

COUNTY COURT.

The regular session of the county court for Benton was held at the court house last week, being the first court held under the administration of the new county judge, W. S. Hufford.

Present, Judge W. H. Hufford, F. J. Chambers and S. A. Logan, commissioners, Wm. Mackay sheriff and B. W. Wilson clerk. Besides the usual number of bills which were allowed the following is a report of the business transacted:

In the matter of the Big Bend road on Alsea river the court ordered that appropriation of \$375 be made for the purpose of assisting the citizens along the line to open and construct said road a distance of seven and one-half miles.

In the matter of applicant for scholarships in Oregon Agricultural College, Joseph F. Alexander was appointed, he being the only applicant.

In the matter of a proposed county road from Waldport to a point at the west end of the Alsea and Tidewater road the court appointed Robert Barclay, James Barclay and J. H. Glines as viewers and W. T. Weber surveyor, to survey the same, to return their report as to the expense etc. for construction of said road at next regular meeting of the court.

In the matter of a proposed county road beginning at a point in the county road that runs from Wells Station to a point in the Albany and Buena Vista county road, one mile northeast from Albany, J. H. Nichols, A. M. Witham, and M. J. Conner were appointed viewers, A. L. Porter surveyor, and were instructed to make a survey of said proposed road and return report as to the probable cost thereof to the county court at its next regular session.

Charles Hout was appointed stock inspector of Benton county, to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Nick Baesen.

The matter pertaining to the change of road on Isabella Gellatly's lands was continued until next regular term of court.

John I. Fuller was awarded the contract for \$43 to widen the grade of road at the north and south end of bridge known as Britt Wood canon bridge.

NEW PUMPS.—The big duplex pumps ordered by the Corvallis Water Company some two months ago from Chicago arrived last Saturday and are being placed in position and will be ready for service by the first of next week. The pumps were manufactured by Henry R. Worthington of Chicago, and weigh 7,100 pounds, their pumping capacity is over 1,000,000 per day, enough to supply the demand for water in this city for a good many years to come. The new pumps will not be used at present in the regular service, but will be placed in position and will be used in case of accident to the old pumps which are of ample capacity to supply the present demand for water, about 130,000 gallons of water per day. They will be thoroughly overhauled and repaired as soon as the new pumps are ready to start.

BRING IN YOUR SAMPLES.—The attention of the farmers is called to a card by Hartless & Davison in another column asking samples of your products, to be placed on exhibit at the Industrial Fair at Portland, September 25th to October 28th. They are taking an active interest in this matter and already have a fair collection of grains, grasses and fruits for exhibit. Benton county is one of the largest counties in the state and should have an exhibit of her products at the fair that will be a credit to her. It will not only show that this county can produce as fine grain and fruits as can be grown in the United States, it will be an excellent advertisement. Let every farmer, when he comes to town, bring in some sample of his produce.

THE FIRST OF THE SEASON.—Last Tuesday A. F. Hershner, the grocer, was selling Oregon-roasting ears and peaches, the first that has been brought to market this season. The corn was raised on J. D. Burton's place just across the river. It was fine flavored and well matured. The peaches were brought in by Mr. Bogue, who also lives on the other side of the river.

PICNIC.—A very enjoyable picnic was held in Job's Addition yesterday afternoon. Those present passed the time pleasantly in various ways, and it seemed to be the general desire that the opportunity for such enjoyment will occur frequently. The Corvallis Brass band in new uniform provided excellent music during the afternoon.

OUR SEASIDE LETTER.

OCEAN VIEW COTTAGE, 1 NEWPORT, July, 14, '90.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—Once more we looking out upon old ocean's restless waves and drinking in the fresh salt air from these Pacific waters. It seems more stimulating than ever and I really believe is more exhilarating than the best of Corvallis beverages. The weather is clear and during the day the atmosphere is delicious, while at night one can sleep soundly and dream gloriously.

Newport has improved quite a good deal during the past year. Several new buildings have been erected and others are in course of construction. The new steam saw and planing mill is quite an industry and is kept running to its fullest capacity. Dr. Bayley is building a fine residence, one of the best in Benton county. From my cottage window I can count a dozen new cottages going up, to be owned and occupied by Albany parties. The roads and sidewalks have been greatly improved, making it much easier and pleasanter for visitors to get around.

The hotels are not crowded as yet, although quite a number of tourists have arrived. I have not noticed many Corvallis people as yet. Our rustling merchant, George Fish, was swimming around these waters last Saturday for some supposed valuable bait which I hope he secured. There are several camping parties on the north beach who are enjoying themselves eating rock oysters and bathing in the "salty sea." Of course the fellow and his girl are here "acting well their part," which consists in seeing nothing but one another. It is sometimes strange how devoted people become when at the seaside; how they anticipate each other's wants and how exclusively they devote themselves to one single object—they actually fall in love with that one object and take it home with them.

We noticed our genial grocerman, Thomas Bell, and his family pitching their tent under the trees near by, the other day.

The Bay View House and the Ocean House are in good shape to welcome and entertain their guests. They deserve liberal patronage as they are making special effort to have visitors feel comfortable and enjoy themselves while with them.

This morning the steamer Willamette Valley was waiting outside for the tide, about ten o'clock she passed in and is now lying at her dock at Yaquina.

Though I have been here but three days still I feel stronger and better, and I believe after a few weeks rest I shall be ready for another year of stirring work.

I hope to write the GAZETTE more of a letter next time. Till then good bye.

E. J. T.

AGAIN IN JAIL.—J. A. McDonald, a stone cutter, was arrested in Salem last week, by Dave Osborn, on a charge of larceny of some tools belonging to J. R. Scraftford. A trial of the case before Justice Carlile, resulted in his acquittal. He had no sooner got out of this scrape than he became gloriously drunk and is now serving his sentence in the city cooler. McDonald is becoming quite notorious having figured in a number of scrapes lately in Corvallis, Salem and Albany, we are informed that an Albany party would like to see him after settling up his business in Corvallis.

WILL MOVE TO CORVALLIS.—Benton county's newly elected judge, W. S. Hufford, purchased a house and lot on sixth street last Friday, of R. L. Lawrence, for \$800 and will move his family and household effects over from Newport sometime next week and will make Corvallis his future home. He is also having room five in the court house fitted up in a neat style for an office.

HO FOR NEWPORT.—An excursion train will leave Albany on Saturday, July, 19, 4:35 p. m., Corvallis 5 p. m. for Newport. Returning leave Yaquina 6 p. m., Sunday, 20th. Tickets good to return on regular train Monday the 21st. Fair for round trip including steamer fare from Yaquina to Newport, Two (\$2) Dollars.

A GOOD GROWTH.—The limb of an elder tree, found growing on the river bank near this city, is exhibited at the office of the Corvallis State Land and Loan Co. There is nothing curious about the limb of an ordinary elder tree, but this particular limb is four-tenths of an inch in diameter and is four feet long and is all of this year's growth. Beat it if you can.

STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The State Horticultural Society came and has gone and those visitors who expected to see and hear Benton County pomologists were sadly disappointed. Our people no doubt are interested in horticulture but their interest is of the silent absent kind. When the society comes again there will undoubtedly be a little more enthusiasm manifested! Perhaps our friends who are just setting out these large (?) orchards of prunes, peaches, etc., could learn nothing at such a meeting. Such being the case they are indeed fortunate. Yet, even then it is their duty to lend a helping hand to those poor ignorant and deluded mortals not so fortunate, but, who, despite their ignorance and uncouthness are intensely interested in our horticultural prospects both state and national.

The best part of all such meetings lies in the discussions. The papers are mere outlines. As such the ones offered at the late meeting certainly furnished material enough for profitable discussion as was evidenced by the afternoon and morning sessions.

The hue and cry against this organization has been that it was purely local. This can no longer be said to be the case. The society held a meeting in this city for the purpose of enlisting our people in its work to the end that it might become state in fact as well as in name. How many did they enlist? Six. A marvelous good showing for a county like Benton and even a city like Corvallis! The adjacent county also cannot claim very much credit for taking an active part in the work.

True there is no immediate prospect for the return of tangible interest on the dollar invested in memberships, yet when we become aware of the fact that this insures us a copy of the report of the workings of the society for a year there seems to be little room left for doubt that good interest will be forthcoming on the investment.

A careful perusal of the society's constitution and by-laws will show it to be a broad gauge organization which will, when its membership becomes larger and more generally distributed over the state be a factor of prime importance in our leading state interest—horticulture.

This is pre-eminently a fruit state—our native fruits only too well attest this. We should take advantage of nature's gifts and turn our attention more generally to the development of our fruit trees, shrubs and vines. There is only one organization in our state in which the requisite amount of preliminary discussion and information can be had and that is the State Horticultural Society. In it are men who have grown gray and aged in the work on our new coast. Is their experience and counsel of no use to our younger planters? Not that young blood is not competent to meet the needs of the hour but the results of these previous years' work of men enthusiastic in the labor is not to be counted of no avail to our modern methods. Then again there is strength and wisdom in wide discussion. If any one doubts the degree of uncertainty and ignorance that exists regarding the most common methods of culture, growth, insect and fungus pests, let him attend one of these meetings and stand the fire of queries. But it is not necessary to join the organization in order to manifest an interest in the work. The general public of our city took decided interest in the matter at the evening session but where were the fruit growers and gardeners during the day session?

It is to be hoped that when the society holds another meeting in the upper Willamette the fruit growers will give it a more generous reception.

NEW COFFEE HOUSE.—Adam Assell opened his new coffee and chop house next door to Moore & Hitchens' barber shop last Wednesday. Adam is no new hand at this business. He knows how to serve you a delicious cup of coffee or a first-class meal in fine style, and asks for a liberal share of the public patronage. His restaurant is kept clean and neat and he says there are no flies on his steaks. Give him a call. Open at all hours during the day.

SOCIAL.—The sociable given by the ladies of the M. E. church at the residence of W. B. Chase was a pleasant affair and was well attended. The receipts of the evening were about \$20. The GAZETTE was not represented at the social but was kindly remembered by the ladies with a very liberal supply of choice cake, which was duly appreciated by our printers. Thanks, ladies, call again.

LOCAL NOTES.

Bargains in lingerie, ties and handkerchiefs at Ladies' Bazar.

A new line of boys' suits just received at S. L. Kline's at \$1.25 each.

Tourist and other readings, good choice, low prices, at Ladies' Bazar.

Wild blackberries are very plentiful this season on the island above town.

Children's tan shoes with or without spring heels at Holgate & Helm's.

Ladies' Oxford Ties, in tan and black for \$1 per pair at Holgate & Helm's.

Moore & Hitchens for shaving, hair cutting and shampooing. Shaving 15 cents.

New arrival of men's fine shoes in narrow and wide widths at Holgate & Helm's.

If you want absolutely fast black hose for ladies and children go to Ladies' Bazar.

Pernot Bros. are prepared to enlarge pictures to any size, at reasonable prices.

Judge M. L. Pipes is holding a special session of circuit court at Eugene City this week.

Merino underwear, smooth and soft as silk, for ladies' and children's wear at the Ladies' Bazar.

The Oregon Press Association will hold its annual session at Portland on the 14th and 15th of next month.

O. R. Addison and family expect to leave about the first of August for California, where they will remain for a year or more.

Two bulls for sale, one two years old and one yearling. Both recorded Shorthorns. Inquire of F. J. Chambers, King's Valley.

Six persons united with the Congregational church last Sunday, and several others are thinking of uniting in the near future.

T. L. Dugger has purchased the Sco Press of Col VanCleave and will change the name of the paper to the Santiam Weekly Press.

Winnifred Johnson's banjo playing and her dancing to her own banjo accompaniment in "A pair of Jacks" is a delightful novelty.

Sol Harris, who is in the employ of Meir & Frank, of Portland, was in Corvallis the early part of this week on a short visit to his parents.

R. W. Wilson left last Monday for the Cascade mountains where he will remain for several days recreating at the ranch of his son, L. Y. Wilson.

Mrs. S. T. Jeffreys, accompanied by her niece, Miss Jennie Whiteford, started last Wednesday for Seaside, intending to be absent about two weeks.

To expel the impurities in the blood and give strength to the system before the effects of warm weather are felt, use Pfunder's Oregon Blood Purifier.

Preaching in the Evangelical church on Sabbath at 11 a. m. by Rev. M. J. Ballantyne. Subject, "The World's Attitude Toward Christ and his Followers."

Wright's Jamaica Ginger strictly pure. An excellent remedy for cramps, colic and where a tonic for the stomach and bowels is required. Sold by all druggists.

Benton county can boast of the finest court house and grounds in the state, but a coat of paint on the fence would be more in keeping with the appearance of the building.

The best remedy for headache and neuralgia is Wright's Paragon Headache Remedy. Stops pain in five minutes. Harmless, tasteless, no bad effects. Sold by all druggists.

Services in the Congregational church next Sunday at the usual hours. The pastor will preach in the morning on, "God's Desires for Mankind," and in the evening will lecture on, "The Old Ruts."

A Summer Friend—Wright's Blackberry Cordial. Once used always used. Reliable and prompt. Pleasant to take. Indispensable for summer troubles. Sold by all druggists.

Jas. R. Smith, after a two weeks visit to old friends in Corvallis, returned Tuesday to his home in Fairhaven, Washington. It was noted that he only bought one ticket this time, regardless of certain rumors afloat to the contrary.

Once in seven years the body is renewed. The blood must have the elements of vitality. Wright's Compound Syrup of Sarsaparilla cleanses and enriches the blood, and gives a new impetus to life. Sold by all druggists.

Governor Penoyer appointed Jas. Bruce, of Corvallis, Chas. Miller, of Jefferson and Samuel Layman, of Woodburn, last Tuesday, as delegates to the Farmers' National congress, which is to meet at Council Bluffs, Iowa, on Tuesday, August 26th.

B. R. Cauthorn, a prominent citizen of Mexico, Missouri, and a brother of T. E. Cauthorn, arrived in this city last week. He is accompanied by his two daughters and will remain during the summer visiting relatives and old friends in Benton county.

M. Volk has received the appointment of general roadmaster of the Southern Pacific railroad company. The order went into effect on July 15th. Mr. Volk has been employed in various capacities on the east side division ever since the road was built some twenty years or more.

R. G. Knowles, who used to be "the very peculiar comedian" in minstrelsy and who later played comedy roles with Augustine Daly's company, has made a distinct hit as Judge Jack in Grattan Donnelly's farce comedy, "A Pair of Jacks." His interpolated specialties are novel and original.

A meeting of the citizens of Falls City was held at that place Saturday afternoon to talk railroad. The meeting was quite well attended and those present became quite enthusiastic. The railroad talked of is a line from that place up the Big Luckiamute out toward the Siletz and Yaquina. It is said that an early survey will probably be made over this route.

REDUCTION SALE!

SUMMER GOODS!

We Will Commence
On Sat., July 12,

A Reduction Sale of all Summer Goods. We must have Room
For our New Fall Stock.

Reductions in Wash Dress Goods.

Reductions in White Goods.

Reductions in Wraps, Jackets, Blouses.

Reductions in Summer Silks.

Reductions in Parasols.

Reductions in Lace Flouncings.

Reductions in all Summer Goods.

SPECIAL.—All our 12½c Lawns Reduced to 5c.

—All our Dress Goods, Silks and Velvets reduced during this sale.

—Bargains in Men's Furnishing Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Harvesting Outfits.

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