.

—Thomas Leese and wife left for the metro,olis Monday for a few days visit.

—Mrs. Will Buoy of Portland, left Monday after a few days visit with the family of E. J. Harrington.

—All members of the Maccabees are requested to be present at lodge Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. sharp.

—“You’re such a wretched writer, it’s a wonder you wouldn’t get a typewriting machine.”  
 “I would, only that would show what a miserable speller I am.”

—The report of the death of Wallace Thompson was false and his many friends here are glad to learn that he is much improved.

—The dance given at the college Friday night in honor of the football boys was enjoyed by all who attended. Those who had it in charge were the Philadelphians, Feronians, Zetegathian and Utopians.

—Stanley Herbert who graduated with 'ot class at O. A. C. and who has been located in Orland California for the last three years with a civil engineering corps came up a few days ago for a visit with his parents. He expects to remain until after the holidays.

—Don't forget the social and sale of fancy articles and candies at the F. L. Miller home Wednesday afternoon December 19th. The home made candies will sustain the enviable reputation of the Presbyterian ladies in this line.

—A divorce complaint has been filed with the county clerk entitled Rose Armstrong vs. Fred J. Armstrong. The parties were married in Benton county in September 1903, and the cause assigned for dissolution of the marriage are habitual drunkenness and failure to support.

—The first of the free boys suits that S. L. Kline is giving away was drawn Saturday evening by Master Kenneth Hunter. This is an unequalled opportunity for every boy in Corvallis to get a suit free, and every boy should take advantage of it.

—The insurance companies have paid eighty per cent of the losses in San Francisco. One company that made an elegant record had losses aggregating more than nine millions. As soon as its vaults could be opened it began settling and at the end of 77 days had settled more than eight millions of its losses, making an average of more than \$100,000 a day. It was the London & Lancashire, represented by S. L. Kline of this city.

—Dan Pullen, a Pacific Coast l'd announced in the Brooklyn Eagle as tackle on the all American football team, and is accredited with being the best man in America in the position. He played with the University of Washington team as a guard on the O. A. C. field in 1903 when the Washington men won by a score of five to naught. He played with Washington as tackle against O. A. C. at Seattle in 1904 when the O. A. C. men won 26 to 5, and again last year in the same position when O. A. C. won 15 to 0. He played right tackle this year on the West Point team and the Eagle says outplayed every man he went against.

**JERRY FROM KERRY.**

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A show that will amuse the young and old, a show that is recommended by the clergy, press, and public of two countries, a show that carries a superior uniformed concert band and orchestra, the show that made a hit in Corvallis last season. Next Saturday will mark the return to our city of a favorite theatrical company, one that presents all that is clean, refined, and moral in high class comedy. To those who wish to enjoy a clean, sparkling, wholesome entertainment and excellent music Jerry from Kerry is certainly a treat. The seat sale opens Thursday morning, prices 25, 35, 50, and 75.

—The Coffee Club dance occurs Friday evening of this week.

—The windows will all be in the new post office building in a few days.

—The E. W. S. Pratt jewelry store is undergoing a change. A new glass front is being put in which will give the store an up-to-date appearance.

—Officers elected by the Rebekahs Monday evening were: N. G., Lulu Spangler; V. G., Margaret Fowells; sec., Maud Hayes; treas., Fannie Oren; finan. sec., Emily Henkle.

—Telephone companies each have forces of men at work in Corvallis in various capacities and the improvements give the city a progressive air. Much money is going into circulation from these sources.

—The dance given Friday evening by the Gamma Delta Phi fraternity boys was one of the most successful events of the season. The hall was prettily adorned with hundreds of college pennants, cosy corners, couches, rugs, etc., and the guests numbered fifty. The members of the fraternity are, Charles Watts, Car Stabinger, J. n. Lingaas, Chancey Harding, Roy Nichols, Mr. Cropp and Warren Baroel.

—At the city council last night it was determined to allow the electric light company but two-thirds of the charge for street lighting on the ground that the lights are but two-thirds as good as those furnished by J. M. Porter. A settlement was affected with Mrs. Thomas whose husband was killed by a cavein on the water ditch. She is to be paid \$450 besides the \$50 paid for funeral expenses.

—A farmer had a horse and was anxious to sell, and one day while driving a boarder the horse stopped so frequently as to lead the boarder to ask: “What ails your horse that he stops so often? Is he balky?” “No,” replied the farmer, “he’s all right. It’s simply he’s so darned afraid somebody will say ‘whoa,’ and he won’t hear it, that he stops to listen.”

—A decisive defeat was administered by the O. A. C. team to a Monmouth aggregation at basket ball in the college Armory, Friday evening. The score was 43 to 14. The line up of the O. A. C. men was, forwards, Reed and Swan; captain; center, Foster and Cate; guards, Rooper and Bilyeu. In the second half Benson and Spires went in at guard and Dugan Rooper at forward. There was a big crowd. The officials were Wilkins of O. A. C. and Tharp of Monmouth.

—Work on the Johnson bank building is being pushed. The north and east walls are above the windows. The pressed brick columns for support of the glass front are being put in now. Workmen are dressing the granite for use about the windows. It came from California and its non arrival caused much delay in operations on the structure. The work is prosecuted under canvass and to the layman who watches it, looks like a comfortable winter job.

—Monday night the Rebekahs held an open session at their rooms in Odd Fellows Hall, and many friends of the organization enjoyed its hospitality. A leading feature of the entertainment was agnesing contest. An elaborate wedding and bridal tour was planned by a committee, and the names of the bridal pair, attendants, places visited, persons met with on the wedding tour, scenes witnessed, etc., were indicated by the title of musical numbers rendered by various members. The degree of success in unfolding the plot depended upon one’s knowledge of the names of musical numbers rendered. So the plan of amusement served a double effect—the pleasure of a fine musical programme and the excitement of a contest. Miss Cleo Johnson was awarded first honors in the contest and S. Hart-ock captured the booby prize, a tin horn. Mr. Hartsock’s friends will be pleased to know that his Christmas festivities are to begin so far in advance. Other interesting features of the evening were an exhibition of “living pictures” and a splendid luncheon.

—All members of the Christian church are urged to be present Wednesday evening. Matters of interest to the entire congregation will be presented.

—Walter Wells, an O. A. C. graduate and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wells, of this city, left last night for Ely, Nevada, to take a position in a drugstore. The town is in the vicinity of the mining districts. Walter’s salary is \$125 per month, an advance of \$50 over the position he had in Portland.

—Mrs. C. B. King, well known in Corvallis, accompanied by her daughter, is spending the winter at Atlanta, Georgia. In letters to relatives here she says she and her daughter cannot appear on the street, or even leave the house unless accompanied by a man because of the negroes. The terror in which white women live in there as a result of the assaults by black men is almost intolerable, according to her accounts. People in the Northern states are hardly competent to pass judgment on the acts of Southern men when they inflict condign punishment on the black rapists.

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morning and investigate the cause of death. The Burnett family is highly respectable and came here from Iowa or Minnesota several years ago.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 7.—A mass of testimony tending to shatter the defense of insanity was introduced by the prosecution today in the Sidney Sloane murder trial. Schoolmates and playmates of the defendant, men who worked with Sidney in the mines, former employes of the Sloan-Paine company and business men of Spokane were of one accord in stating that although the defendant was ugly, vicious and lazy, yet his actions were never such as to indicate the youth was not sane.

The calling of George St. Clair, a timber locator and formerly engaged on contract work at the Snowstorm mine, where Sidney was employed, caused a clash between witness and Attorney Robertson, in which the statement was made that Mr. St. Clair had received the impression in an interview with Mr. Robertson that he could have been used as a witness for the defense providing he could make certain changes in his testimony.

Thomas Johnson, convicted of manslaughter and now out on bonds awaiting the supreme court’s action on his appeal, was one of the important witnesses. Mr. Johnson testified as to Sidney’s actions in the county jail while he and the defendant were cellmates.

Attorney Robertson made another futile effort to have the court grant him permission to have Sidney examined by an expert to ascertain his sanity. Thomas Johnson was on the stand when Mr. Robertson renewed the request, which has been denied several times.

“I object to this witness testifying, because we have denied the privilege of having an expert examine this defendant,” said Mr. Robertson. “I will ask the court at this time to order the sheriff to grant me permission to have a physician make a medical examination of the defendant for the purpose of giving us an opportunity to introduce rebuttal testimony.”

Classmates testified that Young Sloane drank heavily while in high school, and that failure in studies was due to dissipation rather than lack of brains. J. M. Esty, son of a councilman, testified:

“I am here against my will, summoned by the state. Sidney Sloane was my friend, and I have tried to make my self believe he was insane, but I have been unable to recall one single insane act.”

Many other playmates and classmates testified to the boy’s sanity, and showed that dissipation and degeneracy were the chief causes of his failure in studies. The defendant was really on trial today, father and mother being left out of the testimony. Charlie Riemer, classmate, testified that Sidney came to the high school repeatedly with bloodshot eyes and breath tainted with liquor, and admitted he was “out” the night before.

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