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LOCAL LORE.

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

—W. J. Willbanks and J. H. Harris left Tuesday for an extended fishing trip in the vicinity of Marys Peak. They are to return tonight.
—Mrs. James Harper leaves tomorrow for Portland where she goes to meet a cousin who will accompany her to Corvallis for a two week's visit.
—Rev. J. W. Armstrong, of Peru, Indiana, has accepted a call from the Vestry to the Rectorship of the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church and is expected to take up his duties about the first of June.

—Preaching at the M. E. Church South next Sunday by the pastor, Rev. G. H. Gibbs. Subject at 11 A. M. "Nature of Rest and How to Obtain It." At 8 P. M. "Jacob's Ladder and What it Teaches."

—The Annual Rose Fair of the Presbyterian ladies takes place Wednesday, June 5th. The prize list for displays will appear next week. The list is an attractive one and is certain to call out many exhibits. A dinner is to be served at the Opera House in connection with the Fair.

—The removal of the heavy cylinder press in use at the TIMES office, and the change of motive power from steam to electric involved difficulties and delays that brought Tuesday's issue to press behind schedule time, and marred its appearance. The removal from the old office is about complete now, and no further delays or troubles are expected.

—Miss Mabelle Mallett of the class '07 has been appointed to the chair of floriculture and botany in the Idaho Industrial Institute at Weiser. A few weeks ago Dean Morrison of that school spent a day or two quietly casting about for a suitable person for the departments mentioned with the result that Miss Mallett was selected. Miss Mallett is the daughter of Hon. C. W. Mallett, of Ontario, who is prominently connected with the National Irrigation Congress having been appointed by the governor.

—Sixty-one dollars was the gross receipts at the entertainment by the W. C. T. U. the other night.

—One of the best pleased men in town over the result of the city election is J. W. Ingle. Though defeated for chief of police, the run made, he says, is a source of satisfaction, and he proposes as a result to retire from politics. If elected, Mr. Ingle would have made an efficient officer.

—The annual picnic of the Iowa society occurs June 1st in Avery's grove on Marys river. There will be the usual dinner, speeches, music and other features. Though the picnic is conducted by the Iowa colony, everybody is invited to attend.

—Growers look with favor on the result of the wool sales in Pendleton, where Eastern Oregon wool brought an average of about 20 cents per pound. Local growers are hoping that the tact presages better prices for Willamette Valley wools.

—Mr. Winkley has made arrangements for reports of base ball games and track events on OAC field and will hereafter report them on a bulletin board in front of the Palace of Sweets where those business people unable to attend can see the results.

—Benton County delegates are to leave tomorrow for Hood River to attend the Oregon State Grange. They are Mrs. Whitby and Mrs. Porter of Willamette, Mr. and Mrs. Thorp of Alsea. Mrs. Whitby and Mr. Thorp are delegates and Mrs. Porter and Mrs. Thorp alternates. Mrs. Whitby was named by Corvallis grange as its representative. The county has five granges.

—Preaching at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. J. R. N. Bell. Morning topic; "Our Complex Relations." At the evening service a talk on John Howard Payne's "Home, Sweet Home." The song as originally composed by the author, will be sung as a solo and chorus by the choir. All made welcome to all of these services.

—Get your Lunch Boxes for the Senior Excursion at Hollenberg & Cady.

—W. D. DeVarney came up from Albany last night on a brief business trip.

—E. J. Bellinger arrived here Saturday evening to accompany his wife and baby home, who have been visiting friends and relatives.

—Next Monday and Tuesday, May 27 and 28 Dr. Lowe, the well known optician will be at Hotel Corvallis. Have him test your eyes for glasses, 18 years experience.

—You are cordially invited to call at Hotel Corvallis next Monday and Tuesday and have Dr. Lowe the eye specialist test your eyes. If you do not need glasses, he will frankly tell you so.

—The Independent telephone begins tomorrow the stringing of a trunk line to Peoria. The poles are already set, and it is expected that the line will be in operation Monday.

—Rev. Hand-aker and T. T. Vincent leave tomorrow morning in charge of seventeen lads that are ticketed to Salem to attend the Youths' conference to be held in that city tomorrow and Sunday.

—Tuesday, the 28th, is the date, the Congregational church is the place and Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter of Seattle, is the speaker, for the union Christian Endeavor Rally. There will be other attractions during the evening. Program begins at 8 o'clock. All are invited.

—The irrigation experiments to be conducted at the college in connection with the government, mention of which is made elsewhere, are to ascertain the effect of irrigation on Willamette Valley crops. In the present test, potatoes, corn, and alfalfa will be the subjects of investigation.

—Will Dunlap was in town Wednesday to bring his sisters from the farm, where they went on the death of their father several days ago. Mr. Dunlap's jaw which recently sustained three fractures is itself again, with no perceptible marring of its efficiency or appearance. He is to return to college next year.

—The Willamette Grange is to give a big picnic Saturday, June 21, the program for which is now being arranged. Among the features will be an address by Mrs. Waldo, lecturer of the state grange. Further particulars with reference to the program will be announced later.

—All the new furnishings for Hotel Corvallis have arrived and every room in the garret is now equipped with new furniture, new linen and other of the furnishings incident to a first class caravansary. The new management is fast coming into favor with the traveling public and the house is filled most of the time to its capacity.

—United Evangelical Church. The Annual Memorial Service of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. will be held at 11 A. M. The Post and Corps will attend in a body and the sermon will be suited to the occasion. In the evening the W. M. S. will have charge and Mr. Roberts of the College Y. M. C. A. will deliver an address. C. T. Hurd, pastor.

—Negotiations for the purchase of the Old Soldiers monument are in progress. Perry Eddy of Kings Valley was in town Wednesday at the request of the Monument Association with reference to a new kind of monument for which he is the agent. It is known as white bronze, and is a metal monument. It is said to preserve its appearance of newness much longer than is the case with marble or granite, and on that account is coming to be much sought.

—Building operations in town are scarcely less active than they have been in the last two years, during which Corvallis has seen the greatest growth in her history. One contractor has six houses under way, and all others are crowded with work that is of greater volume than they are able to take care of with promptness. Every carpenter is driven from pillar to post with demands for his services, and the music of the hammer and saw is everywhere. The town has no boom because its people are not boomers; but it has a steady, straightforward growth such as a town situated in one of the most delightful spots on the green earth deserves to have.

Times Office for Job Work.

MANY ARE CLAIMANTS.

Demanding That Quarter Sections out of the S. P. Grant be Sold to Them.

What are known as the O. & C. lands in Oregon have been the subject of excited attention in Corvallis and Benton for several days, and the interest is still at fever heat. A lawsuit of large proportions is apparently brewing in which the people of the state will be the plaintiffs and the Southern Pacific Railroad company the defendants. All through Western Oregon citizens are moving to oust the company from ownership of the lands, and the movement in its sweep has drawn into its vortex many Benton county people. From 130 to 150 of them have prepared papers demanding that the corporation sell them 160 acre tracts of the land at the price of \$2.50 per acre.

The contention is that when congress made the grant to the O & C. company, it was with the proviso that the land be sold to actual settlers at \$2.50 per acre and in lots of not more than 160 acres. This is alleged to have set up a relation of trusteeship in which the company became trustee of the government for the sale of the lands to actual settlers. That happened more than 35 years ago, and in the meantime the O. & C. interests have passed into the hands of the Southern Pacific and a claim of ownership seems to have arisen on the ashes of the trusteeship. It is on this point that the persons who are after the lands stake their hopes of making the corporation part with the grant.

The claimants make a tender of \$2.50 per acre for the lands, and at the same time demand that certain quarter sections which they specify shall be sold to them under the terms of the law. They expect the company to refuse, and that will be a signal for a resort to the courts. All the claimants join their issues together, and rely upon the court decision for the result. If the decision is favorable they figure that the cost of the attorney's fees and the \$400 to be paid will be the total cost of a quarter section. Some of the quarters are of course worth thousands of dollars.

The fact that they will probably have to live on the land for a time has deterred a few people from trying to get claims, but so many have sought them that it is said all the railroad lands in Benton have been taken. The outcome of the contest will be watched with much interest. Three law offices in Corvallis have been running almost day and night for two or three days preparing papers for the claimants. Other matter touching the subject will be found in an article on another page, prepared for Tuesday's issue, but unavoidably left out of the paper in the clamor and bang of the removal of the TIMES office.

—In the probate court: I. H. Jackson has been appointed as administrator of the S. W. Jackson estate with a bond fixed at \$12000. The appraisers are W. T. Wiles, S. H. Henderson and John Rowland. Ella Berreman is the executrix of the James W. Berreman estate and W. F. Caldwell, George A. Bennett and J. E. Henkle, appraisers. The administrator of the estate of Alexander Bennett has been given authority to sell the personal property at private sale. Lafayette Stewart has filed his bonds of \$500 as guardian of the estate of Jehial Stewart, insane. Mary E. Avery has been appointed administrator of the estate of Eliza Chrisinger.

LOST, between Main street and the S. P. Depot on Wednesday, a pocket book containing \$175. Finder will be liberally rewarded.

WANTED.

WANTED Teams to plough on the streets. Apply to J. B. Irvine, chairman of street committee.

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