

THE C. W. V. AND S. L. CO.—It has been in the Salem, Portland, and Albany papers, and perhaps is known by everyone in Corvallis also by this time, but the GAZETTE must notice it in order to keep abreast of the times. The Corvallis, Willamette Valley and State Land company has been formed and articles have been filed, with a capital stock of \$50,000, principal office in Corvallis, incorporators are W. A. Wells, F. M. Johnson, Pun Avery, of Corvallis, and S. T. Richardson of Salem. Considerable stock has been taken by the business men of Corvallis. It is proposed to fit up a neat office here for the secretary to occupy, in answering correspondence and attending to the business which will flow in when the spring time arrives, a couple of teams and carriages will be procured for use in showing intending purchasers over the country, and a great deal of advertising of the city and county is to be done. Such men as Prof. McElroy, S. T. Richardson, and W. F. Peck of Salem, are interested in it, and no doubt things will fairly hum in these parts before long. Something ought to move in '90—there has been so much already said about it.

GOOD PROSPECTS.—The committee, which went to Brownsville last Monday in the interests of the proposed railroad, report an enthusiastic reception by the people of that city and Halsey. Everybody is excited over the idea and at Brownsville they already have raised their share of money towards the preliminary survey to be made. At Halsey they say "we must have the road" and are ready to take a large amount of the stock. The articles of incorporation have been drawn up as the Corvallis, Brownsville and Eastern railroad, with T. E. Cauthorn, J. R. Bryson and J. B. Lee, of Corvallis; T. J. Black of Halsey, and Peter Hume and Geo. A. Dyson, of Brownsville, as incorporators, with capital stock at \$75,000. The papers were filed in the county clerk's office here yesterday. At Halsey last year there were over 250,000 bushels of grain stored in the different warehouses, which with the aid of this road would be brought here and taken to a foreign market from Oregon's choice seaport—Yaquina bay.

IN THE WIND.—A very interesting meeting of the board of trade was held last Thursday, January 9th, and another one last evening. W. A. Wells, C. H. Lee, and F. M. Johnson, were selected to call on the Southern Pacific officials at Portland in regard to seeing what could be accomplished towards securing the completion of the west side extension. These gentlemen left for Portland on Monday and at Independence were joined by E. C. Pentland and J. S. Cooper, a committee from that city. On Tuesday they were before his highness, R. Koehler, and what was achieved by them is already known. In regard to the Brownsville road the board of trade passed a motion to appoint a committee to take steps towards having a preliminary survey made of the route to this city. Four persons were appointed. S. T. Jeffreys and J. H. Nicholas being part of said committee, they went to Brownsville on Monday to look after the matter with the citizens there.

OLD FOLKS' SQUEALING.—On Friday evening, January 24th, an old folks' concert will be given in the city hall under the direction of H. R. Clark, the steward at the college dormitory. The best musical talent of Corvallis is now at work preparing songs, instrumental selections, etc., for the occasion. Everything will be presented in the style of yesteryear, and, no doubt, it will be a very enjoyable entertainment. The proceeds of the concert are to be applied towards the purchase of a piano for the students' hall at the college.

FOR THE HOSS CARS.

PROPOSALS FOR MATERIAL AND CONSTRUCTION ADVERTISED FOR.

By reference to another column in this week's GAZETTE will be seen the "proposals for material and construction" of the Corvallis street railway. At last IT HAS COME—looks like business now, don't it? It won't be many weeks when you will hear the noise of the pick and shovel, the banging of the truckmen unloading rails, the clanging of the sledge as it drives the spikes, and the tinkle of the bell as it dangles from the harness of the street car propeller—the horse. There ought to be a general rejoicing in Corvallis when the first spike is driven on the line, as it means a new era of awakening in the city. Then when several of the other improvements are carried out—such as better sewerage, a correct system of street grades, some more manufactories, the Brownsville railroad entering here, the extension of the west side road, etc.—you can just jump all over yourself with joy and holler: Corvallis agin the world.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Old folks' concert on the 24th. Eighteen inches of snow fell at Yreka, California, on the 13th.

During the past twelve months twenty additions to Albany have been platted and filed.

Several firms have failed in Tacoma during the past week—principally grocery dealers.

Old folks' concert on the evening of January 24th, for benefit of piano fund of students hall.

A farmers' institute, by the agricultural college of Corvallis, is to be held in Albany next month.

The Presbyterian church of this city, now has a pulpit which is as finely adorned as any in Oregon.

The barometer at the agricultural college was lower on Wednesday than at any other previous time.

Twelve cords of grub oak wood were brought here by cars from Wrenn for F. M. Johnson on Monday last.

The heating apparatus in the new school building is in good order again and school was resumed on Monday.

A carload of horses was taken to Yaquina by special train on Sunday last to be shipped to San Francisco by steamer.

A very handsome piano was placed in the residence of Geo. Coote's, near the agricultural college, on Tuesday last.

The tax levy this year is 21.7 mills. Sheriff Mackay will begin a tour of the county on February 3rd, beginning at Tide Water.

One hundred and twenty-five tons of ice have been put up in Corvallis during the past ten days. This is a very little bit, however.

Potatoes are now one great big \$ per bushel in Corvallis, and scarce at that. Apples are no where to be had—that is, good ones.

Out of 350 lots, which Ralston Cox had in Job's addition two months ago, only forty-six are left. These lots have nearly averaged \$100 apiece.

The new electric light building is assuming shape, the 50-horse Westinghouse engine is in position as also the boiler, and carpenters are busy ceiling the inside.

Capitalists from Monroe are talking of putting up a flour mill in Peoria, a few miles above here on the Linn county side, which undoubtedly would be a good investment.

There are now confined within the walls of the Oregon penitentiary 318 men and one woman. For 1889 the total earnings were \$24,862.09, and expenditures \$15,830.32.

Chief of police Parrish of Portland, has been presented with an oil painting of the Three Sisters by the police force.—Ex. He ought to receive a chromo showing the "Dens of Portland."

There were fifteen passengers on the Willamette Valley last Saturday evening, when she landed at

the Yaquina dock. A special train brought some of them out to the valley about 10 p. m.

Last Friday all hands on the steamer Bentley were discharged and the craft tied up at the foot of Monroe street. It is probable that by this morning she will be started out again.

A small boy at Pendleton, who licked a piece of railroad iron, a few days ago, let enough of his tongue when he got loose to make a satisfactory lunch for a dog which followed him. The boy is now wrapped in anguish and sad regret.

Ten additional electric lights are to be added to the number at present in use by the city. One will be placed on the corner near the Exchange hotel, one near Prof. Hull's residence, one at L. G. Kline's corner, and another will be set near the new school house.

During the past year the Presbyterians of this city have expended more than \$1,400 on their church building. The old church is newly dressed without and within, and is now one of the most comfortable and attractive places of worship in the valley.

The Southern Pacific uses annually about 30,000 cords of wood at an average cost of \$2.50 per cord. This sum is disbursed to the mountain and valley woodchoppers. On the west side road the timber is so handy that it is furnished by those clearing up land at \$2 per cord.

The state treasurer has commenced endorsing warrants on the general expense fund with the unwelcome inscription, "Not paid for want of funds." This will probably continue about two months, as the counties will not commence sending in taxes before that time.

The proprietors of the "new grocery store" on Main street, next to Hanson's clothing establishment, are closing out their stock of goods preparatory to moving to Centralia, Wash. This is to be regretted, for it does not make a very good showing in a city to see vacant store rooms.

A Peoria correspondent to an Albany paper says: "The people through this section and Halsey have signified their willingness to contribute liberally if the railroad from Corvallis to Brownsville crosses at this place. It is one of the most practicable places on the river for a bridge, and would pass through one of the best grain districts in the valley."

Hop growers did not make much money last year, but many are arranging to continue the business during the coming season in hopes of getting even, while a few have decided to cultivate some other crop. A lot of 20,000 pounds of 1889 hops were sold at Independence a few days ago for 10 cents per pound. This is a little better than was offered last summer.

A company of business men of Harrisburg are making arrangements to build a light draught steamboat to ply on the upper Willamette as far up as that city. Among those interested in the enterprise are Sam May, Dr. H. A. Davis, E. E. Upmeyer, Perry Hyde, John Bennett, W. W. Briggs, J. F. McCartney and others. It is proposed to build a boat of 150 tons capacity to be run as an independent craft.

At Oregon City, Monday, a man made a filing in the land office that is an extraordinary one at least for him. His application was for forty acres near Milwaukee, in township 1, south range 1 east. When he applied to the register that official supposed the piece of land applied for to be railroad land, and so stated, but the man said the railroad company knew nothing about it, and persisted in filing, so his application was taken, and upon looking the matter up on the records it was found to be vacant. As land in that vicinity is worth \$200 or upwards per acre, the applicant has secured from Uncle Sam a very valuable homestead.

GLEANED FROM EXCHANGES.

The biggest sturgeon caught in the Columbia river in 1889 weighed 638 pounds.—Astorian.

In Colfax, Cal., up to January 1, over forty inches of rain had fallen. Yet there are some who claim that it rains in Oregon.—Telegram.

The Pendleton East Oregonian says that some folks in Weston are suffering from influenza "in the east end." This adds additional terror to the dread disease.—Astorian.

There is something radically wrong in the internal enterprise of a city of three thousand inhabitants when its public roads wind round through alleys. What is it?—Enterprise.

Nobody is particularly proud of a cold in the head, and yet a good many of our distinguished citizens are blowing about it nearly all day, and handkerchiefs are at a premium.—Astorian.

The total enrollment of the public school of this city at the end of last month was 481. Several more were enrolled at the beginning of this week. Seven teachers are now employed at an aggregated salary of \$423.83 per month.—Roseburg Review.

During the frontlet of the week no work was done in this prohibition office, as the cold snap had frozen the water pipes solid, and even a prohibitionist can't work on a dry stomach. Work was resumed yesterday, however, and here we are again.—Scio Press.

It is understood that A. A. Schenck, divisional engineer of the Oregon Pacific railroad, has tendered his resignation. He has recently made about \$100,000 by investments in real estate in Astoria and will now look after his interests down by the sea.—Ex.

One man in Portland does a lucrative business peddling spring water for drinking purposes. The water is hauled from a fine spring in the hills back of the city and delivered in quantities to suit consumers. It is peculiar that some people will not become accustomed to drinking river city water. This is one more item in favor of Bull Run water.—Vindicator.

Mr. Smith, manager in charge of the pulp and sulphite mills, received recently from San Francisco a fine specimen of mastiff named Tig. He was offered \$500 for the dog in Portland when he was bringing him off the steamer. Tig is four months old, and weighs, when he feels well, 154 pounds, but the ocean trip did not agree with him very well. He knows what it is to be sea-sick.—Oregon City Enterprise.

Our farmer friends who desire to protect their fruit trees from the ravages of pestiferous insects will do well not to pin their hopes on the state horticultural board. A good agricultural paper will contain hints that may be acted upon at this season of the year. The State agricultural college at Corvallis has issued a bulletin relative to fruit tree pests and the mode of treating them, which seems valuable. Any person can get one by applying to the college.—Oregon City Enterprise.

An intelligent, observant farmer said to us the other day that the whole agricultural system of this region was undergoing a gradual change to suit the new order of things as our population increases and new enterprises spring up. He says the big farms will all be cut up, and that farming will become more diversified. But few holdings will exceed 100 acres in extent, and a little of most everything will be raised on every farm. As our cities grow larger and become more numerous market values will improve.—Itemizer.

A short time since, only a few miles from Roseburg, a man walking came suddenly upon a full-grown coyote. Giving a terrible yell and springing at the coyote, he frightened the animal so terribly that, as it ran, it turned its head first one side and the other, looking back at its pursuer. So thoroughly frightened was the animal that the man caught it with one hand by the hind legs, while, with his pocket knife, he cut its throat with the other hand. It was a cold day for the coyote, but pleasant to the person who captured the prize.—Drain Echo.

Infinitely better than page after page of dreary wood cuts and drearier individual, firm or corporation write ups, which on their face have a shabby look that invites the reader to skip them, is the continuous presentation of a city's growth and promise, in regular editions of the city press. The regular editions of any well printed and well

edited paper always commends itself. The boom edition of a paper always defeats its purpose by its own pretensions, besides being a needless financial drain upon the business men of a town. Spasmodic efforts avail little in journalism as in every other field of activity.—Cedar Rapids Republican.

At the session of the county court yesterday the new precinct of Tangent was created, it being formed from a portion of West Albany and Center precincts. The East Albany precinct will also be divided. The law provides that when the voting population of a precinct exceeds 500 it may upon petition be divided. The number of voters in East Albany has grown to be over 700, hence it will be divided. This portion of Oregon is steadily increasing in population. The country is becoming better improved and provided with better residences, smaller and better farms, and is supplied with finer stock, while the city is becoming more metropolitan, larger and richer.—Herald, 10.

Oakville is enjoying a real estate boom for the first time. The O. P. branch railroad from Corvallis to Brownsville and the mines will build directly through the city. R. A. Bamford has been offered a fabulous price for a part of his farm for a depot. Corner lots in the city have taken quite a jump, in fact cannot be bought at present, the excitement is running so high. An agent with a recipe for making plum and prune brandy has been doing Oakville lately and has given the business quite a boom. If the crop of fruit cannot be marketed, they can make it up in brandy and have a home market for the product. There has been quite a row in the public school here. A lad of 17 summers and an equal number of winters undertook to run the school his way, but was finally conquered by the teacher.—Oakville cor. Albany Democrat.

It is understood that Col. T. E. Hogg is expected to arrive here in a few weeks from New York. Along with the other extensive improvements to be made here this season by the Oregon Pacific company, Col. Hogg will probably erect a large and elegant residence.—Albany Herald.

"I'll cure any case you ever heard of, with the simplest remedy you ever saw," said a lady vocalist of considerable reputation on both sides of the Atlantic. "It's oysters. Just plain, simple every-day raw oysters. I've sung fourteen years here and in the old country, and you may imagine that the climate has often got the better of my lungs, but I rely upon oysters, and they can be depended on. My husband told me of this kind of medicine, and I don't know how many years he had used them. They act as beneficially on my children—and the next time you have a cough go to the oyster bar instead of a drug store."—Boston Globe.

COMING IN THE SPRING.—On Tuesday's Oregon Pacific train from Yaquina was Major Hoffman, a resident of Alton, Illinois, who has been looking over the country around the bay for the purpose of finding a location suitable for a colony of sixty German families intending to migrate to Oregon during the coming spring from Illinois. Mr. Hoffman has spent several weeks in Oregon for this purpose and has, at last, decided to locate this number of thrifty people in Benton county, between Toledo and the Siletz reservation, provided, of course, the required amount of land can be obtained in one body. This will be a good starter for the immigration of '90 into this county, and it is hoped that many more such will follow.

DIED.—Says the Eugene Journal: "In Eugene, Oregon, Friday morning, at 8:30, Jan. 10, 1890, Wm. Osburn, aged 71 years. Funeral Sunday, Jan. 12, at 10 a. m., from residence to Masonic cemetery. "Uncle Billy" Osburn was one of our oldest and most honored citizens. He was the father of F. W. Osburn, postmaster of Eugene, and has hosts of relatives and friends to mourn his departure." He was a brother of Hon John Osburn, of Corvallis.

COUNTY COURT.

Court convened at the court-house on Monday, January 8th, 1890, and opened for the transaction of county business on Wednesday, and the following proceedings were had:

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid:

NAME.	WHAT FOR.	AM'T.
J. D. Clark, sundries,		\$20 62
J. J. Bryan, Supt. salary,		150 00
J. J. Bryan, supplies,		32 60
J. A. Knight, furn., court-house,		42 00
P. Rickard, bridge lumber,		41 53
R. C. Kiger, wood, court-house,		60 00
Corvallis Times, printing,		4 00
W. H. Herbert, bridge-work,		8 75
Jesse Rust, bounty coyote,		10 00
W. E. Brien, " "		10 00
Geo. Mercer, witness fees,		2 00
J. R. Mays, rep'n'g bridge,		30 00
J. T. Vincent, Pauper Wells,		18 00
Woodcock & Simpson, sundries,		7 70
T. E. Cauthorn, Pauper Dyer,		8 00
Jno. Sylvester, rent, Paup. Dyer,		8 00
L. P. Pond, care Pauper Green,		13 25
Corvallis Times, printing,		25 00
A. L. Porter, Est. Sec. Cor.,		25 00
E. Emerick, care paupers,		70 00
S. L. Kline, pauper supplies,		5 25
Leslie Lilly, junior, Dec.,		40 00
M. V. Leeper, bridge-work,		6 00
D. R. Hodges, " "		12 00
Wiley Holman, " "		8 00
Thos. Hodges, " "		2 00
Marcus Hodges, " "		2 00
J. Creel, " "		2 00
R. D. Murray, " "		2 00

Comes now A. E. Acklom, J. P., and files cost-bill in case of State vs. L. W. Williams; and court ordered that the following be paid: A. E. Acklom, J. P. fees, \$8.45; C. M. Winant, constable, \$5.50; J. R. Bayley, attorney, \$5.00; A. H. Hampton, J. F. DeLaney, Arch. Irvine and Dr. Jones, witness fees, \$1.50 each; D. Hopkins, W. G. Cressy, George Sylvester, Frank Arnold, F. E. Dodge and J. K. Smith, jurors, \$1.00 each.

In the matter of the reports of road supervisors for 1889, the following were accepted, and the following sums ordered paid:

NAME.	WHAT FOR.	AM'T.
J. I. Fuller, dist. No. 39, 10d.,		\$20 60
Marion Feichter, " "		25 44
A. B. Alexander, " "		10 54
A. Rickard, " "		28 54
T. B. Williams, " "		3 64
N. Taylor, " "		52 84
E. Emmons, " "		23 74
J. E. Fisk, " "		19 104
William Dutton, " "		53 64
Joseph Newton, " "		11 34
Geo. W. Collins, " "		45 84
Hugh Herron, " "		26 34
J. B. May, " "		22 44
H. L. Palmer, " "		56 84
R. C. Kiger, " "		5 74
M. V. Leeper, " "		41 44
Wm. Jolly, " "		18 54
M. T. Bayley, " "		38 124

A license was granted to James R. Short to sell liquor in less quantities than one gallon for the period of one year.

The following bills were audited and allowed:

NAME.	WHAT FOR.	AM'T.
P. M. Zierolf, pauper supplies,		\$30 00
D. H. Vanderpool, road-work,		14 25
A. J. Williams, jury-list,		3 00
N. P. Newton, jury-list ass't.,		2 00
E. D. Hamilton, " "		2 00
A. L. Clark, cougar bounty,		2 50
Wm. Mackay, sheriff fees,		26 50
W. L. Watkins, guard insane,		28 00
Geo. E. Bushnell, physician for insane,		5 00
Geo. E. Bushnell, guard insane,		14 40
M. L. Pipes, att'y for insane,		5 00

In the matter of the proposed county road from Bales' Creek at Yaquina road to Hayes' Creek, the following cost-bill was allowed:

NAME.	WHAT FOR.	AM'T.
L. Pepin, viewler,		\$9 20
M. L. Trapp, " "		9 50
E. S. Hamer, " "		10 00
J. O. Fuller, chairman,		9 30
J. W. Bryant, " "		9 10
P. Huffaker, marker,		8 60
A. L. Porter, surveyor,		16 70

It is further ordered in the matter above that J. H. Crain, Horace Underhill and R. F. Simpson are appointed viewlers, and that they meet at Wm. Boers on January 14th, and proceed to survey and lay out said road.

Bills ordered paid as follows:

NAME.	WHAT FOR.	AM'T.
B. W. Wilson, clerk, etc.,		\$83 20
C. H. Williams, Commissioner,		27 20
S. A. Logan, " "		23 40

Comes now D. Carlie, J. P., and presents cost-bill in case of State vs. R. C. Kiger: D. Carlie, J. P. fees, \$5.90; Wm. Mackay, sheriff, \$1.50; M. L. Pipes, attorney, \$5.

The court then proceeded to appoint road supervisors for 1890.

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