

LOCAL NOTES.

Lowest prices in town at the Ladies Bazar. March 2nd—opera house—Alba Heywood. A new process flour at Wheeler & Langley's. Try Vogel's optometer for a pair of spectacles. The celebrated C. B. Corsets at the Ladies' Bazaar. History, gloves, underwear, at the Ladies' Bazaar. U. B. Vogle practical watchmaker, next door to Rose Bros. Use entire wheat flour, to be had at Wheeler & Langley's. Onion sets, the best that money can buy at Wheeler & Langley's. Much interesting matter is unavoidably crowded out of these columns. R. B. Blodgett did business in the county seat the first of the week. Mrs. Wright, of Newport, is the guest of Mrs. E. Woodard, this city. There are still a few of those elegant infants' cloaks at the Ladies' Bazaar. The steamer Willamette Valley sails from Yaquina for Frisco Friday, 24, 5 p. m. Deposits received, and plenty of money to loan in the usual line at "The First National Bank of Corvallis."

THE COLLEGE CONTEST.

WEBSTERIANS VS. CICERONIANS—THE FORMER THE VICTORS. The contest between the Ciceronian and Websterian literary societies was held at the opera house last Friday evening as duly announced. At an early hour the house was crowded, and the deepest interest prevailed throughout the evening. The exercises were opened with music by the college band, and the following programme was rendered: DEBATE. PROGRAMME OF CONTESTS. RECITATION. Ciceronian—Andy Vaughn, "Sister and I"—912. Websterian—Marion Johnson, Launching of the ship—915-9. ESSAY. Ciceronian—Nellie Davidson, Value of an Inauguration—903. Websterian—Ethel Willis, Labor and its Rewards—910-2. READING. Ciceronian—Hattie Brennan, "The Conquest"—911. Websterian—Erma Lawrence, "The Molestation"—911. RECITATION. Ciceronian—Charles O'Connor, How the Old Horse was Won—912. Websterian—Austia Daxton, The Last Charge of May—913. READING. Ciceronian—Lena Willard, The Lopez—914. Websterian—Miranda Franklin, The Breckenman—914. ESSAY. Ciceronian—Mollie Voorhees, The Power of Temperance—914-5. Websterian—Charles Chandler, A Dream—914. "Should the World's Columbian Exposition be closed on Sunday?" Ciceronian—Adriana Lee Applewhite, 90-8-9; Henry Deenbroeker, 89-9-9; Websterian—Negative—Horace Lilly, 91-1-9; Lillian Swann, 91-2-9. The programme was interspersed with fine numbers of vocal and instrumental music. Piano solos were rendered in order as follows: Ciceronian—Forsythe Griffin, "Pura as Snow"—C. Lange; Cecile Taylor, "Purpurea"—Bach; Dorthea Nash, "Carillon No. 1"—Mandelkern; Jennie Gately, "Fly Forth, O Gentle Dove"—Pinault; Nellie Hodge, "Gipsy Mazurka, 'La Zingara'"—C. Bohm; "On a Spring Evening"—Song—Hesselt. There were vocal solos—"Oh! so Fair as Faint Breathing"—Dorthea Nash; "The Boat of Lovers"—Jade, by John Fulton. The music, all of high order, was excellently rendered, and won the appreciation of all those who enjoyed it. There were sixteen contestants; eight from each society. These were arranged in pairs on the programme, as indicated above. The judges graded the contestants according to a comprehensive plan of marks devised by President Bloss. Two thousand points were the highest possible number attainable by either society. The Ciceronians received 1888 points; the Websterians received 1868 points. The markings opposite the respective names are given in condensed form above; and are the result, as the board of judges gave them to President Bloss. President Bloss then announced in his graceful manner that, while both societies had done themselves great credit, the judges had decided that the Websterians had won; and that the gold medal was theirs until the Ciceronians could take it from them; and that there would be another contest for that purpose next June. At the close of a neat presentation speech, he passed the gold medal to Pres. N. J. Rowan, of the Ciceronian society, who placed it upon L. L. Swann, president of the Websterian society. Both presidents then responded to calls for speeches. Without exaggeration this was the finest presentation of amateur talent that has ever appeared upon the stage of Corvallis. There was eloquence in the name and nature of it; there were plain, solid ability and talent displayed, unswerving and in the bare guise of genuine worth, as the contest was pressed by its champions for each of the two societies. This was especially observable in the debates, where extemporaneous answers had to be made, so quickly that the common charge of "rambling" could not apply; and with this regard, the four participants are really to be complimented upon their worthy efforts. Public sentiment in Corvallis was considerably wrought up in admiration over the contest. So very evenly matched were the two contesting parties in public estimation that it is questionable whether they would not have reversed the verdict had they been the monitors upon the question of merit; yet all daily respect the decision of the judges, and while the Websterians are congratulated upon their success, the Ciceronians are none the less heartily commended for their able presentation and valiant conduct in the test for supremacy. It was a graceful affair crowning all participants with the laurels of honor, no matter who carried off the token of conquest. THE JUDGES SPEAK. Senator McGinn, of Multnomah county, then stated that he had often longed from time immemorial to be a judge, and that he was now satisfied. He said some of the work done during the evening would have been a credit to the Supreme Court of the United States. Representatives King of Malheur and Brown of Douglas then eulogized the work done by the societies and the State Agricultural College. Representative King was formerly a student in this college, and afterward graduated from a law school in Indiana. Representative Brown is a graduate from one of Oregon's normal schools and has taught several years. Senator McGinn is a graduate from the University of Oregon, and is practicing law in Portland. THE COLLEGE LITERARY SOCIETIES. There are now five active literary societies for the accommodation of the 275 students in the agricultural college. The Hooperian Lyceum is the oldest and meets every Friday night. At the beginning of the year President Bloss organized the college students into two literary societies known as the Websterians and the Ciceronians. He also organized the preparatory students into the Madisonsians and the Athenians. These societies are subdivided in chapters so that each student attends a society meeting each week, and performs twice a month. The Madisonsians and Demosthenians will try for the silver medal at an early date. The students at the college are becoming very deeply interested in their work, the college interests are daily gaining, and it is the general sentiment that the Salem Journal was correct in its statements about the work of Pres. Bloss. NOTES. Recently both the Websterian and Ciceronian societies have adopted a badge each; the Websterians having chosen for their colors the blue and orange, while the Ciceronians have taken the crimson and orange. The prize medal contested for is of gold, handsomely fashioned in the shape of a scalloped shield hanging pendant from a crescent formed scroll, upon the face of which is inscribed: "The Victors. O. A. C. Prize Medal. Websterian and Ciceronian Societies." On the transverse side is inscribed the motto: "The motto of many a victor is the modesty; lose with cheerfulness." It is a treasured little talisman.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS.

At the regular meeting of the city council Monday evening, all present save councilmen Waggoner, Hartless and Wilson, little was done out of the routine, except the allowing of sundry bills, as follows: J. W. Ray, supt. city hall, \$23.00. C. L. Cane, street work, 23.25. J. L. Blakeslee, work, 10.00. O. J. Trees, hauling and labor, 4.25. F. J. Jordan, street work, 1.25. Geo. Drew, dressing stone walks, 8.00. Gale Creek lumber Co., lumber, 2.47. City Transfer Co., hauling, 2.25. Jas. Fuerstein, work on street, 13.12. Alex. Hunt, work, 1.90. J. W. Dunn, work, 1.75. Corvallis Times, printing, 9.70. Frank Conover, 28.00. J. J. Flett, 1.25. Insurance, 3 policies, 150.00. J. R. Scantford, salary etc., 62.50. M. J. Irvin, 70.00. J. M. Forter, 60.00. Electric Light Co., 92.00. Water, 50.50. Max Friendly, lumber, 37.28. L. W. Clopton, balance on work, 9.00. Bills from the Niagara mill company to the amount of some \$250 were read and referred to finance committee. D. C. Rose and Sol King petitioned for release from mortgage assessed to them in the sum of \$1,033 each, setting forth that they were only sureties on mortgage negotiated at a bank. The city hall committee reported that the new building was completed and were instructed to furnish the interior of the same, build new walks, etc. A communication from the Merchants' protective and business association reminding the council that a committee had some time since been instructed to procure punch clocks for the city; that such committee had so far failed to fulfill that duty, and suggested that the council should require the business to be attended to either by the old committee or a new one, was laid on the table. A VALUABLE REPORT. The Capital Journal speaks as follows of the valuable report of Superintendent E. B. McElroy: "The biennial report of the state superintendent of public instruction will be found a very valuable resume of our state school system. It will be found the statistics of our system from 1873 to 1892 inclusive; a complete showing of all the state and private institutions of learning; the organization and work of the state board of education with its rules and decisions; the entire system of teachers' examinations and authorized text books; the state school work, including institutes held and Arbor day and Columbus day exercises, and preparations for a world's fair exhibit, and closing with a very interesting summary of the suggestions made by city and county superintendents. The report of Prof. E. B. McElroy for 1893, contains 251 pages of matter and will compare very favorably with the best of its kind in the older states, where public education is conducted with far more enterprise, and with far less indifference on the part of the people. This report, beyond all others, should be in the hands of the legislator for purposes of careful study when he returns to his home. He can serve his constituents and his generation in no better manner than by a thorough mastery of its contents, and if perchance he ever returns to the halls of legislation he will be better prepared to serve them intelligently. THE MARINE MINSTRELS. The coming performance of the Marine Minstrels as a benefit to the Marine band at the opera house, Wednesday evening Feb. 23, promises to be a good one, as the boys have been to considerable expense and no pains have been spared to make it a success. The performance will open with a grand olio by the entire company similar to the original style of Negro minstrels, including an opening overture by the band, after which the evening's entertainment will consist of various musical specialties, songs and dances, club swinging, high tumbling, vocal and instrumental solos, a stump speech and many other burlesques and original features suitable for the occasion, concluding with a laughable afterpiece entitled "The Two Servants." McElroy and Stouveny, the musical comedians, will introduce solos and duets upon the violin, cornet, ocarina, clarinet, flageolet, guitar, banjo, harmonica and other instruments; also an imitation of a martial band. A grand street parade at 12:50 o'clock. Tickets on sale at Graham's drug store. General admission 25 cents, reserved seats 50 cents. Services at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Christian endeavor at 7:30 p. m. Service of praise at 7:30 p. m. A topic of special interest both morning and evening. Dr. Thompson will give the third sermon in the series of short sermons he is giving on "Religion found in common things." The special topic next Sabbath evening will be "A handful of sand." A kind welcome to all.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

FEBRUARY TERM, 1893—HUFFORN, JUDGE. CHAMBERS AND RICKARD, COM'RS. BILLS ALLOWED. Wm. Williams, repairs furnace court house, \$ 1.50. Frank Turner, janitor, etc., 35.35. H. M. Stone, contract for repairing Long Tom bridge, 250.00. J. I. Routh & Co, supplies court house 3.80. Electric light company, light January 33.00. O. J. Trees, care pauper Verain, 12.00. E. Emrick, care pauper, 86.25. Corvallis Gazette, printing, 3.00. W. W. Hill & Son, supplies pauper, 10.02. S. A. Wood, supplies pauper, 15.00. J. J. Flett, printing, 2.30. Glass & Prudhomme, stationery, 0.38. Hall & O'Donald, stationery, 27.70. City Transfer Co., drayage, 3.00. Corvallis Times, printing, 20.55. Wheeler & Langley, supplies court house, 2.50. M. T. Whitney, supplies pauper, 8.03. Fish & Murphy, repairs court house, 17.43. Simpson, Huston, & Co., repairs sewer and ventilation, 197.50. Willis Vileto, balance on bridge contract, 70.00. S. L. Kline, pauper supplies, 17.93. E. L. Bryan, stationery, 6.60. Coet bill in case of state vs. Crisby was allowed, amounting to \$26.50. Supervisor's reports in four districts received, approved and \$94.00 allowed supervisors. T. H. Cooper, Frank Glass and W. D. Kay were appointed supervisors in place of former appointees, over age. Road district No. 13 was established south of Alsea bay, and H. M. Vander appointed supervisor. Frank Glass awarded contract to furnish 30 cords of fir wood and W. A. Jolly 50 cords of oak wood for court house. Liquor license for 1893 for Yrquima bay precinct granted to William Huntsucker. TOUCHING BEREAVEMENT. One of the most pathetic incidents ever related is told in the following: Mrs. Joseph Cardinell who resided with her husband and three children on a homestead about six miles from Cathlamet, Wash., came to a tragic death a week ago Monday, but her lifeless body was not discovered save by her three little children till last Saturday evening, when Mr. Cardinell, who works in a logging camp six miles from home, returned. Last Monday week Cardinell left home for his work, where he remains all week. Shortly after his departure Mrs. Cardinell went down to a spring near the house to get some water. She fell into the spring, which, though only two feet deep, was sufficient to cause drowning. Ice formed about the corpse, and when the body was found by the children they could not remove it. The eldest child aged 9 years, started out to tell her father, but the snow was so deep she had to return, and all through the lonely days and nights the little ones stood vigil by the dead body of their mother, while hunger and cold brought them dangerously near the ever-open portal. Mr. Cardinell went to Cathlamet Saturday night to procure assistance. Mrs. Cardinell is the daughter of Mrs. Greenleaf of Baitville, and her sister, Mrs. M. Lynch, resides in Portland. ALBA HEYWOOD COMING. O. W. Heywood and wife were in town Tuesday making arrangements for the appearance of Alba Heywood in Sol Smith Russell's best and funniest play "New Edgewood Folks." Alba Heywood will be remembered by the citizens of Corvallis from his last visit to this city about two years ago when he gave a very fine performance. The date has been set for Thursday March 2nd. The play New Edgewood Folks is a New England comedy, much like the "Old Homestead" and the "The Country Fair" that have been so popular for the past few years. It fits Mr. Heywood perfectly and enables him to present some of his best characters. Mr. Russell selected Mr. Heywood as the only comedian in the profession to succeed him in the character "Tom Dillaway" in which he sustains five different characters and disguises. The people of Corvallis can look forward to a comedy treat. AUXILIARY SAFETY DEPOSIT BANKS. For distribution at "The First National Bank of Corvallis." They are intended for the use of business men, mechanics, laborers, teachers, ministers, lawyers, doctors, the rich and the poor, the middle aged, the father and mother, as well as the children; and to educate all classes to habits of acquiring wealth, in saving some part of the money they earn. Call and see these banks, learn the place, take one and commence to lay a foundation for your fortune. Nearly all the snow has disappeared from the hills and the green grass is again exposed. Cattle can begin to pick considerable feed. There will be no losses of stock in this county because of the storm. Some stockmen in the hills of Benton were getting pretty close ran for feed, but the spring like turn of the weather came on like a godsend, and all is well.

Millet Seed Buckwheat Webfoot Corn Swiss Field Peas Bee Supplies Our Catalogue. Everyone should plant more largely of Millet, as we know of nothing that will yield as much and so rich food per acre. Japancee—the best—We have a large stock and can sell it very close. Our new field corn that will ripen here—it is acclimated. Enormous yields and unlike other peas the bugs never get in them. A. I. Root's latest improved. We buy in car lots and can make close figures. Special prices on "first orders" from new localities. Portland, Oregon.

IN 1893. All Roads Lead to Chicago. THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL LEADS THE VAN. Excursion Rates to the World's Fair.

AN ENEMY BARRIED. There is an enemy with whom thousands are familiar all their lives, because they are born with a tendency to biliousness. With this enemy they are constantly battling with ineffectual weapons. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will build it. Mere purgatives will not reform a disordered condition of the liver indicated, not by constipation alone, but by sick headaches, yellowness of the skin and eye balls, nausea, furred tongue and uneasiness, more particularly upon pressure on the right, upon the short ribs. Avoid drastic purgatives which gripe and weaken the intestines, and take this world-famous anti-bilious cordial, which likewise removes malarial, stomachic and kidney complaints, rheumatism and nervousness. As a laxative of the bowels, painless but effectual, it improves appetite, sleep and the ability to digest, and possesses the additional advantage of a standard tonic.

TIME EXTENDED. Owing to the inclemency of the weather for the past two weeks, we have decided to continue our great REDUCTION SALE Until March 1st. CORVALLIS OREGON. HEADQUARTERS FOR CLOTHING.

HERE'S -:- THE That goes with a \$5 PURCHASE Of Clothing At KLINE'S. All goods marked in plain figures, and each article a bargain in itself. To the winner of the horse will be presented a SADDLE and BRIDLE. Call at the busy big store and get particulars of the drawing. KLINE, The Regulator of Low Prices.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, ORE. JAN. 25th 1893. 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 clerk of Benton county at Corvallis, Oregon, on March 20, 1893, viz: Jasper N. Wood, Hd entry No. 7229, for the wd of sec. 12, t. 11, s. 7 w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Robert Skaggs, Luke Thornton, Fred Hertzog, Alex. Patterson; all of Summit Benton county, Oregon. J. T. APPERSON, Register. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, ORE. JAN. 25th 1893. 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 clerk of Benton county at Corvallis, Oregon, on March 18, 1893, viz: Thomas Dawson, Hd entry 7129 for the lot 5, Sec. 23, t. 8 n., r. 4 w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Robert Croo, G. W. Barnes, William Kellow, Francis Teneant; all of Mayger, Columbia county, Oregon. J. T. APPERSON, Register.

Not Always the Flour. If your Biscuit are Heavy, Your Griddle Cakes Sodden, Your Pastry Poor, Your Cake dries out quickly, Change Your Baking Powder. Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder NEVER DISAPPOINTS. It imparts that peculiar lightness, sweetness and flavor observed in the finest food, and not obtainable with any other but DR. PRICE'S.

TONNAGE. The Hog reached her dock at the city front as usual Sunday morning and unloaded seven carloads of potatoes she had picked up down the river for shipment via the Oregon Pacific to San Francisco. The steamer then proceeded on up the river to Finley's landing some 16 miles distant, where she took on 195 tons of wheat and brought it to this city to be transferred to the Oregon Pacific railroad. The Hog got away Monday morning in good shape, carrying the usual freight and a number of passengers. Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.