

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Corvallis Visited by Baker City People on Tuesday.

RIPE STRAWBERRIES!

Marriage Licenses—\$300 Damages Allowed—Meeting To-morrow—Real Estate Transfers.

Bargains in all lines at Nolan's. The street railway is a certain thing. R. L. Taylor, the barber, now shaves for 15 cents.

Newport wants a bank and it may have one shortly. Shaving 15 cents at the Little Band Box barber shop.

Christmas is the next thing on the docket in the holiday routine.

The Lewis-Dobbin's foot race occurs in Portland on next Monday.

Wm. M. Hoag started for California on Tuesday evening's overland train.

The river is way up—there being over six feet of a rise in the past ten days.

The steamer Hoag arrived at the O. P. dock last evening with a lot of freight.

Call at S. N. Wilkins, post office store, and see that fine display of holiday goods.

Dr. Farra had a new approach built to his barn on Fourth street. Joe Emrick did the work.

Trimmed hats and bonnets at greatly reduced prices at Mrs. J. Mason's from now until after the holidays.

Moore & Stewart, the boss barbers, opposite the brick livery stable; shaving 15 cents; haircutting 25 cents.

Just now all hands at the agricultural college are busy harvesting the root crops raised during the past season.

There has not been a fire alarm in Corvallis since the burning of the south district school building in July last.

Rumor has it that Jas. Irvine and Mary Baker, two residents of Benton county, were married at Eugene last Monday.

Regular services at the M. E. church next Sunday, morning and evening, by the pastor, H. P. Satchwell. All are invited.

Persons knowing themselves indebted to me will please call and settle by, or before, the 25th of December. Mrs. J. MASON.

Work has begun on the clearing off the ground where the new steam flour mill is to stand. See notice elsewhere of engine for sale.

Isn't it about time some of the crosswalks in Corvallis had some of the mud removed from them? At present they are almost impassable.

The students of the agricultural college, who are quartered at the students hall, were treated to a fine Thanksgiving dinner yesterday.

After a delay of a few days on account of rough seas the Willamette Valley crossed the Yaquina bar on Tuesday on her way to San Francisco.

Wells, Fargo & Co. have supplied their agent at Corvallis with a new delivery wagon, and Liner says "glang" with great pronouncement now.

Jessie Wilkins left on Monday for Portland where he will remain for three months and take a course of study in the Holmes' business college.

Special meeting of the coffee club at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon to receive the new room which the city has just had constructed for this organization.

Sol King slaughtered twenty porkers during last week and after they were weighed, each one brought down the scales to the 350-pound mark.

John C. Applewhite, of this city, is now engaged in teaching school in North Powder, Union county, having been there for the past five weeks.

"What's the news?" was the question asked of a real estate man, by a GAZETTE scribe one day this week. "Lots," was his short and sweet answer.

The tower, which is being built on the students' hall grounds of the agricultural college, is being pushed forward to completion by the contractor, Mr. Chase.

On Saturday last Wayman St. Clair started on a trip to the east visiting many of the "middle" states and West Virginia. His business there is of a private nature.

Mrs. J. Mason, the milliner, has a number of hats, worth from \$1.50 to \$3, which she will give to those who are in needy circumstances, and cannot afford to purchase such.

All the schools adjourned on Wednesday afternoon until Monday morning, December 2; when that time arrives then the new school building will be thrown open to receive the scholars.

Prof. E. R. Lake's room on the ground floor of the agricultural college is nearly completed. Wm. Butler is doing the work. When this is done all the room in the building then will be utilized.

The topics at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath will be as follows: In the morning—"Jesus and Solomon;" in the evening—"The Mysterious Young Man." A cordial welcome to these services.

After a fourteen days' session the circuit court adjourned on Tuesday evening last, with a large amount of business having been done. The criminal cases were few and far between, but five married couples were un-bitched.

J. G. Mohr has disposed of his grocery store, adjoining Hanson's clothing establishment, to parties lately from the east. Mr. Mohr has purchased fifty acres across the river, in Linn county, about four miles east of Corvallis.

A \$10,000 fire occurred at Lynn, Mass., on the 25th. It is claimed to be the worst that ever occurred in New England. The office of the Lynn Item was among the flames, and the GAZETTE loses an excellent exchange thereby.

In the M. E. church on last Sunday evening, Rev. L. D. Driver preached a very able sermon. This gentleman is interested in the establishment of a Protestant hospital to be erected in Portland should \$150,000, its cost, be raised.

Miss Elsie Murphy, of Salem, who is in

Corvallis engaged in canvassing for a book, one day last week had the misfortune to lose her gold watch. She will give a liberal reward, to any one finding it, for the recovery of the same.

A party of four young Corvallisites drove down to Albany on the night of the 21st inst., and gave Wm. Stock, a Corvallis boy now clerking in a drug store there, a surprise. After spending a few hours in a social time they returned home.

On or about the 27th of December, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mason will leave for West Berkeley, adjoining Oakland, Cal., where they will reside during the winter months and be with their son Chester, who is attending an academy there.

On Wednesday in the court house a public examination of teachers took place before J. J. Bryan, county superintendent. There were six applicants: Chas. Davis, Mr. Taylor, Jas. Collins, Florence Davidson, Clara M. Reynolds, and Flora Dalaba.

About 9:30 o'clock this Friday morning Mr. Brown, who lives near the O. P. depot, had an ankle broken and received other injuries by his team running away with him on Main street, near the saw mill. Dr. C. H. Lee was called to render medical assistance.

E. O. Samuels and wife took their departure for the northern part of Washington on Saturday last. Elmer is station agent, telegraph operator, and general manager at Winona Junction. His wife is assistant, and they get along very well together.

At Siletz agency near Yaquina, this county, on last Saturday, a station driver and his team and wagon into the Siletz river for the purpose of cleaning his wagon, and on account of a rise in those waters the whole bunch were sent to the happy hunting ground.

In the state vs. B. T. Taylor, for crime of assault and battery, the fine imposed on the defendant by the judge was \$10, which was taken with the amount awarded Mr. Kline in his damage suit against the above named party, will prove a rather costly case on Mr. T.'s part.

It may be of interest to know the contract between the Union Pacific railroad and the government makes it obligatory on the part of the company to run its last train on time. The company forfeits \$500 every time it reaches Portland 30 minutes late, no matter what the cause may be.

On Saturday from 5 to 9:30 o'clock p. m. a supper will be given at the residence of Judge John Burnett, by the teachers and scholars of the public schools. The proceeds will be used in purchasing a new organ for the new school building. Price of supper, 25 cents. Everybody should attend.

By the steamer Bentley on Wednesday morning was shipped to Salem a lot of galvanized cornice work from the manufactory of J. D. Clark in this city. This will be placed on the new water tower at the penitentiary there. Mr. Clark being the lowest bidder was awarded the contract for furnishing it.

Mrs. D. P. Blue, of Yaquina, has won tenth choice and Terry D. Brown, of Philomath, thirty-fifth choice, of prizes in the seventy-five nice ones offered by the Examiner of San Francisco for those getting lucky numbers with their subscription receipts to the weekly. The total amount in prizes was \$25,000.

On Sunday last, Prof. W. N. Hull underwent a second surgical operation on his fractured arm, which he had broken while trying to stop his runaway horse a few weeks since. The work of reducing the fracture was performed by Drs. J. M. Applewhite and G. R. Farra, and the patient is getting along nicely.

Twelve and a half cents per pound live weight was paid for turkeys this week by several merchants of this city, one offering thirteen cents on Wednesday. The amount of this kind of fowl, which has been shipped from this point since Monday last will exceed over 1,000. They have nearly all been gobbled up by this time.

A man and family nearly perished in crossing the mountains from Eastern Oregon last week. Their team consisting of two horses and two mules, floundered in the snow at the summit, two of them were killed. The man and family succeeded in getting out of the snow with the remnant of the team and reached Sweet Home, in Lane county, on Friday.

While overhauling an old picture Mr. Gerhard, of this city, found an old poster advertising an entertainment to be held at Music Hall, Corvallis, on Dec. 31, 1889, for the benefit of the College at that place. Mr. Blowhard and others were to take part in a "yeh old folks" show. Mr. Gerhard will send the poster to the agricultural college to be placed among its curiosities.—Albany Democrat, 27th.

A letter, received in Corvallis by Mr. Hoffman yesterday, from his wife and daughter in New York, states that they will return home soon. The reason assigned is on account of the ill health of Miss Maud, as the professor, under whom she was studying for the stage, thinks it advisable that she should not continue longer as room for the worse might happen. They were to start a day or two after the letter was mailed.

There were five contestants for the silver medal last night in the elocutionary entertainment at the city hall—three young ladies and two gentlemen. Rev. A. Rogers, of Corvallis, and Prof. Bryan, of Philomath, were the judges. After the last number on the programme had been given, their decision was announced—stating that, after close mathematical calculation of points earned by each competitor, Miss Jessie Waggoner was entitled to the prize.

Wm. Hartless, of the firm of Hartless & Davidson, real estate dealers, came into the GAZETTE office last night and displayed to the eyes of all persons comprising the editorial and mechanical force, a box containing a strawberry plant upon which were two full blossoms, three buds, and two large ripe berries. They were grown on the farm of H. W. Vincent, near Toledo, this county. Just think of it—ripe strawberries on Thanksgiving day of '89. Oregon against the world; Benton county in the lead.

On Wednesday the steamer Wm. M. Hoag with thirty-five tons of freight made the run from Portland to Salem in eight hours and thirty-eight minutes, making nine landings. On Monday the O. R. & N. Orient, with only ten tons, beat the O. P. Bentley about twenty-six minutes over the same distance, but the last named boat made seven landings, carried twenty tons of freight, and had a scow in tow for a few miles, while the Orient only stopped twice. As far as swiftness is concerned the Modoc is the only boat on the river which can get away with the Bentley, and there are doubts about her doing even that.

FOR SIXTY DAYS.—In order to make room for new stock to arrive soon, I will sell wall paper at prices that will justify house owners in buying now. REMEMBER THIS IS NO CLOSING OUT SALE.—S. N. WILKINS. tf.

REAL ESTATE MOVEMENTS.

Transfers Made Since the First of November.

OUR DIRT IS VALUABLE.

A Gazette Reporter and His Note-Book among the Different Real Estate Men.

If any one desires to know how real estate in and around Corvallis is selling, just read the following, which has been copied from some of Corvallis' real estate brokers' books, and also some private sales. There are many other transactions that have not come to a "focus" in time for this issue, therefore they cannot be given. Although this showing is for November, these sales were nearly all made in the past ten days:

EGLIN & LONG, This firm has, during this month, sold the following amount of real estate, situated in Avery's addition and elsewhere:

2 lots to O. M. Rose	\$ 250.00
4 lots to J. Mason	510.00
6 lots to J. H. Nicholas	625.00
20 lots to J. W. Brasfield	2,100.00
3 lots and house to W. Westfall	1,100.00
2 lots and house on Third to L. L. Hard	675.00
3½ acres, including bk 27, county ad, to J. H. Nicholas	2,000.00
Total	\$7,260.00

RAILSTON COX, This real estate dealer has disposed of the following property in Job's addition to Corvallis:

Lots 5 and 6, bk 23, to C. L. Weiser	\$ 200
Block 2 to J. H. Nicholas	1,200
Lots 1 and 2, and fractional lots 11 and 12, to Nettie E. Ewart	170
Lots 1 and 2, bk 6, to M. M. Davis, Yaquina	250
Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and frac. lots 8, 9, and 10, bk 32, to A. A. Samuels	300
Lot 7, bk 32, to H. H. Samuels	40
Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, bk 17, A. W. Scott, Portland	400
Block 10 to A. W. Scott, Portland	1,200
Lots 1, 2, 11 and 12, bk 23, to B. R. Job	400
Lot 12, bk 18, to Ida E. Ewart	75
Lot 3, bk 30, to M. H. Kriebel	50
Lots 1 and 2, bk 18, to Louisa Hodges	150
Lots 1 and 2, bk 19, to W. E. Paul	150
Lots 2 and 3, bk 8, to Craig & Conover	225
Lots 4, 5 and 6, bk 1, to S. N. Wilkins	325
Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 to J. P. Davenport and Jessie Wal-dreth, Portland	1,600
Block 7 to E. H. Taylor	650
Lots 5 and 6, bk 14, to Ida E. Ewart	150
Block 11 to D. B. Brown, Portland	1,200

Total, \$8,500

Joe E. Johnson, house and 6 lots of Wm. Wheeler

PRIVATE SALES.

W. A. Wells has sold since Saturday last the following property, which is situated northeast of the agricultural college:

One 5-acre tract to Fred Herzog	\$ 750
" " " to T. C. Case	500
" " " to F. M. Johnson	450
" " " to B. W. Johnson	625
" " " to Mrs. A. A. Samuels	400
" " " to P. Weber	1,100
Total	\$3,825

Monday, the 25th inst., J. W. Hanson bonded and divided one-half interest on Main street, now occupied by the Corvallis meat market, to M. W. Wilkins, for \$2,000; meat thirteen days.

Saturday, the 23rd, W. A. Wells, N. B. and P. Avery sold 10 blocks near the Oregon Pacific depot to three business men of Albany, and Geo. Waggoner of Corvallis, for \$10,500.

On the 25th, Thos. Eglin, the liverman, sold his 43 acres near Job's addition to a syndicate for \$5,375.

E. Berlin has sold two lots in block 29, near the O. P. depot for \$300.

On the 26th, F. M. Johnson sold block 14 in Wilkins addition to Corvallis, to Jasper Wilkins; the sum paid being \$1,000.

DEEDS RECORDED.

Below is given a list of deeds as recorded during the month of November (up to last Tuesday) in the office of the county clerk:

Lydia and James Brassfield to Robert Wood—lot 4, bk 30, in town of Seal Rocks; consideration \$50.

J. W. Rayburn to J. C. Young—lots 1 and 2, bk 23, Davis' ad. to Yaquina; \$110.

Sarah E. Reininger to Mary Stewart—86.98 acres in Benton county; \$500.

Jas. M. Garrison to Isador Jacobs—lot 2, bk 3, Olsson's ad. to Newport; \$500.

Mary T. McFadden to Elizabeth A. Chenoweth—land in Benton county; \$1.

A. E. Acklom to Charles Schmidt—11, s 6, tp 12; \$5.

A. E. Acklom to R. A. Bensell—one-fourth interest in 11, sec. 6, tp 12; \$5.

Chas. Greenfield to Zephin Job—80 acres in Benton county; \$10.

S. N. Lilly to Geo. Maddux—25 lots in Buford's addition to Alexandria; \$650.

R. F. Baker to F. M. Ballou—1 9, bk 20, Phelps' addition to Newport; \$100.

R. F. Baker to Luella M. Ballou—lots 1 and 2, bk 20, Phelps' addition to Newport; \$200.

R. F. Baker to Geo. H. Welsh—lots 13 and 14 in bk 20; \$200.

J. C. Mohr to Jacob, Michell—153.97 acres in Benton county; \$250.

E. W. Hogue to C. D. Kennedy—

10 acres in Benton county; \$1,500. Sam. McLain to J. A. Curry and H. H. Pament—158.30 acres in Benton county; \$1,200.

Lydia and James W. Brasfield to I. Hulme—lots 2 and 3 in Yaquina Heights; \$300.

Lydia and James W. Brasfield to Fred P. Nutting—lots 1 and 3 in Brasfield's ad. to Yaquina Heights; \$350.

Lydia and Jas. W. Brasfield to C. C. Cherry—lot 11 in bk 5, in Seal Rocks; \$50.

G. C. Irvin to Mary E. Bensell—lots 4, 5, 6, in Nevada block in Nye & Thompson's ad. to Newport; \$350.

Lydia and Jas. W. Brasfield to Sarah J. Althouse—lot 3 in bk 4, Brasfield's ad. to Yaquina Heights; \$350.

Mrs. Rebecca Kelley to Jas. C. Taylor—lot 4 and n. ½ of lot 3, bk 17, city of Corvallis; \$1,200.

TO OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE.

We, the undersigned, doing a legitimate business as real estate brokers with established offices in the city, would caution owners of property, and especially those having good business property for sale, against bonding the same to irresponsible parties who under pretense of being able to effect a sale, upon the payment of a few dollars, get control of property with the expectation of compelling buyers to pry them a handsome bonus, and, as these sharks do not hesitate to ask a big advance, persons who would invest and help build up our city are driven away, and sales prevented. These curbstone brokers, whose offices are nowhere and capital nothing, never spend a cent for advancing the country but, the moment real estate becomes active, swoop down vulture-like, seeking whom they may devour; no less than two important sales have been prevented in this manner the past week.

The legitimate real estate brokers of this city, in common with all our business men, are interested in the growth and prosperity of our city, and are working in harmony and expending much money and time to bring a desirable class of investors to this section. There is no doubt there will be a great demand for property in this section and those wishing to sell would save their own interests by placing the same at reasonable prices, and paying legitimate dealers the usual commission of 5 per cent, thereby insuring prompt and satisfactory results, persons who for a few dollars, putting valuable property in the hands of sharks who, in an attempt to get the whole hog, drive capital from us.

EGLIN & LONG, HARTLESS & DAVIDSON, F. M. JOHNSON, W. A. WELLS, RALSTON COX.

FROM BAKER CITY.—J. P. Faull, E. H. Mix, C. F. Hyde, T. F. Campbell, and M. L. Tichner, a committee of five from the Baker City board of trade, arrived in this city by Tuesday's noon train, and were received by five of Corvallis' board. Baker City is very anxious that the Oregon Pacific railroad should go through its limits on its route to an eastern connection, and these gentlemen were sent to confer with the managers here as to what could be done. They were shown over the city, and taken through the public buildings, and expressed themselves as agreeably surprised. Corvallis' new school building is not quite up to the Baker City one, but it is good enough. About 7:30 p. m. the committee were taken to Albany in Wm. M. Hoag's special car, and are home again by this time.

AWARDED \$300.—Friday last the damage suit of L. G. Kline vs. B. T. Taylor, for injuries done by defendant last October came up for trial. After the evidence was heard and case argued the jury retired and in a few hours brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$300 damages besides \$21 doctor's fees and \$10 for medicine, with other costs. The amount sued for was \$1,031.

MEETS TO-MORROW.—The county horticultural society will meet at 1:30 p. m. next Saturday in its room in the court house. The following papers will be presented: Mrs. Thos. Graham, "The Chrysanthemum and its Culture," Miss Nettie Spencer, "Flowers," Geo. Coote, of the agricultural college, will discuss "The History, Character and Culture of Agaleas and Camellias."

FOR DEEP WATER.—The O. R. & N. steamer Modoc will next week take a lay-off and have her light (summer) wheel replaced by a heavy deep water one. She will then claim to be the greyhound of the Willamette. With the other boats, which are now running, she may get left. One advantage the Modoc has is in her compound engines.

TO BE PLANTED.—The botanist of the agricultural college, Prof. E. R. Lake, received one day last week about ten thousand plants, trees and shrubs, which have been turned over to the foreman and landscape gardener, Geo. Coote, who will beautify the grounds with them during the coming spring.

LETTERS.—Advised in the Corvallis post office on November 29: Mrs. Josie Buffington, Kilpatrick Bros., J. R. Libe, Kate Mackin, G. L. Wilkinson, Mrs. A. M. Zinks, F. A. Helm, P. M.

PRATTLE.

Here is a problem for the average Corvallis councilman to study over, if he sees fit: Suppose there are twenty streets in Corvallis and on each street there are eighteen crossings, one-third of the whole number are very muddy and the remaining two-thirds are kept clean. On the streets that are clean come 10 strangers and on the muddy ones 6, they are to meet at a certain point, all have nice newly-blacked shoes on starting out, the 10 have bunions and the 6 corns. Now, when they reach their destination and their feet are cleaned, which will furnish the most dirt the 20 shoes or the 12? And which of the two classes of strangers will have used the most "cuss" words—the 10 or the 6? This "problem" question happened to arise in my arithmetical bump on Sunday last, when I and several others were compelled to wade through the mud which had collected itself on several crossings on Monroe and other streets. The city officials should hire some one to clean these walks as often as every other day, anyway. It would be an everlasting benefit to those of the male persuasion and, I am certain, the ladies of this city would offer up thanks.

One of the ministers of Corvallis will, on next Sunday evening, preach a sermon concerning the "Mysterious Young Man." I wonder if he has been looking up some of the Corvallis twenty-ones; if such is the case his remarks will, without a doubt, be very interesting. There are several around this incorporated county seat who are of such a disposition that it certainly is a mystery to know how they exist. From early morning till close on to midnight for seven days in each week, the hardest exercise they take is either to stand on the street corners with their hands in their pockets and watch passers-by, or to hang around the different eye-sockets of the "prohis"—the saloons. On the sabbath days they either attend a horse-race or go duck-hunting, and in the evening are always seen and heard around a church door wanting to "catch on," the extent of their reading is the dime-novel or detective stories. They are no earthly good to their parents and are a detriment to themselves. Taken all in all they are a mystery, and thoughts for a lengthy discourse could be furnished.

Concerning the late elections in some of the old and new states during the past few weeks I notice that there is considerable difference in people. For instance: the Ohio people have shown that they did not want Forker by running a Cam(p)bell against him; those of Montana chose a Tool-a for their ruler, and "Wash" to depend on a Ferry for the next four years.

A reporter on a Salem paper in his river notes, which appeared in the issue of the 22nd, says:

"Also on the boat contentedly chewing cud gathered from the stock farm of Hon. J. T. Apperson, at Oregon City, were one imported bull, three registered cows and a heifer, all Jerseys, bound for the State Agricultural college at Corvallis. Three cows were purchased by the college and Mr. Apperson generously threw in the bull and heifer."

The reader will naturally wonder after perusing the above quoted remarks, if these same animals are as contented with the cud they have gathered from the state agricultural college as those furnished by their former owner. If college cuds are as "fresh" as most college students, no doubt the cows are happy.

At the lower end of the wharf, foot of Monroe street, attached to one of the piles driven there, is a sign with these words: "Notice, Positively No Admittance." Were you to take one step beyond that notice you would find very damp footing—so much so that you would never be able to read those words again. It certainly is a curious condition of things when such warnings have to be posted to prevent one from precipitating himself into a watery grave.

Astoria has a beet that weighs thirty-six pounds, and Salem produces one which has grown to the shape of a hand, there being four fingers and a thumb all well fitted to a palm of suitable form. Corvallis with her educated agricultural college farm will have to rustle to beat the two spoken of above. When it gets right down to facts though, we have some 150-pound "dead beats"—and they are preserved in alcohol.

Noticing, as I pass along by the several business houses, that evidences of the approaching holidays are beginning to display themselves, calls to my mind an occurrence which happened on Christmas of last year, and which, I believe, has never received any notice in print. A week or two before that happy day arrived, Captain Geo. Raabe, of the steamer Wm. M. Hoag, Pen. Short, of the Three Sisters, and Jas. Coulter, then of the N. S. Bentley, all "clubbed" together and purchased a very nice gold-headed cane and after having it duly engraved, presented it to F. W. Bowen, the gentlemanly and courteous superintendent and assistant general manager of the Oregon Pacific, as a Christmas token. The recipient of the gift was considerably surprised, but in his usual happy manner extended the donors his most cordial thanks. I don't think Mr. Bowen is much accustomed to

carrying a walking-stick for, to the best of my recollection, I have never seen him using it, and yet, he very likely treasures it just as highly and will look upon it in the years to come as a gentle and happy reminder of past events.

RETMUS.

David Osburn, the deputy sheriff, has been under the weather for nearly two weeks past and is now just able to be out.



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The Oregon Pacific steamboats on the Willamette river division will leave Portland, south-bound, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 a. m. Arrive at Corvallis on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 3:30 p. m. Leave Corvallis