

LOCAL AND GENERAL ITEMS!

An Insane Man attempts to Kill Himself at Yaquina City. He is Taken to the Asylum at Salem.

HAD HIS OVERCOAT STOLEN SUNDAY NIGHT.

G. A. R. Officers—New Building for the Electric Light Plant—A Snake Story—A Prune Farm—The Institute—Tin Wedding—"E" Co.'s Masquerade.

PRONOUNCED CRAZY—W. W. Madison was brought to Corvallis on Wednesday and lodged in jail, he being in a very crazy state of mind. At Yaquina City on Sunday evening he made an attempt to commit suicide by drawing a razor across his neck and shoulder. He was not successful, however, as he missed the jugular vein. He resided about eight miles from the bay on Drit creek, and having come to the city became perfectly full of bug juice. His attempted suicide was not known in Yaquina for he got on to the morning train and went to Toledo, the wound not having been attended to. In the car where he was, quite an amount of blood had collected on the floor and the conductor noticing it discovered the fellow's condition. Medical assistance was given him at Toledo. On Monday night he was seen at the residence of Allen Parker dripping wet from the effects of having come in contact with the waters of the bay. It was thought best to have him examined as to his mental condition, which was done on Wednesday afternoon, and he was pronounced insane. Yesterday he was taken to the asylum at Salem. The cause of his insanity was alcoholic drink. He was 37 years old.

STOLE AN OVERCOAT—Last Sunday evening T. C. Case left his overcoat hanging on the front porch of his residence on Ninth street, it being quite damp. The next morning he had an occasion to go down town to open up his barber shop and it being rather cool, went to get the coat to put on but somehow or other it was not there; neither was the contents of the pockets which consisted of a revolver, some plug tobacco, and other small contraptions. It is supposed that some tramp saw it hanging on the wall, and, thinking he needed just such a piece of wearing apparel, quietly "cubaged" on to it. "Tam" says he doesn't mind the loss of the coat and revolver but he does hate to lose the 'backer. Corvallisites, beware! Don't even leave your socks out of doors. Tramps are mighty curious people sometimes.

G. A. R. OFFICERS—At an election of officers of Ellsworth Post, No. 19, G. A. R., held on Friday evening, December 6th, the following were chosen: W. E. Paul, P. C.; Albert Kemp, S. V. C.; H. R. Clark, J. V. C.; E. A. Jackson, Chap.; E. A. Chapman, surgeon; Wm. Morgan, Qt. Master; F. M. Johnson, Adj.; Harry Sargent, O. G.; A. K. Milner, O. D.; Henry Gerber, Sergt. Major; J. H. Nicholas, Qt. Mt. Sergt.; delegate to department encampment, Robt. Erwin; Alternate, Al Kemp; past commanders entitled to seats and votes in the department encampment, W. E. Paul, Wallace Baldwin, and F. M. Johnson; council administration, Robert Erwin, Richard Young, A. K. Milner. A public installation of these officers together with those lately elected by the W. R. C., No. 7, will take place in the hall on Adams and Second street, on Friday evening, January 3rd, 1890.

A SNAKE STORY—In the San Francisco Examiner of December 6th, the following is found, which is taken from a letter written by an Oregon lady living in Wasco county, when describing a child's berth: "Where the child's fingers and toes ought to have been, there were rattlesnakes' heads, and there was a small snake growing from the top of its head and hung down on its face. The head of the snake was the child's nose, and whenever the baby moved the snake on its face would rise up, run out its tongue and hiss. The baby only lived five hours, but the snake part lived five hours longer."

The steamer N. S. Bentley made the run from Albany to Corvallis on Tuesday in one hour and forty minutes.

THE INSTITUTE—A large attendance of teachers at the coming three days' session of the Second district institute in Corvallis is assured. Superintendent McElroy has visited almost every county in the district and an unusually large number of the "knights" of the school-room have promised him to attend. To every teacher in Polk, Linn, Lane, and Douglas, personal invitations have been sent. The entire faculties of the Roseburg and Eugene public schools will be on hand, and the state university and state normal schools will be well represented. Oregon City's principal and several of his assistants are expected. Let every teacher in Benton county, and all others interested come out and enjoy a feast of fat things. Remember the date of beginning Thursday, December 26. It will be during holiday week and it should be the duty of all the citizens of Corvallis to receive their visitors in a most cordial manner. Arrange your work so you can attend all the evening sessions anyway.

IN NEW QUARTERS—On the river front just below the ferry a lot belonging to F. Blumhart, the ferryman, has been purchased by I. L. Hurd and Johnson Porter and in a few weeks a new building will have been erected upon it. This will be occupied by this company's electric light plant which will be moved from its present position in Hurd's planing mill at the foot of Madison street. The new tubular boiler, purchased in Portland last week by Mr. H., has arrived and is lying in the Cauthorn wharf. It is 15 feet 10 inches in length, 44 inches in diameter, and has 46 tubes; the smoke stack is 50 feet and when attached to the boiler will reach to a height of about 60 feet. A 50-horse power engine will be procured and will furnish all the power necessary for running the dynamo of the lighting system. It is also reported that Fred Blumhart will erect a building adjoining in which he will manufacture ice during the hot season, the power to run the machinery to be furnished by the afore-mentioned engine during the daytime.

FURNITURE FACTORY—In this issue of the GAZETTE appears an advertisement of the furniture establishment of J. A. Knight. It probably will be a surprise to most outside people to know that Corvallis has a furniture manufactory, but such is the case. Mr. Knight has been in business here since 1860, and being an experienced cabinet maker has built up a large trade. In the year 1870 his factory was burned down and the present building was soon erected, in which every assortment of furniture is manufactured. Anything that you purchase of him is guaranteed to be very substantial and all home make. Remember him—his store and factory in on the north-east corner of Monroe and Second street.

A PRUNE FARM—Rev. A. Rogers, of the Congregational church in this city, has been seen to cross the river on the ferry quite often of late and his actions caused a GAZETTE reporter to enquire into the matter and find out the thinness of the thussness. He was informed that this returned gentleman had purchased ten acres of land of Mr. Wilbanks, situated about one mile and a half east of the ferry, and was engaged in setting it out to prune trees. He will have 1,000 planted—mostly of the Italian variety, and when they all get to bearing he will have a young gold mine right at his door and, being over the river in Linn county, he can put his name down for a neat sum to aid in bridging the Willamette.

Luke D. Smith, of Gervias, came up on Saturday to take in the best girl of Corvallis and visit with his sister. He returned Monday morning.

DECEMBER 25TH—As a military company of the second regiment of the Oregon National guards, E company of Corvallis is foremost in the matter of being the best drilled and giving the most interest to the work demanded of them. During the holiday week of 1887 these boys gave their first annual ball and so successful was it financially and socially that it stimulated them to follow it up with the second one last year. As regards the financial outcome of it there is not much to say as a smallpox scare prevented much of an attendance, nevertheless, the event was pronounced as the finest society doing's of the year. For the coming holiday season the company has arranged to give a masquerade ball on the night of December 25th. Invitations have been sent out already and indications so far show that it will be a very "exquisite" occasion. Only those whose characters are beyond reproach will be allowed to attend thus insuring a splendid social gathering. The price of admission for maskers has been placed at \$1; and for spectators 50cents. Let all of those of Corvallis who take pleasure in "tripping the etc.," attend for there is no doubt that it will be a pleasant occasion. By your help in swelling the number present so you enlarge the company's treasury.

TEN YEARS MARRIED—Zephin and Mrs. Job celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage at their beautiful and cozy residence on Third street on last Monday night. There were about seventy-five guests present. Rev. A. Rogers of the Congregational church, tied the tin knot in a lappy manner. Numerous presents of tin manufacture were brought and given to the new-old couple and there need be no danger of a bank failure in Corvallis as Zeph has the tin to cover all emergencies. Norris H. and Mrs. Looney and Mrs. Cornell of Jefferson, Marion county, were present.

A. O. U. W. ELECTION—Friendship Lodge, No. 14, A. O. U. W., of Corvallis, held its annual election on the night of December 5th, and the following is the list of new officers. Post Master, A. F. Hersher; Master Workman, S. L. Kline; Gen. Foreman, Neal Newhouse; Overseer B. L. Arnold; Recorder, F. Berchtold; Financial, J. P. Irvine; Receiver, Jas. A. Cauthorn; Guide, Jesse Spencer; I. W. M. O. Heart; O. W., J. W. Linger; Trustee, F. Holgate; Med. Examiner, Dr. G. R. Farr.

Letters—Advertised for December 13th, in Corvallis p. o.: Mrs. Ida E. Augustad, A. E. Baldwin, J. W. Booth, Chas. Bowen, Alfred Leivor, E. M. Logan, Kate Makin, S. W. Perkins, Willard Pippil, Abraham Stregker, E. D. Rowe, 2, J. W. Wilson. F. A. HELM, P. M.

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.

It is understood that all the buildings on the bulkhead at Yaquina City will be moved in the spring and that the Oregon Pacific company will proceed to fill in the space between the bulkhead and the bluffs for track purposes, warehouses and shops. If this is done the company will probably lay out the town and sell lots. With proper storage facilities and vessels to carry it, three-fourths of the grain and other products of the Willamette valley will pass through this port.

T. W. Symons, a U. S. civil engineer, is now in Portland, having been sent out here from Washington, D. C., to take the position made vacant by Capt. Willard Young's transferment to Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Symons left Portland in 1882 after having acted as engineer of the department of the Columbia for about four years.

If you wish to make your friend a nice Christmas present buy him a piece of pocket cutlery, or if he smokes, get him a meerschaum pipe or cigar holder. Such can be had of A. Hodles at his bakery and grocery. He also has several other fine articles that are suitable for holiday presents.

David Link, formerly of this city, but lately of Albany, is now a partner in the gun store formerly run by Will Bros. in that city. The firm is now known as Will & Link.

Scio is going to build an electric motor line to connect at Munkers on the Oregon Pacific railroad. The distance is only a few miles. Good for Scio.

Hunt up P. Weber's new adv. on the third page of the GAZETTE. Read what he has to say and then go and patronize him.

Old Santa Claus may be compelled to travel by sled this Christmas in Corvallis. Next year he can take the street car.

A new green house of forty feet in length is soon to be erected on the agricultural college farm.

Lots in our addition are most desirable. ROBERTS, The Jeweler.

Christmas socks are in demand now

DROP A NICKEL IN THE SLOT!

And Take a Ride on the Street Cars in Corvallis.

A FRANCHISE GRANTED.

The Company to be Incorporated—Contracts will Soon be Let—Works begins in January.

It took a special meeting of the council of this city, held on Tuesday evening last, to decide about granting the street railway company the franchise they prayed for. But "They got there just the same. As they have just such a name,"

and the ordinance was passed with seven votes in the affirmative and two negative. There is nothing now in the way of the company doing what they have agreed to do—construct a street-car line. It is understood that they will soon have articles of incorporation filed and begin letting the contract for grading and laying the track. The rails will be ordered in a few days and are expected to arrive in a month after being shipped. The work will begin early next month and be pushed right along as fast as the weather will permit. The point of beginning will be near the postoffice, thence north to intersection of Monroe and Second street and westerly along Monroe street to Seventh street, thence north to Harrison, west to Ninth, north to main street leading into Job's addition. If you desire to know what privileges the county commissioners have granted the company read the court proceedings of the December term elsewhere in the GAZETTE.

Now, a word or two more. Don't do anything, don't even put forth a remark, against this project. Whenever the first block of the railway is completed a change will take place in Corvallis that will tear the moss from the backs of some of her ancient people and a new era in the prosperity of the city's growth will begin.

There are several more movements to follow: A bridge over the Willamette; a water-ditch for power purposes; a connection with the S. P. main line; fruit cannery; railway connections with Brownsville; and more complete system of sewerage. Thirty-thousand dollars already have been guaranteed for a water-ditch. Several thousand can be raised in a short time for a bridge over the Willamette. Five acres of ground near the depot will be leased free of charge to one who will construct and operate a fruit cannery thereon. New brick buildings are wanted in the center of the city so that the merchants who have been here since the '60s can branch out and show themselves. In short: CORVALLIS IS AWAKE.

IN BRIEF.

Quite cold these mornings. Our addition is in the business part of town. ROBERTS, The Jeweler. Regular services will be held at the M. E. church next Sunday by the pastor. A lot of second-hand household furniture for sale cheap. Enquire of Hartless & Davison. Hartless & Davison have nice residence lots for sale in their Wilkin's addition. Wesley Todd has a splendid assortment of Christmas candies. Purchase of him. You can't miss it. Roberts' addition beats Job's or Wilkins. ROBERTS, The Jeweler. Don't fail to read Cox's advertisements—on the third and fourth page of the GAZETTE. Read, reflect, buy a lot. The drama "Fouled," which was to have been given on the 19th inst., has been postponed until after the holidays. There will be services at the Congregational church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. All will be welcome. Cox's advertisement on the third page is a regular boomer. With such business indicators he cannot help but sell real estate.

On Friday evening, December 20th, a social party and dance will be given by Young America fire company in the city hall. All firemen are invited, as well as the ladies' coffee club.

Nick Baesen says he is going to have the finest display of meat in his market this coming Christmas that has ever been shown in Corvallis. The showing last year was very excellent.

In the M. E. church in Philomath on Christmas night will be a treat for the people. J. E. Henkle, Prof. Gilbert, Maryton, Kate Meryman, W. L. Bryan, and F. A. White are the committee of arrangements.

The topics at the city hall on next Sabbath will be, in the morning "Certainty and Uncertainty." In the evening "The Battle of the Giants." Sunday school at 10 a. m. Efforts will be made to have the hall comfortable for all.

All lovers of laughter or dancing are invited to the Congregational church next Sunday evening at the pastor, Rev. A. Rogers, lectures on "Mirth and Dancing," and will treat the subject from the reasonable side of these questions.

Misses Ida and Eda Belknap went to the metropolis on Wednesday. The latter will soon go to Cheney, Wash., to enter a college there conducted by the Congregational denomination. Her home will be with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Chase, formerly of Corvallis.

The improvements being made in the

Presbyterian church are of quite an extensive nature. They will cost several hundred dollars and the old church will start in new apparel for the next decade. It is expected that still other alterations will be made next summer.

Four lots in J. H. Nicholas' tract, of 30 lots on Ninth street between Monroe and Jackson, have been sold to parties in Lebanon for \$900 since Friday last. A prominent business man of this city has also bought him the three lots on the northwest corner of Madison and Ninth streets paying \$775. And early in the spring he will erect two fine cottages thereon.

Quite a number of passengers are transferred nearly every day from the Oregon Pacific to the down west side train for Portland at the "crossing" just north of Corvallis. Every evidence shows that it will not be very long until a depot will be erected there for the accommodation of the public. This crossing is on the Eplin property lately purchased by a syndicate and which will soon be laid off into city lots.

The "Early Reapers" mission band of the Presbyterian church gave their first fair at the parlour on Wednesday evening. A large attendance of people were present and the beautiful articles they offered for sale were quickly purchased. The young ladies' society assisted the band in serving refreshments and the receipts of the evening were about \$45. To their president, Mrs. A. A. Schenk, the great success of the enterprise is largely due. Her untiring energy and skill have contributed very much towards making this organization one of great interest and profit to the children. They start on another year's work the first Saturday in January.

P. Lutarch Lewis left Corvallis about the first of November to take in the country between here and the lower portion of the golden state. He traveled around until he became "broke" and, before he could receive any financial aid from sources in this city, was compelled to foot it a few miles. About November 25th a stage was robbed between Roseburg, Douglas county, and Marshfield in Coos. P. Lutarch happened, so he says, to come along the road shortly after where the depredation was committed, and some detective or U. S. marshal thinking he was the man took him in charge and placed him under arrest. He was conveyed to San Francisco and will be brought to Portland where a trial will be given him, and if it can be shown that he is innocent will very likely be allowed to go free. This is an unfortunate experience for one who has always resided in Benton county, and it is to be hoped that it will act as a cure to his desire for seeing the elephant. Lewis has a wife, two children, and an aged mother, residing here, and it would be well for him to take the next train home should he prove himself not guilty.

On Tuesday, the new government official T. W. Simonds, who has lately been given charge of harbor improvements on this coast, made Yaquina a visit of inspection. He was accompanied by Wm. M. Hoag. Mr. Simonds expressed himself very much pleased at the work being done and the progress made, and it is said will make a good report. The increase of depth by reason of the jetty work he pronounced very satisfactory and does not hesitate to say that Yaquina will make a good harbor. His visit there has infused new life into things at the Oregon Pacific's terminus, and real estate continues upwardly. Parties on the inside advise people to hold their property for a boom, as one is bound to come. Another interesting item is the fact that the Oregon Development company is having built at Philadelphia a brand new steamer with a capacity of 2500 tons, which will be placed on the route from Yaquina to San Francisco during the coming year. It is said to be a fine boat and only trusted men will be placed in charge of it.

Last Saturday the Yaquina bay board of trade was permanently organized at Newport, and a charter filed with the secretary of state. The officers are as follows: Dr. J. R. Bayley, president; A. J. Ray, first vice president; Samuel Irvin, second vice president; and W. C. Shepard, secretary. Directors—Freeman E. Dodge, Samuel Case, J. R. Bayley, W. C. Sheparil, R. F. Baker, A. J. Ray, W. S. Hufford, Samuel Irvin and A. E. Aclom. Twenty-three standing committees were appointed. The membership comprises most of the leading business men and property owners on the bay.

When the contracts for constructing the street railway are let the company shall have it stipulated that the laborers must be procured right here in Corvallis; if possible, thus distributing the money at home.

BORN.
To the wife of Rev. J. L. Hersher, of Albany, Oregon, on December 10th, 1889, a daughter.

MARRIED.
In Portland, on Sunday, December 8th, 1889, Guy M. Powers and Hattie L. Irvine. The groom is purser on the steamer N.S. Bentley.

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LAST NIGHT'S MEETING!

The Board of Trade are Getting Full of Enthusiasm.

IMPORTANT PLANS

Were Discussed—Several Committees Were Appointed and Resolutions Adopted.

Persuad to a call, the board of trade and other citizens of Corvallis met in the parlour of Hamilton, Job & Co's bank, Thursday evening, December 12th, and the meeting was called to order by electing Geo. A. Waggoner chairman, and Robt. Johnson secretary.

Chairman Waggoner then stated in brief that the object of the meeting was for the purpose of discussing and formulating plans that would lead to the general welfare of Corvallis, but more particularly to take the initial steps to encourage the building of a branch of the Oregon Pacific railroad from this point to Brownsville, for the construction of a water ditch for manufacturing purposes and for the building of a bridge across the Willamette. In regard to the road between here and Brownsville, Chairman Waggoner stated that he had had an interview with officials of the O. P., and although no definite propositions had been made they seemed to look upon the project with favor. A following resolution was then presented and read:

WHEREAS It is known that the Oregon Pacific R. Co. have under consideration the building of a branch railroad from this place to Brownsville, Linn county, and that said road would be of great benefit to this city and county. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the citizens of Corvallis, fully appreciating the value of this enterprise, will encourage it by giving substantial aid thereto and that a committee of three be appointed by the chairman of this meeting to confer with the officials of the O. P. R. Co. and also with the citizens of Brownsville with instructions to report as soon as the disposition of the R. P. Co. in the premises can be ascertained.

The resolution was unanimously adopted and on motion Chairman Waggoner was appointed chairman of said committee and instructed to name the other two. This he took under consideration.

Moved and seconded that three committees be appointed, consisting of three members each, to take into consideration the proposed public improvements to-wit: the building of a railroad between this point and Junction City or Eugene, the construction of a water ditch to this city for manufacturing purposes, and the building of a bridge across the Willamette. Carried.

The chair then appointed said committees as follows: Committee on railroad—Dr. C. H. Lee, W. A. Wells, and J. H. Nicholas. Water ditch—J. R. Bryson, P. Avery and L. Wilson. Bridge—John Burnett, Zephin Job and Dr. G. R. Farr.

J. R. Bryson then addressed the meeting, in an earnest and enthusiastic manner in which he showed the necessity of immediate and united action on the part of our citizens if we expect Corvallis to take the position she ought to occupy as a business center and urged the committees just appointed to do their duty.

Resolved that the secretary be instructed to furnish copy of proceedings to our city papers and Oregonian correspondents. Carried.

On motion the meeting adjourned until next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

ROBERT JOHNSON, Sec'y.

You can get no better shave in Corvallis than by going to Moore & Stewart's new shop, just opposite the brick stable, 15 cents.

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

Invest in Roberts' addition ROBERTS, The Jeweler.

Shaving 15 cents at the Little Band Box barber shop.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that I, G. G. Newton, executor, of the last will and testament of Jesse F. Wood, deceased, have filed my final account as such executor with the clerk of the county court of Benton county, Oregon, and the said court has fixed Monday the 6th day of January, 1890, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day as the time for hearing any and all objections to said account and final settlement thereof.

G. G. NEWTON, Executor.
Dated Dec. 5, 1889.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., December 7th, 1889. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Judge, or in his absence, before the County Clerk of Benton county at Co. vallis, Oregon, on Monday, January 27th, 1890, viz: John H.acker, homestead entry No. 5730 for the lots 6, 7, 8, and 9 of Sec. 34 Twp. 12 south, R. 6 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. S. S. Powell, J. Walker, L. M. Henderson, and J. P. G. Henderson, all of Philomath, Benton county, Oregon. J. T. APPERSON, Register.

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