

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

Profs. Washburn, French and Lake, of the Agricultural College, returned this week from The Dalles where they were present at a Farmers' Institute which was well attended by both the farmers of Wasco and the people of the city. From all parts of the state in which these institutes have been held come flattering reports of the proceedings and it is apparent that this year more interest is manifested in them than has been previously taken. The professors themselves are earnest and active, and the zeal with which they prosecute the work indicates a strong desire on their part to place Oregon farming upon a scientific basis as nearly as possible. Their work seems to be actuated by a desire to forward the interests of the agriculturists rather than by the requirements of the law. It may be seen by a perusal of the programmes for these institutes that the co-operation of the most successful and intelligent farmers, fruit-growers and stock-raisers of the state have been enlisted in these gatherings. At the meeting at The Dalles, aside from the part in the proceedings taken by the professors, who discussed the principles of stock-breeding, insect pests, etc., an excellent address was delivered by Hon. J. D. Lee, who has given the subject of agriculture a great deal of intelligent study; a paper, concerning climate, was read by B. S. Pague of the signal service of Portland. It is known that Mr. Pague has made a scientific study of the climatic changes of Oregon, and that he is thoroughly conversant with every phase of the matter; "Oregon Orchards" was discussed by J. C. Varney, state commissioner of horticulture; "Fruit and Fruit Culture," by Ernest Shanno, etc. Other matters were intelligently treated by persons of unquestioned ability, but the foregoing is sufficient for the purpose. The programme of each institute is similar in character to the one held at The Dalles. A general discussion usually follows the reading of each paper and the whole is interspersed with good vocal and instrumental music. These discussions, will be noted, are made by persons chosen on account of their knowledge of the matter in hand, and they must be instructive. The institutes are productive of much good now and as they become better organized—that is, when the work becomes more systematic and the benefits of each meeting extend outside the locality in which it is held, we shall see a vast improvement in the methods now pursued by our farmers in general. The conditions are not now favorable for the largest number to be benefited by the institutes, but the Agricultural College, under whose auspices they are held, is making rapid strides to this end.

FOR BETTER MAIL FACILITIES.—The people of Newport are suffering great inconvenience from the insufficiency of the mail service between that city and Yaquina City over which route almost all their mail is carried. A non-resident secured the contract for carrying the mails between the places named at a figure much below what it is actually worth. The result is that the work was poorly performed from the beginning, and recently the contractor failed to provide any means for the transit of mails, since which time postmaster A. H. Hampton has performed the service as best he could. It now appears that the master of the steamer J. M. Richardson offers to carry the mail on schedule time for \$600 per year. The Newport postoffice is of considerable importance and its patrons certainly are entitled to good mail facilities. A committee from the Newport board of trade have drawn up a statement setting forth the conditions and it recommends that the report be sent to Hon. Binger Hermann with the request that he submit the same to the Hon. Postmaster General. It is safe to say that Mr. Hermann will give the matter the attention it requires.

SIDEWALKS.—A number of new crosswalks are being laid in the city, and some dangerous and unsightly chasms in the streets have been filled. In fact the city has done more in the past few months toward improving its sidewalks and crosswalks than in the whole season of 1889. Now that the city has set the example and is doing its part in this matter private citizens should keep up with the march of improvement and see that their sidewalks are in good condition before the winter rains set in. Don't wait to be notified by the marshal. The old excuse that the city does not keep its crosswalks in repair won't go any longer. Let us have good sidewalks. They are one of the things first to attract a stranger's attention.

BRIEF LOCALS.

New lace curtains at Nolan's. New goods all the time at Nolan's. For doors and windows go to J. D. Clark's.

For Oregon City blankets go to Nolan's.

Special sale of blankets and cloaks this week at Nolan's.

Bargains in men's furnishing goods and overcoats at Nolan's.

Egan & Achison are selling mounds at Portland prices. t.

Supt. Yates went out to Clitwood to-day on school business.

The Benton flour is the whitest and best. Ask your grocer for it.

Case's Hair Tonic is getting more popular every day. Try it.

All the latest novelties in the photographic art at Pernot Bros.

Royce-Lansing Musical and Comedy Company Thanksgiving evening.

The finest baths on the coast at the Occidental Shaving Parlors.

Tickets for Royce-Lansing Comedy Company at Roberts' jewelry store.

For bargains in monuments, headstones, etc., go to Egan & Achison, Albany, Oregon. t.

The Royce-Lansing Company have added new and special attractions since their last appearance in Corvallis.

From 10 to 20 per cent reduction in all kinds of frames at Wilkins, Bond & Co.'s. Leave orders at once.

You always get epididymal cream, first-class bay rum and a clean towel on the face at Case's Shaving Parlors.

Wilkins, Bond & Co. have just received a shipment of rubber goods, umbrellas, etc., etc. Call and get prices (bed rock) before purchasing elsewhere.

A pleasant Sunday school social was given at the residence of Mrs. E. Woodward on Friday evening, last. The attendance of both old and young was large.

Why suffer with headache and neuralgia? Wright's Paragon Headache Remedy never fails. Safe, sure, soothng to the nerves. Does not disturb the stomach, and induces sleep. Try it. Sold by all druggists.

For first class goods cheap go to J. Wm. Will. He has made an immense cut for 30 days in prices at the same time his goods can not be beat in quality. Call soon for now is your favored time.

The Arion orchestra will give a dance at Job's Theatre on to-morrow evening, at which time a dancing club will be organized. All young folks will be there; also a large number who would like to be young.

When the blood becomes impoverished or vitiated, life becomes a burden, and the system is susceptible to disease. Wright's Sarsaparilla is worth its weight in gold as a blood medicine. Sold by all druggists.

PROLIFIC OATS.—An old Benton county farmer who is now helping subdue the wild lands of the Big Bend in the new state of Washington, sends this office a pint-cushion full of what he claims to be the most prolific oats in the world. Two years ago he procured a tablespoonful of the grain from Philadelphia with cost him \$1, and from this he obtained a half bushel the following harvest. With this half bushel he seeded half an acre the following spring, and from this half acre he harvested forty-six bushels. Mr. Newhouse is anxious to have the oats tried in Benton county, and to that end has sent the samples in question, which he directs shall be divided amongst as many farmers as wish to experiment with them. In appearance the grain is not unlike any plump, healthy oats we have met with and it is evidently in their ability to multiply themselves enormously that Mr. Newhouse considers them the boss oats of the period. Farmers wishing to test the new grain, which we christen "Republican oats," may obtain a sample sowing at this office.

PALYZED.—Johnathan Card, who resides near Toledo, is a gentleman 85 years of age and recently spent some time at Waterloo springs in hope that the water would supply the requirements of his failing vitality. On Saturday he decided to come to Corvallis by team, and return home from here by rail. Upon the drive of 25 miles to this city he became quite weary and chilly. His constitution could not withstand the exposure and his side became paralyzed soon after his arrival at the residence of D. Carlile where he remains in a critical condition.

NEWPORT AND KING'S VALLEY RAILROAD.

The Salem board of trade is in receipt of the following communication from W. T. Webber, of Newport, secretary of the Newport & King's Valley Railroad Co., regarding the extension of the terminus of the line of that road from Airlie to Salem. The communication is as follows:

"At a meeting of the board of directors of the Newport & King's Valley Railroad Co., a resolution was adopted that will extend our corporation from our present terminus at Airlie to Salem and beyond, via Independence and King's valley.

"By way of explanation I will say that originally the corporation was formed with a view of inducing the narrow gauge to extend their lines from Airlie to this point, but as the present management has decided to put in the standard gauge the N. & K. V. Co. has decided to make the same change as to gauge and also stretch out at each end and cover some good territory and make an effort to construct at least from Salem to the Alsea bay, via the Yaquina bay. Our bill granting us the right of way through the Indian reservation having passed the senate and house and received the signature of the president puts us in good condition to at least do what we can towards beginning the construction.

"I, as an engineer, have been through the mountains from this point to King's valley on the route that will have to be followed, and have made a preliminary survey of the worst part of it; and we find by the examination that the line and gradings are better than we at first anticipated. * * * We have made representations of these facts and also description of the line and grades to parties with a view of enlisting their interests in the matter of construction and give our franchise to them. I was told at an interview that if the line was no worse than I represented that they could furnish money to do the building and that if I would bring to them a profile and alignment map from a thorough instrumental survey I could get a positive answer at once. This survey I am anxious to make, as from observations and surveys I have made I feel confident of success.

"We can get one-third of the amount required to make the survey here, and if you think we can do anything in Salem and Independence Dr. Bayley and myself will be pleased to meet the people and talk it up."—Statesman.

FIRE WEDNESDAY.—About 9 o'clock last Wednesday morning the fire bell rang out the alarm of fire, it being the first time since the fire at Geo. Waggoner's house last summer. The fire department turned out promptly, but the fire which was caused by a burning flue in E. W. Fisher's residence, was extinguished with a few buckets of water without aid of the entire department and with little damage. Right here it might be well to make a few suggestions in regard to the fire protection in that vicinity. Corvallis has one of the finest public school buildings in the state, built at a cost of \$25,000, and all of our citizens take pride in pointing it out to strangers as one of our monuments of public spirit and enterprise. What could be done in case of fire in this building? The nearest water supply to be had is the cistern at the court house, which is two blocks away. The nearest hydrants are at Bryson's corner three blocks distant on the north, and that at Prof. Grimm's corner, five blocks to the south-east. On account of the distance a stream of water from either of these hydrants would not reach the second floor of the building; hence they are practically useless for the purpose. To set the engine at the cistern at the court house, it would take nearly all of the hose the department has on hand to get a single stream of water on the building, which, in case of such a fire, would be of little practical use. When the amount of valuable property, besides the school house, in this vicinity, which is in danger of destruction by fire, is considered, it would seem that some steps toward a better fire protection should be taken without delay. A cistern and at least one hydrant should be at or near the school house block.

THANKSGIVING.—The Ministerial Association of Corvallis met on the 15th and decided to hold union Thanksgiving services in the Corvallis College chapel, Thursday, November 27th at 11 a.m. Sermon by Rev. M. L. Ballantyne. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

CHOICE BARGAINS.—Parties wishing to buy choice lots in Corvallis, at a bargain, for the next thirty days call on J. H. Nicholas.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—On Friday last, as Grover, 6-year-old son of Punderson Avery, was playing about the S. P. Co.'s stock yard the heavy structure which connects the yard with the ears fell upon the little fellow, breaking the femoral or thigh bone. We learn that the child is rapidly recovering.

The state board of railroad commissioners are taking testimony at Salem to ascertain the cause of the Lake Labish disaster. The break in the track has been repaired, and trains are now running as usual. The overland train which has been coming by way of this city made its last trip through here on Wednesday night.

After many years of active business in this city T. E. Caughorn has decided to close out his general merchandise business and retire on account of his failing health, hence, as will be seen by referring to his advertisement in another column, he will commence next Monday, November 24th, to close out his entire stock of goods at cost without reserve. He invites the people to call and see the bargains he will offer.

NEW SHOE STORE.—John Weber & Son will open their new shoe store just south of the postoffice next Saturday. They will carry a full line of all the standard makes of men's, children's, ladies' and misses' shoes at prices that defy competition. The public is invited to call and examine their goods and get prices before purchasing elsewhere. Repairing done with neatness and dispatch at reasonable prices.

Manager Cox, of the Corvallis Street Railway Co., received from San Francisco last Monday the new regulation caps which are to be worn by the drivers and conductors of the street railway system in the future. They are of a pattern something after the style of those worn by the employees of the O. P. R. R. The company's new car is expected to arrive to-day and will be put on the line the first of next week thus affording the public much better accommodation.

A company from Kansas recently purchased the Innou saw mill, some twelve miles west of here and moved out there Wednesday, making big calculations on remodeling the mill and doing a rushing business; but upon arriving at their destination the women of the party organized a strike and refused to stay in such a forsaken country, even though they had obtained the property at a bargain. With a zeal and perseverance worthy of a better cause, they argued the case so well that the men of the party concluded to give up their property and go elsewhere. Who says that "women's rights" are on the decline?—Junction City Pilot.

There is a general desire for some sort of amusement on a holiday. Aside from the usual feasting we all want to go somewhere and do something. If there is no public entertainment we may go hunting or fishing or do worse. But we need not worry ourselves about what we shall do on Thanksgiving—at least a large proportion of us. In the morning we shall go to church and listen to the ministers discourse upon the source of the blessings for which we are thankful. Later we shall indulge ourselves in a blessing in the form of a turkey, a chicken, or something of the kind, and in the evening we shall go and see Royce and Lausung at Job's Theatre.

LANE COUNTY PIONEERS GOING.—Wesley Shannon, one of the early pioneers of Oregon, and the brother of Milton Shannon, of Monroe, died at Eugene last week. James Hudleston, a pioneer of 1850, also died last week at the Hudleston homestead where he had resided since 1854. Elijah Mays, a much respected citizen of Lane county, and one of the pioneers of Oregon, died at his home near Junction City, last Sunday. In 1852 he crossed the plains with his family, and in 1853 settled in Lane county, where he has since continuously resided. Thus we see these old landmarks in the history of Oregon rapidly dropping out from life's drama, not, however, to be forgotten, for the part they have performed is the foundation of that portion of the play which is to come hereafter. Our social institutions are built upon the enduring work of these noble people who are now passing away at the end of long and well-spent lives.

SPECIAL SALE OF SUGAR
Friday and Saturday,
Nov. 21 & 22.
COLDEN C. 18 LBS. \$1.00,
At Kline's.

BARGAINS IN REAL ESTATE.
Good new six-room house, new stable, one and one-half lots near new school house, \$1200.

Five acres on College avenue west of Agricultural College, \$1000.

Three choice lots in Avery & Wells addition near O. P. depot, \$200.

RALSTON COX.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OR., Nov. 14, 1890.
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 Clerk of Benton Co., at Corvallis, Oregon, on January 5, 1891, viz.: Christian Schaefer, Homestead Entry No. 6296 for the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$, S. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ and N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 34, Twp. 11 S. R. 7-W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.:

George W. Cross, William Freels, George M. Malkey and John B. Grdeig, all of Blodgett P. O., Benton county, Oregon.

J. T. APPERSON, Register.

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Under the advice of my Physician I am
COMPELLED × TO × RETIRE
From the Merchantile Business.

Beginning Monday, Nov. 24th,

I will sell my entire stock of General Merchandise, consisting of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Groceries, Etc., at cost, without reserve.

Now is the time to get good bargains. First come, first served. Come soon—I want to make quick work of it.

T. E. CAUGHORN.

GEO. E. FISH,

Corvallis, Oregon.

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Buy the Red School House
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Henderson's \$3 French kid
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Having the Largest Stock
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