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—Mrs. Gertrude McElfresh of Salem arrived Monday to attend the funeral of Arthur Belknap. She expects to return Sunday.

—The estate of Thomas J. Wright has been finally settled and the administratrix discharged. Dr. Wright died in 1875.

—On account of the death of Arthur Belknap the picnic to have been given by the Amicitia society Saturday has been postponed.

—Caroline Hayes has filed her fifth semi-annual statement in the estate of James Hayes, June 8th has been fixed as date for final settlement.

—June 8th has been appointed as the time for showing cause why lots one and two in block seventeen in this city should not be sold for the benefit of the guardianship estate of Gertrude Seckler.

—A carload of cattle from the John Foster farm was shipped to Portland yesterday. They were bought by George Brown at figures that have not been made public. They were a very fine lot of cattle, as are all of Mr. Foster's shipments.

—The following real estate transfers have been filed for record: Harry C. Kemery and wf. to Nicholas Wetter 81 acres North of Corvallis, \$2000. B. R. Woldt to Bertha Woldt 3 lots in block 3, \$1. C. L. Blakeslee and wf. to G. Covel two lots in block one. Hofman, s add. \$1250. M. C. Miller et ux to E. B. Thompson 4 lots in blk 27 and two lots in blk 32. \$1. V. A. and Peter Miller to Frank Lucas 160 acres S. W. of Philomath. \$5000.

—J. E. Farmer, who retired the first of the month from his position as agent of the Southern Pacific at Corvallis, has as yet no plans for the future, but will take a needed rest, having been in the railroad service constantly for more than a score of years. He was an efficient and accommodating agent.

—A great many people are building curbs along their property and many others are preparing to do so. A general lack of information on the subject and inquiry incident there to leads the TIMES to say that the requirements set up by the city authorities on the subject are laid down in ordinance 208 to be found in the office of the police judge. In brief, they provide that on an 80 foot street the outer edge of the curb shall be 16 feet from the property line; on a 60 foot street, the outer edge of the curb shall be 12 feet from the property line, and in each instance the surface of the curb shall be on a level with the side walk.

—A team and wagon passing at full speed along the street and with no driver to guide the caravan, was a scene on Main street yesterday morning. The horses ran south to Philip's blacksmith shop where they were stopped before serious damage had been done. A buggy belonging to W. Porter stood at the shop while the horse was being shod inside, and the wagon collided with the lighter vehicle with the result that the latter is in the shop for repairs. The runaways belong to L. L. Brooks.

—The complaint by farmers in town about lack of rain grows louder daily. Seed can be sown but won't generate. It has become too dry to plough. Grain sown in the last two or three weeks but half sprouts. Many farmers will fail to get in the amount of acreage that was desired, a fact that will to a certain degree, shorten the output. The one comfort in the situation is that it never fails to rain in Oregon when rain is necessary, and it will come around alright this time, in due season.

—Wool is 20 cents in the local market. A few small lots are selling at that figure but no large lots are offered. Trade papers predict that the operations in wool will be later than usual this season. Growers who sold last year at 25 and the year before at larger figures will not be in a hurry to accept 20 cents, and the result will be that big trading will not take place until the season is far advanced.

—Struggling homeseekers from the East continue to arrive in town, though in fewer numbers than a few weeks ago. The colonist's rates went out of effect at the end of April and will not be in vogue again until autumn. Many of those, however, who came during March and April are still traveling over the Coast, looking for locations. Real estate agents believe there will continue to be trading in lands, farms and city property throughout the summer.

—The Coffee Club gives a dancing party in City Hall Monday night.

—A parents meeting is to be held at Philomath on the 17th inst. It will be attended by State Superintendent Ackerman. A feature of the evenings session will be Prof. Horner's popular lecture, "Life in Palestine."

—Rev. G. H. Feese will preach at the First Methodist Church Sunday morning, subject: "A Wedding's Sad Incident." Evening: Anniversary services conducted by the Epworth League. A fine program has been arranged.

—C. H. Harrison, of this city, has removed with his family to Summit to reside. His dwelling house in the south end of town is occupied by Mr. Boothby and family, late of Monmouth. Mr. Boothby has the contract of lathing the Woman's building at the college.

—Several shots were fired between 12 and 1 o'clock Wednesday night at the Soda Works. The explanation is that two unknown parties were trying to gain entrance to the premises and were fired on by the proprietor. It is said the place was entered Sunday night and some articles inside stolen.

—Murray & Mack at the Opera House Tuesday night was great. A packed house greeted them and got its moneys worth. Mack in particular is a great comedian, and his bill and people Tuesday night the best Corvallis has seen in many years. Fortunately, Manager Groves, who gave a great big guarantee to get the attraction came out with a slight balance on the right side, and is encouraged to bring standard attractions to Corvallis, whenever they can be secured in the future.

### REACHES PORTLAND NOW.

Independent Telephone System-Talking Direct from Corvallis.

The OAC debaters returned Thursday from Pullman, where they met the Washington State College team in a discussion of the Monroe doctrine. The Washingtonians were victorious. The Oregon boys were delayed enroute and the debate took place Tuesday evening instead of Monday as scheduled. Judges had to be secured, other than those that had been agreed on, and were a minister from Moscow, Idaho, a professor in the University of Idaho and a citizen of Pullman. The OAC men defended the Monroe doctrine, but were overcome by their opponents.

Communication has been established between Corvallis and Portland over the Independent Telephone system. The first through conversation took place Wednesday afternoon. The TIMES used the line to Portland in conversation with Mr. Tucker, general manager of the Portland system, and the conversation was very distinct. The line is not yet ready to do business with the general public, but will be in perhaps a week. The rates have not been fixed and cannot yet be announced. The line used is not the permanent one that will ultimately be in service. The permanent lines of the company are only built to Jefferson, having reached that place yesterday. From there to Albany the talking was over the regular Independent line built some time ago for local business. The construction gang is rapidly covering the stretch, and expect to reach Albany within 10 days with five complete circuits, or 10 lines all of copper and built in the most perfect manner known to the art. When Albany is reached, a construction force will at once begin building new lines through to Corvallis. This will require only a short time.

In the test made yesterday, the Alsea office was in conversation with Portland, and the communication was perfect. Tests were also made from Portland to Scio, Lebanon, Brownsville, Halsey, Shedd, and many other central Willamette towns.

In Portland the Independents have orders for 15,000 phones. Three thousand are installed and in daily operation, and others are going in as fast as the force can install them. As everybody knows, the Portland system is automatic, which means that there are no girls in the central office, the switching being automatic. W. D. DeVarney is in charge of the field operations, which, as is well known in this section of country, means vigorous operations and a perfect service. He is one of the most extraordinary men in his line in the country. When permanently completed talking from Albany and Corvallis to Portland will be direct without the vexatious delays of switching at various points between the two places.

### LOCAL LORE.

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

—Mrs. E. R. Bryson entertained the Social whist club Wednesday afternoon.

—An elegant design of photo postal cards is issued by Graham & Wells. The subject is the O. A. C. basket ball team, girls and boys of this season. The work is very good and the cards are in great demand. A window display of them at the store attracts much attention. The record of each team is printed with the pictures, and the whole effect is very agreeable. Students are buying the cards and sending them broadcast over the country.

—Sometime next week the TIMES office will be removed to the room recently occupied by the Bell Telephone office. The home of the paper has been in the present quarters in the Fisher brick for the past seventeen years. The new place will be more convenient of access for the paper's many patrons, oldtime and new, and that is why the change is made.

—Of course it is hard work to climb a stairway, there is no doubt of that. The great reason why some subscribers have been a little lax in paying their subscription is because the TIMES has been on a second floor; there is no doubt of that. In a few days more the TIMES will be removed to a first floor where everybody can find the way to it easily, and then there won't be a soul that will let his subscription get behind; there isn't a bit of doubt about that.

—Seventy dollars a head is the price paid for a carload of cattle shipped from Corvallis to Portland the other day. It is doubtful if a finer lot of beef steers ever left the county. They were from the Bay Rickard farm, and were Short Horn steers four and five years old. They were purchased by George Brown and their weight was estimated in the sale at 1,475 pounds, and the price paid was four and three-quarters. They went into the Portland market, and were in all respects export beef, probably as good as was ever marketed in the Oregon metropolis.

—Judge McFadden has returned from a sojourn of several days on his Junction farm, where he set out 1,200 peach trees and a variety of small fruits. His orchard there comprises 75 acres, and is pronounced to be one of the finest in the valley. It includes 3000 peach trees, 10 acres of prunes and 35 acres of the best varieties of apples.

—How horses have advanced in value is reflected in an instance in which Paul Dodele recently figured. He was at work in his field when a stranger approached. "What will you take for that team," asked the stranger. "Don't want to sell," was the reply. "Won't you set a price?" "Oh, yes I would set a price but I do not want to sell; I want to use the team." It so happened that Mr. Dodele a year ago offered the span for \$200. "Yes and I would have taken \$150 for them then," he added. But he didn't want to sell now because he wanted the horses to finish his spring work. "Well, how much will you take," inquired the horse buyer. Drawing a long breath, the Benton farmer finally said, "300." The buyer walked around the team sizing the horses up for a minute, took out his check book, and the trade was made. The buyer was Brockaway of Tacoma.

—Harrisburg is a dry town, but it has two clubs, similar to the Corvallis Social Athletic club which attempted to do business in this city. A citizen of the place has written Judge McFadden a letter on the subject, in which he says the city council of Harrisburg stands in with the clubs, and that the citizens are powerless to do anything to drive the establishments out of business. The object of the letter is to invoke the assistance of Judge McFadden, the writer stating that a local option speech made by the judge in Harrisburg last year was the best speech the writer had ever heard. The letter closes with an appeal to Judge McFadden for advice, saying, "we want your advice and we want it right away." The response from this end of the line was a letter stating that such an establishment in Corvallis was driven out of business by the authorities, and that the authorities of Linn county have it in their power to close the concerns if effort is made.

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