

BRIEF LOCALS.

The Friday night dances will be resumed this evening.

Carload of pearl oil (blue label) \$1.40 per can at Kline's.

Born—Last Monday morning to the wife of Eugene Bond, a boy.

Egan & Achison are selling monuments at Portland prices.

New black dress goods .25, .50, .75, \$1 and \$1.25 just received at Kline's.

There are rumors that several cases of diphtheria have appeared in Albany.

If you want a monument see Egan & Achison, of Albany, before purchasing.

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

Preaching in the Evangelical church on Sabbath at 7 p. m. by the pastor, M. J. Ballantyne.

M. H. Kreibitz's latest piece of work in taxidermy is the mounting of an Angora goat's head for Col. Hogg.

L. C. Walker, of the Siletz Indian reservation was in Corvallis last Wednesday on his way to Portland.

Hon. Thos. Cauthorn was taken quite ill while at Salem last week, and is now confined to his home in this city.

A. W. Thompson spent Sunday in Corvallis. He has located at Olympia, where he will engage in business shortly.

Of the 648 inmates of the Oregon insane asylum, Benton county has 18. Multnomah, of course, has the largest number, 200.

Several cases of the measles are reported in Blodgett's Valley. The little child of A. Wood, of that place died last Saturday of this disease.

Mrs. S. T. Jeffreys left this week for California with the expectation that a residence of a few months at Oakland would improve her health.

The vacant lots in Job's addition are being plowed up and sowed in oats, and the streets are being plowed and rolled and put in shape for summer travel.

There are now 337 prisoners in the Oregon penitentiary, the largest number that has ever been confined within the walls of that institution at any one time.

Egan Achison handle the celebrated Portland cement walls for cemetery lots. These walls can be furnished at half the cost of any other and are far superior.

Messrs. J. B. Barber and J. R. Barnett, who were in this city last week, decided to locate here and have returned to Humboldt Co., Cal., to bring their families to this vicinity.

Remember the magic lantern display at the City Hall on Saturday evening at 7:30. Entrance 25 cents. Children half price. Ice cream, served at an interval, 15 cents.

The next Parlor meeting is arranged for Wednesday, March 4th, at the residence of Thos. Graham. Subject, "The Evil of Immoral Literature, and Mr. Wanamaker's remedy."

The city of Roseburg has granted a 20-years franchise to L. L. Hurd to construct and maintain an electric light system in that city. The franchise calls for a good system.

The government snag boat is said to be somewhere on the upper Willamette river, but it is scarcely worth much attention this year. We hope to receive some benefit from it next season, however.

The sheet and pillowcase ball given at Job's Theatre last Friday evening was well attended and greatly enjoyed. The ceremony of initiating a member of the G. O. P. was a strong feature of the evening.

On Sabbath March 1st, there will be a quarterly meeting and communion services in the Evangelical church of this city. Rev. E. S. Bollinger, of Salem will preach in the morning at 11 o'clock. Also at 7 p. m. Communion service after the morning sermon.

On Wednesday Dr. Thompson attended the funeral of Edna Lambertson, aged 6 years, 2 months and 27 days, eldest daughter of Robert and Minda Lambertson, who reside about three miles north of this city. The burial occurred at the Locke cemetery.

The Albany Herald notes the fact of Corvallis' possession of game stock of various kinds and a challenge is brought to the attention of the owners of game cocks in this city. In the fall of the real estate business why not revive some of the old-time rivalry between Corvallis and Albany?

D. Looney, representing Egan & Achison, marble dealers of Albany, was in Corvallis this week. He sold one of their fine granite monuments to Mr. Periman Henderson, of Philomath.

S. L. Kline goes to San Francisco tomorrow to complete spring purchases. Already goods are arriving from the east and in a few weeks a new and complete spring stock will be on exhibition.

Last Friday Marshal Dunn went to Portland with a man named Davis, who had been selling liquor to Indians. On the way down Davis jumped from the moving train and struck out for the woods. The train stopped, however, and Mr. Dunn soon recaptured the fugitive.

B. W. Wilson, our efficient county clerk, is one of the first settlers in Corvallis. He is also the first to celebrate the advent of electric lights for private residences, his residence being the first lighted in this manner in our city.

The Electric Light company has just put in the wiring for light equal to twelve 16 candle power lights.

Harvey Massey, of Douglas county has recorded, in the clerk's office of that county, his claims to the invention of perpetual motion. "This machine," he says, "as you see above, is a cut or drawing of what thousands of people have tried to invent. All have failed but myself. I have got it to perfection and that is perpetual motion."

Arthur Spaulding will deliver a lecture at Independence on March 6th. Mr. Spaulding is new to the lecture field, but his acquaintances have faith in any of his undertakings, and they are confident that he will give the people of Independence a lecture which will repay them well for their attendance. The subject will be "Fun that Beats Fisk."

The general appropriation bill for state expenses the ensuing two years calls \$1,003,000. Of this sum \$45,000 is for the expenses of the present legislature, \$110,000 for deficiencies in various funds incurred during the past two years, and \$90,000 for new buildings and improvements at the asylum and penitentiary. The general appropriation bill last session called for \$767,878.65.

Chinese New Year came to a close on Sunday evening when a distressing fire explosion of fireworks occurred in front of the various Chinese dens. One "Sorbin" claims the distinction of having squandered the largest amount of money in the explosives and in cheap intoxicants which he distributed liberally among those white people present who cared to partake of his hospitality.

Sunday will be Washington's birthday, but there will be no demonstrations in this city on or about that date to assist in arousing the patriotism of our people. If it were not that we like a plausible excuse for having a jollification once in a while it is probable that the 4th of July and 22nd of February would become of no special import. At present these are looked upon simply as conveniences.

Philomath pugilistic circles have been lively of late. Although prize ring rules have not been strictly observed in every event, several interesting contests have occurred during the past two weeks which generally resulted in increasing the city treasurer's funds. Last Saturday a fight occurred and one of the parties was fined \$2.50, and Sunday evening there was another and both parties were arrested and fined \$12.50 each.

PERSONAL—Mr. Julius E. Miner, a prominent lawyer of Minneapolis, spent a couple of days in our city this week, the guest of Dr. Thompson, who was his professor in mathematics and astronomy in the University of Minnesota, where Mr. Miner graduated in 1875. Dr. Thompson had not met his old and much esteemed pupil for thirteen years and was delighted to see him and learn of his success in his chosen profession of the law. Mr. Miner is visiting the Pacific Coast in the interest of the Minneapolis Timber Land Co., which represents a capital of several millions of dollars, and which is purchasing timber claims upon this coast quite extensively. He was greatly pleased with our quiet little city and the country round about. He will visit us again at no distant day to talk with some of our solid timber men about their valuable lands.

NOTICE.—A job of grubbing to let. For particulars enquire of H. T. FARRIS, Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon.

STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

MECHANICS.

A two-story brick building, 37 by 76 feet, with wing 18 by 32 feet, known as the Mechanical Hall, is devoted exclusively to the use of mechanic arts. The three rooms on the first floor are used for recitation room, blacksmith shop, and engine and machinery room. The second floor is divided into two rooms, one for drawing and one for wood work. Besides this there is a small house standing a short distance from main building containing the steam boiler.

Motive power for the machinery is furnished by a 15-horse power Chandler & Taylor engine supplied with steam from a 20-horse power tubular boiler. The same boiler also supplies the steam necessary to operate a steam pump.

The water plant consists of, in addition to the pump, a circular tank with a capacity of 15,000 gallons placed on a tower sixty feet in height. This tank is connected with the college and supplies water to the college, green house and campus.

Instruction in mechanics is given more by practical work than by recitations from text books. Students in wood work are first given a series of exercises designed especially to illustrate the principles involved in work. These exercises are made progressive and consist, for example, in joining pieces of wood in ways such as are employed in actual practice. After these exercises are completed they are put to work constructing things needed about college and elsewhere. In most cases the work is done from blue prints which give practice in working from plans.

The equipment for wood work consists of ten sets of carpenter's tools, including saws, planes, chisels, etc., just such tools as are commonly used by carpenters, ten benches, two wood turning lathes, circular saw and grindstone. There are soon to be added six more sets of tools and six benches, a pony planer, band saw and scroll saw.

Iron work begins in the blacksmith shop and consists of exercises similar to those in wood work, in that they involve the more simple and fundamental forms, such as converting a round rod into a square one, then making half of it round again and pointing both ends, and in the common forms of welding. From this they are gradually advanced in the art of making tools for their own use and for use on the farm and in repairing broken machinery. The blacksmith shop is very well equipped. In fact, Prof. Covell seems to be rather proud of it.

The equipment consists of nine Buffalo stationary forges and one portable forge, ten 100-pound Eagle anvils with hammers, tongs, fullers, flatters, etc., a vice, sledge hammer and swedge block. The blast is furnished by a 35-inch steel pressure blower, and the smoke from all the forges is removed by an exhaust fan and discharged through a single sheet iron stack.

The machine shop is thus far provided with a 16-inch engine lathe with taper attachment, 12-inch hand lathe, 15-inch shaper, and 25-inch drill press. There are soon to be added some small tools and an emery tool-grinder.

Mechanical Drawing begins with the spring term of the first year and continues during remainder of the course. The instruction commences with the first principles of geometrical drawing and gradually leads on to the more difficult forms of drafting, line shading and drawing from objects, also making tracings and blue prints.

Each student is required to supply himself with a set of drawing instruments, T-square, triangles and curves. The department furnishes him with a patented drawing table and a drawing board. The latter is made by students in wood work.

Every student of the mechanical course is required to work five hours a week. Should he fail to put in this amount of time during the week he is allowed to make it up outside of working hours at sometime during the term.

The aim of this department is not to make skilled mechanics, as many believe, but simply to give general ideas as to the use and care of tools. To familiarize the students with the methods of doing work so that, after leaving school, they will be able to take up a piece of average work and carry it to completion in a workmanlike manner and not simply throw it together as is too often done.

Not only those in the mechanical

course are benefitted but agricultural students as well, are required to work one term each year in this department.

It is frequently the case that the breaking of a piece of machinery occasions a delay of perhaps one or two days in taking it to town to be repaired. If the farmer had received instructions in such work he would have the necessary tools and could repair it himself with a saving of time and expense. It is true that to purchase an outfit costs money, but it is equally true that such repairs cost money.

By gradual additions the farmer will soon find himself very well supplied with tools and the outlay coming at different times and in small amounts will be unnoticed, at the same time the money is becoming fixed capital and not invested in perishable property.

How many little conveniences there are which might be enjoyed by the farmer if he but knew how to make them. It is often the case that one man in a neighborhood is "handy" with tools and such a one is always in demand by his neighbors.

Why should the farmer buy his axe handles, and different parts of wagons or other machinery, or hire his plow sharpened? If he has been instructed in an agricultural college there is no need whatever. Many such operations appear difficult when in reality they are very simple if understood. This fact alone recommends the college to those who intend to become farmers.

THAT CONTRACT.

ED. GAZETTE.—There is a scurrilous article in this week's Times from some person writing from Monroe of date February 14, 1891, who did not have stamina or manhood enough about him to attach his name. I should not want to sign my name to it either if I should be guilty of writing an article containing such assertions as this one contains; nor should I attempt to answer it were it not that other persons might be misled by the correspondent's false statements. The truth of the matter is that I never made that or any contract for \$7,000, or any other sum, with the abstract company or any person, to fix up the assessment roll as alluded to by "Tax Payer," but my friend, Judge Holgate, did make that contract with the abstract company on the 3rd day of July, 1890, four days before I took the office. When I assumed the duties of county judge on the 7th day of July, 1890, I found the said contract on the journal and the journal signed by Judge Holgate and Commissioners Logan and Williams.

Therefore I had nothing to do with the contract, and did not know there was such a contract in existence until I found it on the journal on the 7th day of July, 1890, and the abstract men at work under it.

If this "non compos mentis" from Monroe would only read the county papers, or have someone read them for him, he might have seen this (bugbear) contract published in full in the GAZETTE of January 23, 1891, showing the date of contract and who made it.

I wish to inform my Monroe friend that his assertions, that I made that contract, or that I have failed to keep any of my promises, is absolutely false.

W. S. HUFFORD.

AN INNOVATION.—The White House has established a special record system whereby all customers receive a bill of all items purchased, both cash and credit, and a duplicate (carbon copy) is sent to the cashier and book-keeper, by whom a full record is kept. At present these duplicates are handed to the office, but when in San Francisco Mr. Kline will purchase a patent cash carrier and the cashier will have a desk up stairs. This system, besides preventing errors in making change, will give customers the satisfaction of a bill for each purchase, however small. This is an innovation, in which the White House leads, as it has done in so many other improvements for the benefit and convenience of customers. The White House is such an establishment as our citizens may look upon with pride and they show their appreciation of enterprise by extending to this house a phenomenal patronage.

GRAND ART EXHIBITION.—A grand art exhibition will occur at the M. E. social to be held in Corvallis Wednesday evening, February 25th, with Mrs. L. A. Belknap. (Free Reading Rooms.) Admission, only ten cents. Refreshments for those who wish at twenty cents per plate. Catalogue of art exhibit free on entrance. Come, see, and have a grand social time. Per order committee.

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