

To Students and School Children.

Do you use Stationery? If you do the Gazette Stationery Store is the place to get the greatest values for your money.

Our "Roseate" Tablet for ten cents is the largest pencil tablet ever offered in Corvallis for the money.

We have on sale or take subscriptions for, any newspaper or periodical published. We also have a well selected line of Novels which you can purchase at your own price.

We are closing out our stock of New and Second Hand Bicycles at greatly reduced prices.

FRANK CONOVER, Prop'r Gazette Stationery Store.

Notice to "Local" Advertisers.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Scientific suspenders.

Well-dressed men wear Scientific suspenders.

Swedish Ladies' Quartette next Thursday night.

E. H. Bennett, of Portland, Sundayed with relatives in this city.

Social hop Saturday night. Dancers, 50 cents; spectators, 15 cents.

Asa Alexander, who has been seriously ill for the past ten days, is improving.

The New York Racket Store opened for business this week and is doing a rushing trade.

Prof. J. M. Garrison's writing classes are getting along nicely and are being well attended.

J. M. Nolan says his business is better than it has been for two years. This is a result of judicious advertising.

There will be preaching at the M. E. chapel, south, Sunday morning at 11 and in the evening at 7.30. All cordially invited.

Scientific suspenders are the only suspenders made that perfectly suspend the trousers and are entirely easy and comfortable to the wearer.

Jack Mayo, the popular Oregon Pacific train dispatcher, has been suffering from a severe attack of sore throat during the week, but is now improving.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian church of Corvallis will give a souvenir social at the residence of Pres. Bloss next Friday evening.

B. R. Cauthorn, of Mexico, Missouri, is on a visit to his brothers, J. A. Cauthorn, of this city, and W. L. Cauthorn, of Snyver. He will remain several weeks.

The remainder of Jake Blumberg's grocery store was moved this week into a small building near his residence on Third street, where it will be closed out.

Dr. Thompson will hold services at the Oak Ridge Presbyterian church next Sabbath at 2:30 p. m. Communion, baptism and reception of members. A welcome to all.

About forty ladies attended an afternoon whist party at the residence of Mrs. J. R. Bryson last Friday afternoon. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable afternoon was spent.

The Marion County delinquent roll is now being published in the Statesman. It occupies seven columns, contains the names of about 500 delinquents and the total amount foots up \$12,000.

President Bloss of the Agricultural College delivered a very able and interesting address before the Joint Synods of Oregon and Washington in session at Portland on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

During the past ten days the price of prunes has advanced a cent and a half per pound and indications are favorable for another similar advance before spring. Quotations are now in the neighborhood of 7 cents.

S. N. Wilkins and wife celebrated the 16th anniversary of their wedding on Thursday of this week. Though time has wrought many changes, they are still as devoted to each other as in the first months of their wedded life.

There is but one locality on the west side ahead of Corvallis in orchard acreage and that is Newberg. In the vicinity of that growing little city may be seen 1,600 acres of trees, a very large portion of which is already in bearing.

Last Sunday evening the Baptists organized a Young People's Union. Miss Lillian Dorward was elected president; I. M. Patterson, vice president; Miss Casto, secretary; Mrs. W. T. Wilcox, cor. secretary; Mr. Casto, treasurer. They meet on Sunday evening at 6:30.

Christian church: Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Junior Y. P. S. C. E. at 4 p. m., and Senior Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Choir practice Saturday night. Frank Abram Powell, pastor.

Services at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath as follows: Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor, Dr. Thompson. Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Junior Endeavor at 4 p. m.; Senior Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. A kind invitation and cordial welcome to all.

The pastor's theme at the Baptist church next Sunday will be "Transforming Grace." In the evening he will preach the second sermon in the series on "Primitive Revivals." God is giving us evidence that He is "waiting to be gracious." We give a welcome to all. Come from the east and the west and the north and the south.

O. M. Wheeler and a party of thirteen persons arrived Wednesday evening direct from Sioux City, Iowa. The party left home the 2nd of last May with three teams and traveled the entire distance a la Oregon pioneers, reaching this place in good health and spirits, having met with no accidents en route. Mr. Wheeler is a brother of Nels H. Wheeler, and was accompanied to Corvallis by his two sons, one of whom is married. Mr. Wheeler is a mechanic and has come to stay.

Of the Swedish Ladies' Quartette, which gives a concert here next Thursday evening.

The S. P. Chronicle says: "Their Opening number, a Tyrolean song, absolutely electrified the audience, and they were called out no less than six times. In response to the fifth encore they sang the 'Sawaneh River.'"

One day last week, Rev. Longworth, a well-known U. B. minister, stopped at a farm house in the northern part of the county for dinner. When the meal had been finished he walked to the well for a drink and then fell dead. The deceased was a brother of Mrs. James Edwards and was highly respected.

The Thirteen Club has reorganized for the winter. In the absence of Mrs. C. C. Hogue from the city, Mrs. H. T. French was elected to fill the vacancy. They have begun their course of reading with Milton's Paradise Lost, which will be supplemented after a time by some other work—probably the History of Art.

The Presbyterian Synods of Oregon and Washington have adjourned, and Dr. Thompson has returned and will occupy his pulpit next Sabbath morning and evening. The evening service will be at 7:30, during this month. Short sermons on the living topics of the day will be given, which will be helpful to all, especially to the young.

Ed Brookwater, engineer at the carriage factory; met with an accident last Saturday morning, from the effect of which his right hand is now carried in a sling. The ends of his second and third fingers were caught in the shaper and mashed to a jelly as far back as the first joints. The injured members were dressed by Dr. Pernot, who hopes to save them both.

Miss Ida Ray's kindergarten is progressing nicely. She now has sixteen little tots under her care. They always seem eager to begin the day's work, and invariably arrive at school on time. This work consists of sewing, weaving, moulding fine clay, with some little time devoted to reading and writing. Several of them have already learned their A. B. C.'s, and can read and spell.

J. C. Lowry, of Bradford county, Ohio, arrived in Corvallis Tuesday by the Yaquina route from California, where he had been visiting since leaving home last April. Mr. Lowry is a cousin of our fellow-townsman, J. L. Underwood, and expects to remain here until spring. If suited, he will purchase a farm and locate in Benton county permanently. His family is still in Ohio and will remain there until a location has been determined upon.

The Scotia has been discontinued on the Yaquina route, and the steamer South Coast placed on the line in her stead. She arrived in Yaquina, Wednesday, with a full cargo. Her capacity is much larger than that of the Scotia, and Receiver Clark expects to retain her on the route permanently, to run in conjunction with the Homer. Each ship will leave port every five days, thus affording better shipping facilities than have been enjoyed for some time.

Pay rolls and vouchers of the Oregon Pacific for September amounted to nearly \$7,500, and will be paid in full. During the month six thousand new ties were put in. Besides this the Santiam bridge and several others on the coast division were repaired. It has been Mr. Clark's constant aim to expend the surplus earnings of the road in betterments. By this means, he is enabled to disburse several hundred dollars in this way each month until now the line is in better condition for traffic than it has been for a long time.

P. M. Abbey, the popular host of the Bay View House at Newport, purchased a horse and buggy in Albany Tuesday and the following day started for home. During the afternoon he was found by Thomas Eglin about one mile south of Blodgett station lying beside the road with a badly sprained ankle and suffering from numerous bruises, caused by the horse running away and throwing him out. Mr. Eglin conveyed him to the residence of Mr. Moyer, at Blodgett, where he took the train for Newport yesterday afternoon. The conveyance was badly demolished and the horse is still at large.

Wm. Briscoe is in receipt of a letter from his son, J. G. Briscoe, dated at Yokohama, Japan, and written on board the U. S. man-of-war Petrel, Sept. 17th. The Petrel was to sail the following day for Korean waters, where she will assist other U. S. ships in protecting American interests. The young man enlisted in the naval service some months ago and was first given a place on board the cutter Adams, which was stranded some months ago in the Behring sea while on the lookout for poachers, but after the accident the crew of the Adams was transferred to the Petrel, where they are still retained.

John Weider, of Empire City, who recently entered the college at this place, left Monday for San Francisco. Some years ago he was unfortunate enough to break his right hip bone, from the effects of which he has since been a constant sufferer. On entering the college, he was assigned to duty in one of the cadet companies, and while drilling about ten days ago, again wrenched the bone. As a result, he was laid up in his room under a physician's care until Tuesday, when he left for San Francisco. There he will be joined by his mother, who will assist in caring for him while he is undergoing treatment at one of the hospitals of that city. It is feared the trouble will develop into hip disease.

The Shakespeare Club, which held so many pleasant sessions at the residence of Prof. and Mrs. Washburn, during the winter of 1893-94, has again resumed its work for the winter. A reorganization of the club was had last Tuesday evening, at which time three new members were elected, making a total membership of twenty-five. Several other applications for admittance were recorded, but no further action was taken, owing to the fact that the club's membership was restricted to twenty-five and was already filled. The first play to be taken up will be "Two Gentlemen from Verona." It is the intention of the club to follow the drama with selections from Browning and other standard authors and continue to alternate the reading with Shakespearean plays throughout the winter. Dr. G. F. Plummer has again kindly consented to act as leader.

LAUNDRYING BY STEAM.

A Modern Steam Laundry to be in Operation in Corvallis Next Week.

What has long been known as the Exchange hotel building on Second and Adams streets, in this city, is in a state of transformation into a modern steam laundry. Corvallis has been in pursuit of a steam laundry for a long time and has now to congratulate herself upon having possession of a thoroughly equipped laundry, which will be in operation by the latter part of the coming week.

Mr. J. P. Holoman, late of Aberdeen, Washington, is at the head of this enterprise. Mr. Holoman is a man of several years' experience in laundry work as an employe, as well as the operator of his own plant at Aberdeen for about five years. The commercial depression in the Gray's Harbor country has caused him to look about for a new field, which he has found in Corvallis.

During the week our special reporter called upon Mr. Holoman and found him and his men very busy locating the boiler, engine and other machinery. Mr. Holoman is a very pleasant gentleman and told us all about the laundry appliances of his plant. "I am putting in," said he, "a twenty-horse power Kriebel engine. This is a little large for the machinery which I am putting in now, but if business will justify it I will put in, in the spring, a carpet cleaner and another washer. I am setting up one Dalph No. 3 washer, of a capacity of 125 shirts, one 20 inch extractor, and a double coil, ten-rod dryer, which will be the only double coil dryer in Oregon. This has a capacity for drying 250 shirts every two hours. I will put in also a shirt collar and cuff starcher, cuff and collar ironer, a shirt ironer, neck and wrist hand ironer, a darning, shaper, a gas generating apparatus for heating ironing machines, and a seventy-five-inch Dalph mangle, for ironing plain work. It will require about three girls to operate my mangle alone. My entire plant set up here for operation will cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000."

"What number of employes will your plant require?" "I will employ from 10 to 15—mostly girls. It is my intention to employ only skillful workmen and in my judgment of the patronage I should get in Corvallis, this number will do the work. Their wages will range from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per week, and in fact, I will pay as high wages as the quantity of laundry work will justify."

"I expect to put out only the very best work, strictly first class, and do it at the lowest consistent prices, and my success depends upon the liberal patronage of the people of Corvallis. It is my intention to put in additional machinery in the spring, and as I stated, I will put in a carpet cleaner, which will necessitate a further outlay of from \$500 to \$800, and also an additional washer, if the business requires it."

Considering this enterprise from a financial standpoint, it is no small matter to Corvallis. It will have a weekly payroll of from \$75 to \$125, and do a gross business of from \$125 to \$250 per week. Mr. Holoman will select all of his employes from his many applicants here in Corvallis, with perhaps two exceptions. The citizens of Corvallis and the vicinity should assist this institution to prosper by giving it their patronage.

With a view to establishing a modern equipped dairy, Prof. French has purchased eight Jersey heifers which vary in age from 6 to 14 months. Two of these calves are from the highest bred Jerseys in the state. Each of them received a first premium at the recent state fair and were exhibited by Dave Looney, of Jefferson, from whom they were purchased.

The habitual grin that o'erspreads the beaming countenances of the GAZETTE force was broadened into a winning smile, Monday, when it was announced at a chapel meeting that a beautiful string of trout had been sent to the office by Gene Simpson, from Elk City. When order had been restored after this announcement, a vote of thanks was given Gene, and he was unanimously declared the best all-round fellow in Lincoln county. There being an extra fish, it was decided to "jeff" for it. After an exciting contest, the forerunners were declared to be the winner, and now it is whispered that the "quads" were loaded.

Two men of somewhat questionable literary ability recently met on a lonely spot near the hospickirts of a certain city. Each was surprised at the other's presence, but soon, both, became communicative. From their conversation it seemed that each of them had wandered to the spot bent on taking "his own life" because his literary ability had been unappreciated. One had written "Schooners That Bump on the Bar," a companion story to "Ships That Pass in the Night," while the other had attempted to immortalize himself by writing "The Hellish Triplets," a companion story to "The Heavenly Twins." This story was told in Spencer's shaving parlors, which are patronized exclusively by the elite of the city.

Geo. P. Jones, of the Morning Oregonian, interviewed our enterprising business men this week and went away with sufficient shekels in his pocket to defray the expenses of an illustrated writup of Benton county and her resources, which will appear in the New Year edition of the metropolitan journal. This will be a good thing and evidences the proper spirit. If we continue to hide our light under a bushel we cannot hope to induce immigrants to seek homes in Oregon. The general condition of unrest and dissatisfaction that prevails among residents of the middle west is sure to create a depopulation of that section. To these people there are but two particularly inviting localities—one is the south, the other, the Pacific coast. Knowing that the south is our competitor, it would be well for Oregon to vigorously press her claims for a liberal share of this immigration. Systematic and persistent advertising will surely attract several hundred thousand people to our borders within the next few years.

See our new ladies' congress shoes at City Shoe Store.

NEWSY COLLEGE NOTES.

We notice that Mr. J. W. Crawford, of Pendleton, is in the city, and has been shown through the various departments of the college by his son Frank.

Mr. Marvin Chandler, of Baker City, a former student at the Agricultural College, and a most popular fellow, is visiting in the city, the guest of his brother Charles.

The students of the preparatory, and in fact, the whole school, are sympathizing with Prof. Bristol, who moves painfully around with the aid of a stick, the trouble being a very lame back.

The students of the college, and especially the foot ball eleven, are jubilant over the arrival of Mr. H. L. McAllister, commonly known as "Pap Haysseels," who arrived last Saturday. "Batter late than never."

There has been great excitement this week at the college, caused by the foot ball game between two elevens representing the mechanical and agricultural students. Game was called at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The teams were quite evenly matched, the Mechs. having an advantage in the number of old players, but the Agrarians being mostly heavier men.

The ball went into the Haysseels' territory from the start, and by a succession of line lugging a touch-down was scored by the Iron Pounders in about 18 minutes. Desborough failed to kick goal and nothing more was scored during the first half. A hot contest took place during the second half. Small made two good runs and Kelly and Burnett for the Haysseels covered some ground, but neither side scored, so the Mechanics took the game, score 4 to 0.

The Iron Pounders were: Turrell, Badine, Bryson, Abernethy, Small, Bachman, Miles and Clyde Phillips, Desborough, Owsley and Edwards.

The Haysseels were represented by: Burnett, Kelly, Nash, J. Smith, Porter, McAllister, B. Smith, McCune, Godwin, Stimpson and Caples.

The first eleven has not been chosen yet, but will be picked from the following 17 men: H. L. McAllister, D. H. Badine, B. Smith, H. Desborough, M. Phillips, C. Phillips, E. A. Godwin, E. Stimpson, B. F. Burnett, P. Nash, R. W. Terrell, C. Small, C. Owsley, W. Porter, H. W. Kelly, W. Abernethy and F. C. Caples.

Delegates from the O. A. C. O. S. N. S., State University, Portland University, and Pacific University at Forest Grove, meet in Albany next Saturday evening to form an inter-collegiate foot ball association and to arrange a schedule of games for the college championship of Oregon.

ASSESSMENT CURIOSITIES.

ED. GAZETTE.—I noticed in your last issue a list of taxpayers who pay on over \$5,000. Among them is the Corvallis water works, assessed at \$8,500, and for which the city agreed to pay \$28,000; quite a difference. Also, the insolvent estate of Hamilton, Job & Co. is assessed at \$19,600, when the inventory of the assignee shows assets to the amount of \$134,655.59—another material difference. There are several other cases where the same peculiarity exists. Can you explain the cause of it?

TAXPAYER.

No. It appears, however, that the statute has not been followed, inasmuch as it provides that the assessor shall fix the value, which, it would seem, he had not done in the instance cited.

L. W. Taft has leased the old building south of R. M. Wade & Co's store, and is fitting it up for a cooper shop.

Tuesday, County Clerk Hunter, assisted by Lon Carlie, began the work of copying this year's assessment roll.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

New goods weekly at Nolan's.

Wanted, choice Burbank potatoes at Kline's.

Wanted, a good reliable boy. Apply at this office.

Wait for Blind Tom. He will be here next Friday night.

Ladies' and misses' spring-heel storm rubbers at City Shoe Store.

Wanted—Fresh milk cows. Address Box 322, Corvallis, Oregon.

Furniture, stoves, tinware and granite-ware at the Second-Hand Store.

Take your old silver cases to U. B. Vogle and get a new one in exchange.

A complete line of carpets, rugs and matings at L. Welker & Co.'s.

Wanted, 500 bushels potatoes and 100 bushels apples at P. M. Zieroff's.

A Jersey calf, about 7 months old, for sale cheap. For terms, see D. C. Rose.

The Scientific suspenders are bought and worn by the best dressed men in America.

Walter Mercer, of Beaver Creek, has a few more thoroughbred Poland China pigs for sale.

A fine assorted lot of fruit trees. Will trade for one or two good cows. Apply to Nels H. Wheeler.

The original Blind Tom will appear here next Friday night. He is the same musical prodigy as ever.

Vogel can fit your eyes with a beautiful pair of lenses and choice of frames from 25 cents to \$7.50. Try them.

A limited supply of winter vetches for sale. Price, \$1.50 per bushel. Address Prof. H. T. French, Agricultural College.

L. Welker & Co. have received a well selected assortment of pictures, picture mouldings and baby carriages. See them.

Prof. Lewis, who, with his charming daughter, gave Corvallisites two pleasing entertainments last week, intends returning to Corvallis in about ten days.

Wanted, an experienced woman to do general house work. Good pay and a permanent situation to the right party. Address X, care of the GAZETTE.

GIRL WANTED.

Wanted, an experienced girl or woman for general housework. Apply at this office.

Call at Cecil, the Tailor's.

See his new stock and get a good fitting suit of clothes made to order.

IT Baffles Scientists.

A Disease Among Fruit Trees for Which no Cure is Known.

Prof. E. R. Lake, formerly connected with the agricultural college, but now a resident of Portland, paid Corvallis a hurried visit this week. The professor is one of the best known horticulturists in the northwest, and was one of the original organizers of the Benton County Prune Company—the first large prune company ever organized in the state. He has given the subject careful study during the past few years and has devoted much of his time to the interests of the fruit growers of this section by means of his pen. At present he is, with two or three other Portland gentlemen, working on a plan for evaporating fruit by means of cold air. By this process the fruit is left in its natural state except that the water has been evaporated. This plan is now in use in Europe, where it gives perfect satisfaction. There the plants are very large and expensive and each one cares for a vast area of fruit. Such evaporators, however, are impractical for this country, where orchards are small and scattered, and it is with a view to the adaptation of the same mode of evaporation to smaller and less expensive plants that the professor is now engaged. Once he is successful in his experiments, the Oregon prune grower will be enabled to place a better quality of prunes on the market than ever before and at a less cost.

Mr. Lake was here especially to look over the orchards and determine if they are affected with the "black spot" which is afflicting trees throughout the state. The disease works principally upon apple, prune, plum, pear and cherry trees. It first attracted attention last year in Jackson county and symptoms of the disease were noted about the same time on the Sound. It has already made such inroads upon the orchards of the Northwest that the general government has interested itself in the matter and sent Newton B. Pierce from the department of agriculture to the coast for the purpose of making a thorough investigation of the disease. Mr. Pierce is connected with that section of the department pertaining to vegetable diseases. During the past six weeks he has been making a careful investigation of fruit trees in Oregon and is now continuing his duties in the state of Washington. He found evidences of the complaint in every horticultural section of the state. At present no remedy is known nor have specialists as yet been able to determine the cause of the disease, which gives promise

of causing great devastation among our orchards. Prof. Lake claims to have discovered symptoms of the disease in Eastern Wash. two years ago. It first affects the trunk of the tree and then spreads to the branches. The tree soon evidences signs of a debilitated constitution and in the course of one or two years, withers and dies. Unless some practical method can be determined upon by which a cure can be readily affected, there will be need for vigorous legislation on the subject to prevent a spread of the disease and ultimate destruction of the fruit interests of the Northwest. To the mind of Mr. Lake the existence of this new found disease is the most significant reason for a continuance of the state horticultural commission. So far as known there is no way of eradicating the disease except by uprooting the trees and destroying by fire. In British Columbia this means has already been employed. In one large orchard dealt with only five per cent. of the trees were saved. Should it be found that this is the only practical way of effecting a cure it will require the enactment of some vigorous laws which must be vigorously enforced to attain the results required.

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