

THE TEACHERS.—The regular quarterly examination of teachers began on Wednesday in the office of J. J. Bryan, county superintendent. This gentleman was assisted by Geo. Bethers and E. L. Bryan. There were forty-four applicants for teachers' certificates, and a jolly crowd they were during the hours not taken up in the work. The examination will close to-morrow. Following is a list of those present: Misses Julia A. Woods, Lottie Herbert, Mary O. Haines, Bado B. Wells, Ina Barclay, Pearl Charles, Julia M. Taylor, Laura Newton and Jennie Taylor of Philomath; Lizzie C. Bryan, Alice D. Mulkey, Mollie Fischer, Venie Powers, Mary E. Newton, Jennie Lilly, Maud Hoffman, Bonnie Swann and Marguerite Winnifred, of Corvallis; Florence A. Barber of Junction City; Jennie Herron and Amy Shipley, of Monroe; Mary Hall of Newport; Cora Dobson and Mollie A. Bergin, of Yaquina; Sadie Forden, Waldport; Ella Thompson, Salem; Eliza Massey, Brooks; Laura E. Williams, Airtie; Clara A. Caves, King's Valley; Anna Drinkard of Rowland. Messrs. J. N. Hoffman, King's Valley; E. G. Lichtenthaler, R. E. Watts, G. W. Brown and Chas. H. Merryman, of Philomath; O. M. McFarland, J. G. Buchanan, A. L. McFadden, and Chas. Bryan, of Corvallis; A. F. Cornutt and T. L. Read, of Wrenn; W. B. Haines, of Portland; A. M. Phillips, Albany; and A. J. Shipley, of Monroe.

A MIXTURE.—During last week there were three "drummers" for a patent gate firm in this city, all endeavoring to sell a county right to some one. This week another one visited the city and, from his conversation, one would judge that patent gates are a step too far in advance for most Benton county farmers. Book agents are beginning to flock here also, there having been two here since Tuesday, also a peddler of towel and hat racks, and a new substance to remove oil spots from clothes. Even the cold and stormy weather is no barrier to them. One of the agents had a book entitled the "Heroes of the Dark Continent," which he was trying to sell by representing it to be written by the great Stanley—when J. P. Buell, a writer of note, was the author. When Stanley's book is issued it will be something more than a lot of newspaper stories boiled down accompanied by a few illustrations. Any sensible person certainly knows that Stanley has not found time enough, since his return from Africa, to prepare the manuscript relating to his experience in that far-off land. Don't be gulled by such fellows.

PERSONAL.—J. C. Crome, the traveling agent for the firm of Palmer & Rey, type dealers in Portland, was in Corvallis on Tuesday. On March 1st he will retire from the above business and go to Sedro, Washington, where he will begin the publication of the Sedro Enterprise, a 7-column folio issued weekly. There is a splendid opening there for a journal, although one has been established there for the past ten months. An evidence of some of the encouragement given Mr. Crome for starting the paper is that one merchant in that city guarantees him \$2,500 worth of advertising a year—more than is done in all the Benton county papers in the same time.

To WED.—During the past week two marriage licenses have been granted by County Clerk Wilson, in his office, to the following parties: Marcus D. Hodges and Mary Stewart, and Samuel T. Wyatt and Mary Davisson.

COMPLETED.—The temporary bridge across the Mary's river here has been completed. It is strong and substantial, and will have lots of travel over it before the new permanent structure is completed.

A. F. Hershner is the leading grocer.

NOT BAD.—Three weeks ago every body was sighing for clear weather. Now such has come and things are reversed—"Oh, for some rain." This is a curious world, but more so are its people. One man from Nebraska, now residing in Corvallis, says he can't see where Oregon has any advantages over his state, and yet to a GAZETTE man; he related an experience of his (in that state) that was something like this: One noon, in the city where he was living he started to go home, only about four blocks distant from his office. A blizzard suddenly came up and he became bewildered in that short distance and was lost. He could not see a rod ahead of him, the snow drifted high; it blew up his coat sleeves, into his pockets, and all over him. He could not do anything so he got down behind a drift and waited for the storm to get through. It was not long before a lull in the storm came over. He got up and on looking around saw that he was only a few yards from his barn, and in places the "beautiful" had piled up six feet against the sides of buildings. All done in a short time. This was in Nebraska. This man said he was strictly "sober" at the time. No one denies that. But when you get lost in going four blocks in Oregon you certainly have had plenty of water. Oregon weather may not be just what some real estate agent has said it is, but it is better than blizzards, cyclones, and grasshoppers.

VALUABLE ANIMAL DEAD.—Last Sunday Wm. Buchanan desired to go to his farm, a few miles south of Corvallis, and so started on horseback. When he came to Mary's river it was necessary to cross on the footbridge and swim the animal. After removing the saddle and bridle the horse was led into the water and, after going a few feet, she suddenly lost all power of movement and several times came near going down, the only thing preventing being the holding of her head out of water by the person leading her. When the south bank was reached the mare refused to leave the water, and before assistance could be called to draw her out she died. With the aid of some men she was hauled up on the bank and immediately blood began running from the nose and mouth showing that a blood vessel must have burst while she was struggling in the water. The loss to Mr. Buchanan is about \$100. On Monday a sum was made up to that amount by several of this gentleman's friends and presented to him.

BURNED TO DEATH.—On Wednesday evening, Willis Scott and wife, who live on Greasy creek, near Philomath, went out to attend to the feeding of their stock, etc., leaving their only child, aged about three years, in the sitting room of the house. After finishing the work they returned and upon going into the room were horrified to see the child laying on the fire-place nearly burned to death. It was taken from this position and as soon as possible a doctor was called. Everything possible was done to save the poor child but it died about 8 o'clock yesterday a. m.

RECEIVED INJURIES.—On the Oregon Pacific railroad, near Harris' station, on Saturday morning, a force of bridge carpenters were working in a ravine below a small bridge. Suddenly the bank caved in and fell upon them injuring Charles Gray and Wm. Buchanan. The former had his collar-bone broken in two places and the latter was injured internally.

PARLOR MEETING.—On this Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, a parlor meeting will be held at Mr. and Mrs. E. Woodward's house. The subject under discussion will be "How much religious instruction should be given in our public schools?" Friends are cordially invited.

STATE REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE.—Hon. Lewis T. Barin, chairman of the state republican central committee, has issued a call for a meeting of that body in the parlors of the St. Charles hotel, Portland, March 4th. The object of this meeting will be to fix on the number of members to constitute the state convention and the number from each county, which will probably be based on the vote cast for Hermann at the last election, to fix the time and place of holding the state convention and to suggest the time of holding the primaries, so as to secure uniformity. The committee is composed of the following members: L. T. Barin, chairman, J. T. Gregg, secretary; C. D. Miller, assistant secretary; Jas. P. Faull, Baker; C. E. Moore, Benton; L. T. Barin, Clackamas; Samuel Elmore, Clatsop; James Muckle, Columbia; Andrew Nasburg, Coos; A. R. Lyle, Crook; A. H. Crook, Curry; J. C. Fullerton, Douglas; J. P. Lucas, Gilliam; Phil Metcham, Grant; A. H. Maegley, Jackson; H. B. Miller, Josephine; C. S. Moore, Klamath; W. T. Boyd, Lake; H. O. Humphrey, Lane; C. E. Wolverton, Linn; Thos. Lettig, Malheur; A. N. Gilbert, Marion; W. R. Ellis, Morrow; M. C. George, Multnomah; J. Richardson, Polk; R. R. Hays, Tillamook; Lee Moorhouse, Umatilla; Chas. Goodrough, Union; F. D. McCully, Wallowa; M. A. Moody, Wasco; T. H. Tongue, Washington; J. J. Spencer, Yamhill.

HOUSES LOSE WATCHES.—Strange things happen some times in Corvallis. The latest is in the burglary line. A few days ago two Houses within a house had two gold watches, and on last Thursday evening, the 21st, between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock, the first two Houses that were once within the house were without the house and when they found themselves again within the house they were not possessors of the two gold watches. How's that? Simply this: Chas. House and his wife had occasion to be absent from their residence at the time above mentioned and upon returning found that some one had entered by prying open a window and, after rumaging around, had stolen their two gold watches. As yet no clue is had to the thief.

A NATIONAL BANK.—Rumor has it that Corvallis is soon to have a national banking house. This scribe has not yet enquired into to the matter, but a clipping from an Omaha paper, 2,300 miles distant, has been received wherein it includes, in its Washington news concerning applications to establish such houses, the "The Corvallis national bank, at Corvallis, Or., with M. S. Woodcock and associates," as applicants. A painter has also informed this pencil-shower that the large windows of the present Woodcock bank are soon to be "lettered" and, taking all things into consideration, it is supposed that the word *national* will appear from the letters. Such a house is needed in this city, and it is hoped the application will be allowed.

THE LEADING GROCER.—Elsewhere in this issue of the GAZETTE appears the advertisement of the leading grocer, A. F. Hershner. This gentleman was for a number of years connected in the grocery business with J. P. Irvine but in 1888 a dissolution of partnership occurred, the latter retiring. Since then Mr. H. has not only held the patronage of former customers but has gradually increased the number until now he is foremost in this line of business in Corvallis. His store room is always stocked with the purest and freshest of goods, and his line of glassware, crockery, etc., is the very latest style.

Chicago will have the world's fair in 1892, but C. L. Roberts, the jeweler, is already having a fair trade in his jewelry business. If your watch is out of order, let him put it in shape to keep to keep good time.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

L. G. Kline is still confined to his house.

Drummers have been very plenty in Corvallis this week.

Wesley Todd has just received some fine quality candies.

The best place in town to buy groceries is at A. F. Hershner's.

Some of the furniture of the land company's office has arrived.

When you want good goods at the lowest prices go to A. F. H's.

Louis Rennie and family, of Salem, were in Corvallis on Tuesday.

Go to Todd's. He can supply you with the freshest candies in the city.

Frank E. Hodgkin, of insurance company fame, was in Corvallis on Tuesday last.

An extra train with steamer passengers and some freight came over on Monday morning.

The residence of Pete Zierolf will soon have the painters at work on it both inside and out.

W. F. Peck, of Salem, the manager of the new land company, was in Corvallis on Tuesday last.

The improvements in J. M. Nolan's store have been made and it now presents a metropolitan appearance.

The dray and truck companies of this city report the largest amount of work this week ever done by them before.

A delicious orange is an excellent thing to put into your meal-surrounders. Wesley Todd keeps the nicest kinds for sale.

The usual services will be held at the Congregational church next Sunday. The evening lecture will be on, "Quakerism."

Electric lights will soon be burning in the vicinity of the new school building. The poles are up and the wire is being stretched.

It was winter in the best of style on Tuesday morning last. About an inch of snow covered the ground in this city and a cold northwest wind prevailed.

In the mention made in last week's GAZETTE of the new dramatic society organized in this city, the name of Miss Maud Hoffman should not have appeared.

Claud's, the 16 months old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hanson, of this city, died on last Saturday, the 22nd. The remains were taken to Eugene for interment.

The Corvallis brass band were out on the street and furnished some music on Saturday last—Washington's birthday. It helped to liven up things somewhat.

The time is coming when the eastern line of the tier of counties on the coast line of Oregon will be along the summit of the coast range.—Yaquina Republican.

That A. F. Hershner sells groceries at prices that please his customers, is proven by the fact that his trade has doubled in the past two years and is still increasing.

A. F. Hershner the leading grocer, carries a full and complete stock of groceries, crockery and glassware, lamps and table cutlery, and sells at the lowest prices.

Services at the M. E. church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Subject in the evening: "The highest mental culture never discovered the true God."

Albany's population will soon be increased by the removal of the family of Wallace Baldwin from here there. Mr. B. is secretary of the Albany water works company.

J. C. Applewhite, who recently closed a successful term of school in the North Powder district, is now attending Prof. Whitney's business college.—Baker City Blade, 20th.

The Corvallis, Willamette Valley, State Land & Loan company now have their new rooms all furnished and are ready to do any kind of business in their line. If you have any land for sale place it in their hands.

Services at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning and evening at the usual hours. Preaching by the pastor. Topics of special interest to all. Communion at the close of the morning sermon. Sabbath school at 10 a. m.

Corvallis allows cows to run at large in the streets in day time. There is a slight sound, as of a rumbling in the distance, on the air, and we can feel if not quite distinguish the turmoil of

battle against the cow rapidly approaching.—Republican.

It will soon be spring and with it comes the house cleaning. When you take up your carpets that are beginning to show the wear and tear of long use, you had better decide to replace them with new ones. Philip Weber has a splendid assortment to select from—and his prices are the cheapest.

The Oregon state teachers' association meets a Salem in annual session July 1st, and 3d. The session will be held at the state house, and the indications are that the meeting will be largely attended by the teachers of the state. Hon. R. G. Horr, ex-congressman from Michigan, is expected to be present and will, no doubt, address the association. The National teachers' association, to be held at St. Paul in July, will be attended by about fifty of Oregon's teachers. Superintendent McElroy is in correspondence and is arranging to secure state headquarters. The fare for the round trip will be \$67.90, being a trifle over half fare.

"An Ocular Delusion" is the title of a bright social study in serial shape, which will begin in the New York Ledger of March 1. The story holds the mirror up to club life in the metropolis, and touches lightly but with the masterly and suggestive stroke of the etching hand, some of the more distinctive sides of New York society life. Several of the characters are so startlingly typical that they may be taken for any one of scores of the members of the "Four Hundred." The hero is a fine combination of manliness, ready ingenuity and audacity, a youth, with a rare amount of philosophy in his cerebral gray matter and an equally generous amount of red corpuscles in his veins—a character which the author has elaborated with sympathetic interest, and which, according to the impression given by the advance sheets, represents an oarsman of a recent crew of a leading American college. The author, by the way, is that brilliant young newspaper worker, Frank Howard Howe, son of the late postmaster-general, Timothy F. Howe, of Wisconsin.

Frank Davey, one of the best reporters in Oregon, is now holding a position on the Salem Journal.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889

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The mechanics are now through. We have still on hand some choice remnants of Dress Goods, Silks, Velvets, and assorted Dry Goods, which must go before our new Spring stock arrives. Also odd lots of Hosiery; Winter Skirts, Corsets, Shoes, and Children's Overcoats, at prices that tell!

N. B.—Opened this week: New black Dress Goods, Tricots, Surahs, and Plushes; all new shades.

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Corvallis, Oregon.

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Everything guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded. Customers well treated. Goods best quality. Prices the lowest. Volume of trade doubled the past two years, and constantly increasing. Goods delivered on board cars and boats free of charge.

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