

Greatest of all Cash Sales AT F. L. MILLER'S

Will begin Wednesday January 2nd 1907. Offering bargains in every department. And as is our custom we will make this one of the BARGAINS events of the year. Space will not permit to quote prices on every article in the BIG STORE. But will remind you that it is a genuine sale. And everything goes at reduced prices.

DRY GOODS

- 10c Outing Flannel at.....8 1/2c
- 12 1/2c do do10c
- 1 lot colored dress goods25
- 1 lot do do35
- 1 lot \$1 do60
- 54 in navy and green homespun45
- 54 in blue ladies clothe45
- 15c silkoleen10
- 12 1/2c do09
- Extra heavy mixed shirting 20c grades goes at 12c

Men and Boys Clothing

- \$10 mens suits reduced.....\$ 7 95
 - \$15 do do\$12.00
 - \$16.50 do do\$13.25
 - \$20.00 do do\$16.00
 - \$2.50 boys suits reduced to.....\$ 1.95
 - \$3.00 do\$2.25
 - \$3.50 do\$2.95
 - \$4.50 do\$3.45
- Youths clothing is included in this sale

20 yards good calico \$1:00
Extra on Table Linen and Napkins

THE GREAT KLAMATH BASIN

Of Southern Oregon and Northern California
Is a country of wonderful resources now being rapidly developed by the government's irrigation system and by railroad building.

The Klamath Reclamation Project,

Undertaken by the United States involves the expenditure of about Five Million Dollars. It comprises two distinct systems—the Lower Project, now building, of which Klamath Falls is the distributing point, and

The Upper Klamath Project

Of which Bonanza is the Metropolis. The government has announced that work on the Upper Project will begin as soon as possible in the Spring of 1907. This means that

Bonanza

will grow as Klamath Falls has grown; that a million dollars paid as wages to government laborers will be spent in Bonanza; that 65,000 acres tributary to Bonanza, will be brought under irrigation and farmed in small holdings. Bonanza has other important resources—vast pine forests; an empire of dry-farming and grazing lands; great springs of pure water.

Bowne Addition

is practically Bonanza. The original townsite consists of but a few blocks.

The Bonanza Improvement Company

Owns Bowne Addition, much of the original townsite and 2500 acres of farming land surrounding the town. To raise money for important improvements it is offering lots, for a short time at very low prices.

F. H. Thompson, the company's agent will visit Corvallis in a few days.

Bonanza Improvement Company.

Roy Hamaker, Vice President,
H. L. Holgate, Secretary.

Klamath Falls, Oregon.

LOCAL LORE.

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

—Mrs. John Smith entertained the Ladies Whist Club at her home Wednesday afternoon.

—John Withycombe left yesterday for a visit with his parents in Portland.

—Mrs. F. Berchtold and little daughter are again at Cauthorn Hall, after an absence of four months at Bellingham, Wash.

—William Leadbetter was on the streets yesterday for the first time after a month's siege of erysipelas.

—C. R. Prague of Salem is visiting his cousin, R. L. Whitehead at Cauthorn Hall. Mr. Prague is an attendant at the state hospital for the insane.

—Albany Democrat—If the O.A.C. basket ball team can clean out the entire Northwest on strange courts and poor hotel fare, what can't they do on their own court.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Porter are home after a sojourn of several weeks in Portland. Their son Fred, is now in the employ of the Mt. Hood Electrical Company.

—There is very little loss in this vicinity as a result of the recent high water. The only stock drowned about here so far as known, was 16 head of sheep owned by George Brown.

—Corvallis Lyceum course, 3rd Entertainment: The Lenora Jackson Co., Opera House, Wednesday Jan. 16. Box office at Graham & Wortham's, opens for benefit of holders of season tickets Monday, Jan. 14, 8 a. m.

NEW ADS TODAY.

Dayton Bros. eye specialist Hotel Corvallis Jan 13, 14, 14 until noon. Eyes examined free.

LOST—A child's gold seal ring engraved with the letter I. Finder please leave at Times office.

Dayton Bros. eye specialists Hotel Corvallis Sun. Mon. and Tues. until noon. Examination free.

REAL ESTATE
We have opened an office over the First National Bank, where we are prepared to handle all kinds of City property for sale also good farms, stock ranches, small tracts, near the City. If you can't find what you want come in and see us, and talk it over. McHenry & Price. Corvallis, Oregon.

LOST on Main street Monday a pair of gloves. Finder please leave same at this office.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE a good flock of sheep, 105 ewes 40 yearlings the rest are 2 and 3 years old price is \$5.75 per head. C. Minatti, Ind. phone, Alesia, Oregon.

FOR SALE. A windmill, tower and 2500 gallon redwood tank. Inquire at Corvallis sawmill.

FOR SALE mill and timber, sawmill and 80 acres fine timber for sale. Easy terms. Inquire B. F. Totten, R. 2 Corvallis, Oregon.

FOR SALE, an organ. Inquire of Mrs Wicks, Corvallis.

FOR SALE a choice set of Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels. Independent phone 292. Lewis F. Wilson College Hill, Corvallis, Oregon.

WANTED.

WANTED. Two more car loads of vetch seed for Spring delivery. Vetch hay. For sale or trade a 6 year old horse, clean clover seeds, and all kinds of farm seeds. see samples at Welsler & Gray's store. L. L. Brooks.

LOST.

LOST in Jobs Addition, a chain of gold beads with cross attached. Leave at Times office.

BEST BREAD and pastry can be obtained at Starr's Bakery.

LOST between Lobster and Inavale a large Holstein Jersey cow. The animal has an injured eye. Robin Norwood, Harrisburg, Oregon.

DON'T FORGET the auction sale each Saturday at the Red Front Barn.

—A marriage license was granted yesterday to Nathaniel H. Attig and Frances G. Walton.

—The new plate glass front of the building to be used as an extension to Nolan & Son's store, is about completed, and corresponds very closely with the front of the main store. The recent improvement adds much to that part of Main street.

—Mr. and Mrs. Feadall of Five Rivers, who have been attending their daughter, Miss Lou, during the latter's illness in Corvallis, on their return Wednesday, Miss Lou has so far recovered as to accompany them. They went by way of the south road to Alesia.

—'What's all the row in your house Tommy?' asked the neighbor of the small boy.

'Why, Ma's canning fruit,' explained Tommy, with an apprehensive glance toward the window from which poured the sound of angry voices, 'an' Pa's food inspector you know, an' he is trying to tell her how she ought to do her work.'

MIDWINTER MEETING OF BOARD.

President Gatch Resigned, but Invited by Board to Remain in Faculty.

The formal resignation of Thomas Milton Gatch as president of the college was tendered the board of regents at a meeting held in the president's office Wednesday night. The resignation was accepted to take effect at the annual meeting to take place the coming July. By unanimous vote Dr. Gatch was invited to accept the chair of economics and civics, which he has filled during his incumbency in the presidency. The invitation was extended after several addresses commendatory of the work of Dr. Gatch as president, and of his extraordinary record as an educator.

No notice was given by the retiring president of his purpose to accept the unanimous invitation of the board to remain in the faculty, but it is believed that he will do so. He was recently elected to a fellowship in the Carnegie Foundation, with a retiring allowance of \$1,000 a year, but as it involves a complete retirement from active work as an educator, a veteran of more than 50 years in the field, still vigorous and active, is not likely to desire a lapse into required idleness. The chair of civics and economics to which Dr. Gatch is invited, he has filled during the ten years he has been president of the college, and the subject is one in which he is a versatile and extraordinarily attractive lecturer. No steps were taken for filling the vacancy in the presidency, beyond the fact that adjournment was taken subject to the call of the president of the board. A meeting will probably transpire shortly after the adjournment of the legislature.

The legislature is to be asked for \$125,000 in appropriations. The sum was voted unanimously. There were expressions of regret by the board members that so large a sum should be asked for, but there seemed no other alternative. The shops are no longer nor no better equipped now with a student attendance of 800 than when the enrollment was 300. There has been no enlargement in more than ten years, and the erection of a new one-story shops on the northwest corner of the campus according to the plans prepared by Prof. Covell will be provided for if possible, and the Mechanical hall building be given up to class rooms and laboratories entirely.

The fact that 150 to 200 students are unable to gain admittance to chapel exercises because there is no room for them is another lack of facility that the board is attempting to meet. An addition to the Administration building on a plan not yet adopted, is proposed. A new barn together with the provision for the purchase of more ground are also involved in the request for state aid.

The other work of the board meeting was largely routine. A report from the executive committee showed that the Union experiment station for the past 18 months has been conducted on a profit of \$1500. The receipts were, \$3,617, the expenditures \$3,569 and \$1,500 worth of seed grown on the farm is on hand. The station superintendent now is Robert Withycombe of Corvallis. His salary was recently advanced to \$1200 per year on account of his very meritorious work. The showing in grass experiment at the station is represented as extraordinary.

BLESSED ARE THE POOR.

Tax Levies for the Year—A Few Comparisons.

The county court held an adjourned session Wednesday and with other business transacted made the

county levy. Notification of the state levy was received some time previously and the time limit for all special road and school levies to be reported has expired. The tax situation for the year can therefore be figured out pretty closely.

The amount of state tax to be raised in Benton county is \$20,705, and for this purpose a levy of 4.8 mills is made on a property valuation of \$4,533,215. In 1905 the total valuation of Benton county assessable property was \$4,228,250 and the state levy was 3.2 mills. The property valuation this year is \$304,965 greater than last year, and the present state levy is 1.6 mills greater than last year.

The county levy is 11.4 mills as follows—for general purposes, 5.5; school, 3.8 mills, road, 2 mills; total state and county, 16.2 mills. This road tax, however, is not applicable in incorporated towns as in Corvallis and Philomath. In these there is a levy by the council for street work in lieu of road tax. County general, road and library levies are same as last year.

In the city of Corvallis the levy for general purposes is 5 mills, and for street fund 2 mills. The levy of 5 mills for general purposes seems to be a fixed rate in this city. That is the maximum allowed by the charter and it has been many years since there has been a lower rate. The total valuation of assessable property in Corvallis is \$790,000. Last year it was \$786,930, an increase of \$3,070. For the general fund the levy will raise \$3,950; for street fund, \$1,580; total, \$5,530. The levy in the city of Philomath is 12 mills.

In addition to the regular levies, as above, there are special levies by school and road districts. Following are the special levies by school districts:

No.	School.	Mills.
9	Corvallis	4.0
23	Bellfountain	10.0
25	Monroe	5
34	Fairmount	10.0
36	Summit	4.5
43		2.0
50	Bruce	2.0
94		2.0

Following are the special levies in road districts:

District	Mills
2	5
12	5
13	10
15	4
16	2
18	5
22	7
24	3

In the city of Corvallis the tax will be, for

State	Mills
County, general	4.8
School	5.5
Library fund	3.8
Total City	0.1
Special School	7.0
	4.0
Total	25.2

Real Estate Transfers.

United States to James Barrett, 160 acres northwest of Corvallis.

Frank Haller and wife to Mary E. Taylor, 40 acres near Albany, \$1.

John D. Wilcox to Edward F. Merrill, 80 acres near Blodgett, \$10.

John D. Wilcox to E. W. Langdon, 240 acres near Blodgett, \$100.

Bentley Realty Co. to J. D. Wilcox, 320 acres near Blodgett, \$1000.

T. A. Jackson, by sheriff, to E. R. Bryson et al, 19 acres east of Monroe, \$3.

J. C. Perrin and wife to M. and E. Handshaw, 205 acres near Bellfountain, \$4100.

Charles L. Odell to M. B. Rankin, 120 acres southwest of Philomath, \$2240.

Ernest Snyder to M. B. Rankin, 160 acres southwest of Philomath, \$2240.

C. W. Wilkins to M. B. Rankin, 342 acres southwest of Philomath, \$4480.

Fred E. Simeral to M. B. Rankin, 120 acres southwest of Philomath, \$2240.

C. W. Wilkison et al to M. B. Rankin, 160 acres southwest of Corvallis, \$2240.

M. P. Burnett, sheriff, to R. E. L. Brown, 320 acres northwest of Corvallis, \$18.

Annie Troxel and heirs to S. A. Fieener, 80 acres near Blodgett, \$1.

H. Hirschberg to Benton County Lumber Co 80 acres southwest of Philomath, \$1.

U. S. to J. W. Barker, 160 acres west of Bellfountain.

E. Gant and hus. to Marion Lytle, 1 lot in Browns addition Philomath, \$200.

E. C. Mason to G. C. Peek, two acres in Alesia, \$25.

Orilla Peters et al. to G. C. Peek, 20 acres in Alesia, \$1

O. & C. R. R. Co. to Daisy S. Peterson, 40 acres south of Philomath, \$200.

U. S. to Chas. Hodge, 160 acres in Kings Valley.

Wm. Bogue, executor, to W. H. Waggoner, 10 acres in Kings Valley, \$20.

Chas. Hodge to M. J. Cameron, 160 acres northwest of Corvallis, \$10.

FOOLED THE CAT.

Strange Freak of Electric Lights—The Damaging Sequel.

The other night about 9 o'clock a couple of nearly grown boys stood near the new bank building. A stray cat essayed to take advantage of the shadowy conditions brought about by the caterpillar of the Electric Light Company, and walked boldly down Main street. As the cat neared a point in front of F. L. Miller's store, in some unaccountable manner a few extra volts of electric fluid escaped from the power house at Albany and cast a mellow glow upon the scene. It was not a bright light, but even that surprised the cat to such an extent that it became bewildered, and, again, it was sufficient to disclose the cat to view. A spirit of mischief seized the boys and one of them grasped a boulder and hurled it with great force in the direction of the astonished animal. The missile narrowly missed Clarence Chipman, who stood upon the sidewalk, and passed on through the glass door of the Miller store, making a round break eight inches in diameter. The momentary glare also revealed the boys to Mr. Chipman but it was no of sufficient duration to permit a detailed message from the optic nerve to the brain, hence Mr. Chipman is not able to identify the persons responsible for the accident.

SPIRIT MESSAGES.

Tell Widow to Pay Debts That Never Existed During the Life of Husband.

An attempt at blackmailing Mrs. John M. Bloss, widow of an ex-president of OAC, is told in the following dispatches from Muncie, Indiana, in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch of December 30th: "That an attempt is being made to blackmail the widow of John M. Bloss, former state superintendent of public instruction, is the latest theory of friends and relatives who have received, on heart shaped slates, supposed 'spirit messages' from Bloss.

The several messages thus received have all been of one tenor—that Mrs. Bloss should give up certain sums of money alleged to be due several persons from Bloss. Thus far all the persons save one indicated by the 'messages' say that Bloss did not owe them a cent and that, as far as they are concerned, the writing on the mysterious slates is untrue.

Mrs. Bloss, who lives alone on her country estate, save for servants to be for awhile, alarmed by the writing, but now has come to believe as the others, that an interested person is the writer of the messages, and has lent her aid to authorities who are trying to unravel the mystery.

'One of the mysterious slates was found on the doorstep at the home of Harvey West, now trustee of Hamilton township. In effect it was as follows:

'When I left the office of trustee of Hamilton township I was deeply in debt to the township. Tell my wife and she will pay you. John M. Bloss.

Mr. West says he has examined the township books and finds that Mr. Bloss died without owing the community a cent.

'George Sheets, an intimate friend of Bloss and a business partner of his, found a message similar to the following inscribed on the slate left at his door:

'I took pecuniary advantage of you in several trades in which we were interested jointly. Find out the amounts and I will pay you. John M. Bloss.

'Mr. Sheets says that he and Bloss had traded together for many years and had many ideas in common, but that Mr. Bloss was strictly honest and at death was not in debt to him a dollar.

Other messages left in various places were of similar purport, all containing demands for money. One of these was left at the home of a man who had been a tenant on one of the Bloss farms, but who had been discharged. This message said that Mr. Bloss had treated the tenant unfairly, but that Mrs. Bloss would make it all right with him. A message similar in sentiment was received by Mrs. Bloss, and the tenant came to her with the slate he had received.'