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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Miss Ella Jacobs is visiting friends in Portland.
S. L. Kline returned from San Francisco last Saturday.

Bargains in boots, shoes and rubber goods at Nolan & Callahan's.

N. B. Avery returned to Oakland, Cal., this week to join his family.

The O. C. & E. Steamer N. S. Bentley has been rechristened. Her new name is "Albany."

You will find it to your advantage to call on Cecil the Tailor. Special prices for the next 30 days.

Mrs. E. Rowe, of Stockton, Calif., and Mrs. S. Goff, of Independence, neices of Mr. J. Mason, are visiting in Corvallis.

Zephin Job, writing to his wife under a recent date from Helena, Mont., states that he will be home on a short visit, on or about the 24th instant.

Attorney J. H. Wilson left Corvallis Monday for New York City. He goes on important legal business and expects to be absent about six weeks.

Mrs. C. H. Pearce and son returned last week from a few weeks visit in San Francisco, where Mr. Pearce is employed as bookkeeper in a large wholesale house.

The ladies aid society of the Presbyterian church give a social Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. M. M. Davis. Refreshments will be served. Admission 10 cents.

Ed. Williams, spoken of as a possible candidate for sheriff on the republican ticket, and A. H. Buckingham, both of the new voting precinct of Bellfountain, were in town yesterday.

Sol M. Stock, of Salem, is about to assume the role of a benefactor. He left for San Francisco last week, and during his absence is to be married to Miss Marguerite Jacobs, of that city.

Avant! and quit my sight. Let the cold earth hide thee. Thy skin is dirty, and thy whiskers long. But go to Spencers; take a bath and shave, sir, then you may take me for your own.

A pair of gold rimmed spectacles, found under the sidewalk on Main street during the past week, have been left at this office. The owner can have same by proving property and paying for this notice.

The firm of Stockton & Henkle, of Independence, recently dissolved partnership, and divided their stock of general merchandise. Mr. Henkle's share of same is now being shipped to this city and will be sold along with the Z. H. Davis & Co.'s stock.

J. T. Apperson, president of the board of regents of the Agricultural College, J. E. Yates, treasurer, and W. E. Yates, secretary, constituting a special committee appointed at the board's recent meeting in Salem, was in session yesterday for the transaction of general business.

Mrs. Della V. Pengra and Miss Hattie Johnson, of Portland, are in Corvallis in the interest of the United Artisans, a fraternal and benevolent society. They intend organizing a lodge in this city soon, and will shortly deliver lectures on the benefits of the order, and receive applications for membership.

The father of Judge Fullerton died last week on board the cars, while enroute to his home in Roseburg, after a visit at Portland. He was an Oregon pioneer of 1832, and was well known throughout the state, and especially in Douglas county, of which he was sheriff two terms during the early days.

Judge Hufford returned Monday from a few days absence at Yaquina City and Toledo on legal business. He says politics are already beginning to boil in Lincoln county, and there will likely be three tickets in the field. In conversation with many prominent residents of the new county, the judge found that they unanimously favored the re-election of Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann.

A Portland paper—populist—mentions W. T. Hoffman, of Benton county, as among the possible candidates for congressman on the peoples' party ticket. Mr. Hoffman is a representative populist and has the votes and fans of his party at his command. His inkwell never runs dry, although the drain on his liquid brain is so constant. Moreover he is the possessor of populism and is not fastidious in regarding the aid of the muse in behalf of his own.

He could illustrate his own poetical efforts. Mr. Hoffman is a rustler, and while having no objection to the councils of the peoples' party, the GAZETTE records the nomination.

Official notice from Secretary of State Kincaid, of the changes made in Benton county's assessment, as equalized by the state board, has been received by Clerk Hunter, who has a corps of clerks at work on the rolls, making the necessary changes in valuations. The only modifications made in the roll as returned by the county board are a raise ten per cent in the valuation placed upon merchandise and implements and a ten per cent reduction in the valuation of horses and mules. The reduction on the latter, however, is more than offset by the advance on merchandise and implements, the net increase being \$8,546. The total valuation as returned by the county board was \$3,057,703; by the state board, \$3,076,249.

The first fire in this vicinity for several months, occurred between seven and eight o'clock, last Saturday night. It resulted in the total destruction of the dwelling of M. O. Hart, which stood on the Albany road, about one-half mile north of town, and with the building a quantity of household furniture and family wearing apparel was also consumed by the flames. The family were absent from home at the time, and owing to the rather isolated location of the building, the fire was not discovered until the flames burst through the roof. By this time the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to save the structure. However, a considerable portion of the furniture, bedding, etc., on the lower floor, was saved. The dwelling was two stories high, well furnished, and contained seven or eight rooms. Mr. Hart carried \$1,000 insurance; \$700 on the building and \$300 on the contents. The supposition is the fire originated from a defective flue.

George H. Parsons, of Portland, director of Parson's orchestra, accompanied the steamer Ruth to this city on her initial trip last Friday. To a GAZETTE representative he gave a glowing account of the success that Harry Samuels is meeting with, as a cornetist. Since leaving Corvallis, several years ago, Harry has been playing with Parson's orchestra, and was considerable distinction as solo cornetist with the Parson's Band, which furnished the music during the recent Portland exposition. Several weeks ago Mr. Samuels left for Chicago, with the intention of taking a course of lessons under one of the most noted cornet instructors in the country. He had been there but a few days, however, until his splendid playing attracted the notice of the leader of a large New York orchestra, who immediately engaged him at a salary of \$50 per week. He is now in New York City playing solo cornet with an orchestra of 25 pieces. His duties also include the rendition of two solos daily. Mr. Parsons thinks Harry is one of the best cornetists in the country, and after a few years more experience, believes he will attain a national reputation.

COLLEGE REGENTS MEETING.

The board of regents of the Agricultural College met at Salem last Wednesday and Thursday. With the exception of Hon. T. W. Davenport, all members were present. The business they transacted is reported by the Salem Statesman as follows:

The board, upon due investigation, fully approved the acts and conduct of affairs of the executive board for the past year.

A resolution was passed prohibiting students from towns of over 1,000 inhabitants from hereafter entering the preparatory school of the college.

President Bloss reported a registration of 383 students at the opening of the present year, as against 263 last year.

The special committee heretofore appointed for that purpose reported their investigation and unqualified approval of the new dairy on the farm and declared it to be a certain success. And in this connection the findings of experts in Portland were read, pronouncing the butter made there as exceedingly fine and high graded.

The committee on horticulture filed their regular report, showing that they had done extensive work in examining orchards and the fruit interests of Oregon generally.

The matter of the salary claim of Professor Fletcher was submitted in full to Attorney-General Ideman with a request for his official and professional opinion on the merits of the same.

Messrs. Irwin, Miller and French were appointed a special committee, with authority to act in reference to the establishment of a school of mines in connection with the college.

President Bloss was instructed to take such steps as are necessary to secure more arms for the military cadets from government.

Miss Snell's management of the girls' boarding hall was happily criticized by the full board, and President Bloss was instructed to issue bulletins showing the success of the club system at the college.

A very complete map and detailed general plans for the improvement of the college grounds was then submitted, duly examined and approved and an order passed that all future improvements on the grounds be made in conformity therewith.

President Bloss was also given authority to hold farmers' institutes at various points throughout Eastern Oregon during 1930.

The board set apart ten acres of the college farm lands for the express purpose of horticultural experiments.

Have you seen Nolan & Callahan's 31st counter.

A 10 per cent reduction this month in our tailoring department. Nolan & Callahan.

Mary's Peak Camp installed the following officers last Friday evening: D. A. Osburn, Consul; D. D. Berman, Adviser; F. L. Miller, Banker; J. R. Hughes, Clerk; J. R. Smith, Watchman; W. W. Baker, Secretary; W. A. Buchanan, John Adams and G. H. Horsfall, Managers; L. G. Altman; Camp Physician.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Pres. Bloss and Secretary Yates attended the meeting of the board of regents of the O. A. C., at Salem, on the 8th inst. Messrs. Riggs, Becker, Stimpson, McCune and Johnson attended the Y. M. C. A. conference of colleges at Eugene last week.

One of the students of our institution had a mishap Sunday evening, which happily did not end seriously. While escorting a lady friend to her home, they had the misfortune to slip on the sidewalk, causing a concussion. The young man now wears his arm in a sling.

Prof. Roberts was a visitor at the college Tuesday, and entertained us with a selection, entitled "The Bagle Song." Prof. Roberts has the figure and gestures of a fine speaker, but has a poor voice. He is making up a class at the college, which will be a credit to the institution.

The new bicycle track has been surveyed and marked out. Work will begin as soon as the weather becomes permissible. It is a four lap track, 100 yards on the stretches and 120 yards on the turns. This will be a great addition to the athletic resources of our college, providing training for those who byke, as well as those who desire to exercise their pedal extremities.

There have been several promotions made recently in the O. A. C. Cadet battalion. They are as follows: Sergeants, to be 2nd Lieutenants, C. R. Porter, Co. "D"; H. L. McAllister, Co. "A"; H. W. Friendly, Co. "C"; Corporals, to be sergeants, E. W. Stimpson, Co. "D"; C. T. Colt, Co. "D"; S. E. Trask, Co. "B"; Privates, to be corporals, D. J. Lea, Co. "D"; John Welch, Co. "A"; L. A. Noel, Co. "D"; Robt. Gellatly, Co. "E"; Frank Groves, Co. "C".

Leap Year Party.

Last Saturday evening the Ladies of the Macabee lodge entertained at their hall, the twelve young ladies who assisted in the entertainment given last month under the auspices of that order, and their gentleman friends. Mrs. John Adams and Mrs. Philip Weber received the guests, and each lady proved to be a most charming hostess. Several hours were spent in games and music, and refreshments were served by the ladies. It was not until the town clock announced that Sunday morning frowned upon such frivolous pastimes, that the young people departed, voting the evening most pleasantly spent. Those present were:

Mrs. John Adams, Mrs. Philip Weber, Misses Clara Fisher, Anna Samuels, Louise Weber, Mattie Avery, Louise Fischer, Jennie Gellatly, Ocie Avery, Maude Ranney, Emma Campbell, Lillian Hamilton, Minnie Hodges, Mosses, John Fulton, F. Clark, Ralph Terrall, Dr. H. S. Pernot, S. Wado, E. E. Wilson, F. J. Buchanan, B. W. Johnson, J. Fred Yates, Wm. Abernathy, H. L. Holgate.

A NEW PRECINCT.

At the last session of the county court a new election precinct was created. This action was taken upon a petition signed by N. O. Dudge, G. W. Buckingham, V. M. Woodcock and others, praying the court to set off and establish a new precinct, to be known as Bellfountain election precinct with voting place established at Bellfountain school house.

The territory embraced in the new precinct is described as follows: Beginning at a point where the south line of the D. L. C. of John Fischer intersects Middy creek; following thence southerly and westerly along the meanderings of said Middy creek to a point, where it is known as the Ingram wagon bridge spans said stream; thence due south to a point where this proposed line would intersect the county line between the counties of Benton and Lane; thence running westward upon said county line to a point where said county line intersects the precinct line which separates the Monroe and Alsea voting precincts; then north upon said Monroe and Alsea precinct line and upon the precinct line between Willamette and Alsea precincts to a point due west of the place of beginning; and thence east to the place of beginning; all in Benton county.

A NEW STEAMER.

The O. R. & N. Co.'s new steamer "Ruth" made her first appearance at Corvallis last Friday morning. The Ruth was recently built to navigate the Willamette in conjunction with the Elmore, and will take the place of the Eugene, which has been in the company's service for several months.

Thursday evening, Mr. Geo. F. Egin, the company's agent at this place, received official information of the steamer's arrival on the following morning. Acting upon the company's advice, Mr. Egin issued about a hundred invitations to prominent Corvallisites to accompany him on an excursion to Albany, as the guests of the O. R. & N. Co. The invitations were gladly accepted, and at 9 o'clock, when the Ruth left the wharf, a happy party was on board. During the trip the officers were most courteous and obliging.

To add to the pleasure of the guests, the company had engaged Geo. H. Parson's superb orchestra, and their splendid music proved a most enjoyable feature of the event.

On arriving at Albany a short stop was made and a number of gentlemen and ladies of that city were taken on board, who accompanied the Corvallis contingent homeward.

At one o'clock the Ruth left down stream with a small cargo of flour from the Benton mills. At Independence, Salem and other river points the citizens were given an opportunity of accepting the company's hospitality for a short excursion.

This magnificent new steamer is not, as her name might indicate, a delicate little thing. She is 161 feet in length, 34 feet beam, has a five foot depth of hold. She draws light, 15 inches of water, and bears the distinction of being the finest and best equipped steamer on the river. Her officers are: Master, Captain Geo. H. Parson, pilot, Miles Bell; purser, Frank Gilbert, one of Salem's chief engineers, Wm. Maher; steward, Mr. Tooney; 1st officer, Henry Senns; watchman, Clyde Raabe. The officers of the company, who accompanied the boat on this trip, were W. H. Harburt, general passenger agent; Captain E. J. Ruthone, superintendent of water lines; C. F. Overbaugh, traveling passenger agent; and J. H. O'Neil, the traveling freight agent.

Big reductions in clothing this month at Nolan & Callahan's.

PIONEER RECOLLECTIONS.

(By Tolbert Carter.)

To THE EDITOR:— Without going into details of a travel that occupied almost eight months, suffice it to say that forty-nine years since, in the latter part of the past December, eight emigrant wagons that had come to Oregon on what was known then as the Southern route, camped on Mary's river, near where the grist mill now stands, weary and hungry after this long travel, with two months and a half of the latter part of it in the rain and mud, and without provisions only as we might chance to kill a deer or goose, or any other living thing that would in the least degree keep body and soul together, without any reference to name or former status in the animal or fowl kingdom. Will say, Mr. Editor, the writer of this reminiscence drove one of these eight wagons, and had to provide for a widow lady and two small children. Her husband died on Humboldt river in Nevada. Next morning we crossed the stream on a raft that had been prepared by parties ahead of us, and swam the cattle and horses. This occupied all day. Camped that night in what is now Corvallis. Here S. C. Avery was backing in a small cabin, the only sign of civilization in sight at the time. It was the only inhabitant on the now traveled road to Sacramento valley.

We struck camp next morning. That day we reached the foothills near H. C. Lewis' cabin; camped again. Next day we reached Thomas' trail; camped at the branch near his cabin. He visited my camp. On ascertaining the two small children had no bread, went back to his cabin, brought a piece of bread and divided it between them; an act of kindness, as it was, I never forget. He told us of an empty cabin near where Wm. Bad now lives. The cabin was in charge of one of three bachelors that were living on the Wrightman farm. This agent had to be seen before we could take possession. We arrived at the place about noon. Our train was now reduced to two wagons. One was managed by my cousin, who had a family, the other by myself. So we had to wait till he could go and ascertain if we could get possession, our teams and ourselves waiting in a pourdown rain. This cabin had neither floor nor chimney; no opening for a door; the cracks between the logs all open. The only enticing feature about it was, that it was dry inside. You may imagine, Mr. Editor, if you can, how tempting a piece of dry ground would be, when two and a half months had passed in an Oregon winter, without seeing such a lovely sight. Well, the temptation was too strong for my weak nerves. So just as soon as my cousin was out of sight, I drew an ax from the wagon, and before he got back I made an opening in the cabin, built a fire against the wall, provided a rude bedstead, moved the sick lady (who had been confined on Long Tom) into the house, and when our agent returned we were ensconced in the house, happier than many kings and queens have been on entering a palace for the first time. By the way, he was granted the use of the cabin, so all hands moved in, nine persons in all. We are now happy in a shack. Let us now look around us for a stock of provisions for the winter. We had, perhaps, enough of poor venison or beef, that had crossed the plains, for breakfast, and no bread at all; no sugar, no coffee, no tea, no nothing, not even salt. Perhaps some lady may remark and exclaim "how is it possible that a sick woman could live in her condition on such diet as is here named?" Will only add, that no one knows what they can do until they are tried. Well, she got well in due time. Next year she married a worthy man. The baby grew to be a woman, married, had a family, and long since mother and daughter passed to the unknown world.

To return to the task of providing for winter supplies, when there was no one who had anything in the way of supplies of any kind to spare, for love or money. It would seem to a modern Oregonian to be a serious case indeed; but there's an old saying, "where there's a will, there's a way." We had that will, so the way was provided. Of course, the reader, by this time, is anxious to know, under these conditions, what could be done. It was perfectly simple: The next morning cousin and I took our rifles and struck out in this wild, strange land, and by nightfall had deer and geese and ducks to last the whole outfit for a month. I know, tanderstomach no days will doubt these facts, but nevertheless it is true. In a week, cousin and I, with a poor pony that had been ridden all the way across the plains, driving cattle, swam Soap Creek and Luckinute and went where Dallas now is, and bought 100 pounds of dirt, blue pod and some wheat, called, in those days, flour. The mixture answered for bread for ten persons until the first of April. However, all hands got as fat as the O. A. C. A few days after we stopped, I located this land I now live on. Am still here in my seventieth year. This will close this first account of pioneer days by me. If this finds favor with yourself and your many readers, other letters on the same subject may follow.

PHILOMATH ITEMS.

Mrs. E. G. Lantz has been visiting for several days in Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. White returned Monday from a week's visit in Albany.

Bonnett Pierce, of Salem, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Eyrz Wyatt, of this city.

David Junkins, of Linn county has been visiting the family of Farlow Mulkey.

Mrs. W. A. Jolly, who has been quite sick for the past two weeks, is reported recovering.

Chas. Honkle, of Niagra, is spending several weeks at the home of his parents on Greasy.

Rev. Tonkins, of the M. E. church, preached a very able sermon on Roman Catholicism, Sunday evening.

A. B. Newton has been having a severe time with a carbuncle that made its appearance under his arm; but is about all right. He will soon be able to attend to business in his blacksmith shop again.

Mr. T. G. Robinson, of Kalama, Wash., who has been here for several weeks making arrangements for starting a weekly paper, has given it up, as he finds the field is not large enough to support another republican paper.

Married: At the residence of Ellsworth Bethers, Saturday, Jan. 11th, Rev. Bell officiating, Isaac Porter, son of McCauly Porter, and Miss Byers, of Peoria, Linn county. The wedding was a quiet affair, only their intimate friends being present. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple departed for their new home on Greasy.

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NEARLY AN END.

The matter of the estate of Carl Straga, whose tragic death occurred July 29, 1892, is nearing an end. At least, Administrator Wilson's report, filed in the probate court this week, shows that the affairs of the estate are at last in some sort of business shape and that they can now be wound up without a great deal of delay.

Some time later, Davis sought greener fields and pastures more new. Before shaking the dust of Corvallis from off his feet he failed to render an account of his stewardship to the court, and in June, 1894, he was cited to appear and show cause why a new administrator should not be appointed. Davis, not appearing, J. H. Wilson was appointed administrator on the 7th of July, 1894. He immediately qualified and entered upon the discharge of his arduous duties. He found the affairs of the estate pretty badly tangled up, and only by dint of patient, untiring effort was he enabled to get them straightened out, and into their present systematic shape. A portion of Mr. Wilson's report to the court is given below.

"I found that the former administrator H. G. Davis, had sold real estate of said estate and paid certain claims. The vouchers and receipts for which are hereto attached. According to the record in said estate there should have been in the hands of said administrator, as nearly as I can ascertain, the sum of \$482.22, but in the absence of Mr. Davis I had to find out where the money was from other sources of information, with the following result:

"The bondsmen of H. G. Davis were J. A. Knight, J. M. Applewhite and G. A. Waggoner, and prior to the time Mr. Davis left Corvallis, Mr. Knight had died and seemed to have an insolvent estate. The other bondsmen becoming apprehensive that Mr. Davis might not make return to the court as by law required, one of said bondsmen, to-wit, J. M. Applewhite, prevailed upon Mr. Davis to deliver the money of said estate over to him, and the same was deposited in the 1st National Bank of Corvallis in J. M. Applewhite's name, in the amount of \$482.88.

"A few days after said deposit, J. M. Applewhite loaned to Max Friendly \$150 of this Straga money, taking Mr. Friendly's receipt therefor. This \$150 was returned to Mr. Applewhite by Mr. Friendly a short time thereafter, and at the time of J. M. Applewhite's death, the whole amount of said \$482.88 was in his possession. Besides the positive evidence of the books, showing that this Straga \$482.88 was in J. M. Applewhite's possession at the time of his death, I have information to the effect that J. M. Applewhite acknowledged to parties in Corvallis, on the day of his death, that he had possession of the Straga money, and would account for same in a short time.

"Subsequently to the death of J. M. Applewhite his estate was admitted to probate and a claim for \$482.88 due the Straga estate was filed with the administrator, and duly allowed, but up to this date the same remains unpaid. I have frequently urged the payment of this amount, in order that the affairs of the said Carl Straga, might be settled up and the money distributed to the several heirs, but without success."

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