

THE COLLEGE.

The people of Corvallis have no thought of attempting, in any way to control the actions of the board of regents of the State Agricultural College.

The members of the board are public servants and are subject to criticism and the people of Corvallis as citizens of Oregon, feel a perfect right to condemn any tendency in the board to ward making the college a political plaything.

While events have proved the justice of the reflections upon the board's work of last year in regard to the presidency, it is but fair to some of the regents to remark, that their action at that time was not altogether undefensible, but the excuse that was proper then, no longer exists.

Mr. Miller's application to be appointed consul to Munich, makes impossible his candidacy for re-election as head of the college. The reasons are apparent to any man who has the slightest respect for dignity and the fitness of things.

The board does not need to be informed as to the qualifications for an ideal president of such an institution.

The regents are practical men of the world and have doubtless taken that intelligent and active interest in the college that their position demands. The fact that political notoriety does not insure success as an educator, has been fully demonstrated.

POPULISM.

Populist are prone to praise themselves as the advocates of a new movement. "New force," "new dispensation," "new system" are favorite expressions of their orators and writers.

Populism may be a new term, but the essence of populism is as old as history—as old as false reasoning. All nations have had their promoters of populist financing. Our own country has suffered from populist theorists long before there was such a thing as a populist party.

The majority of populists are not incapable of sound reasoning. They are not suddenly entrapped in the maze of fallacious theories. They are first led to look upon the dark side of life. This world has always had plenty of trouble, but they are taught to believe that their hardships are peculiar to this generation.

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and demand an investigation. If the charges, made so directly, are proven, it is unfair to presume that the board of regents will retain Dr. Chapman at the head of Oregon's university. To do so would place a premium on dishonesty—make vice a virtue.

SENATOR McBride is interesting himself in the wool schedule of the new tariff bill. He insists upon a rate that will give an adequate protection to the wool owners of the west.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTRY. Picnic at Blodgett—Doings of People in Various Localities.

MONROE ITEMS.

The Monroe schools closed Tuesday. Blackberries are beginning to ripen in the river bottom.

Supt. Denman was in Monroe last week in the interests of the public school. Haying has been considerably delayed by the damp weather of the past week.

William Garlinghouse and family returned from the Pioneers' picnic last week. Jno. W. Herron has purchased a new buggy and hereafter will be "at home" to his lady friends.

Fall grain is beginning to turn in this part of the country, and will be ready to cut in two weeks. We are requested to state that the camp meeting being held near Squire's ferry, will run over this coming Sunday.

Miss Eva Starr has returned home from the O. A. C., where she has been attending school during the past year. Monroe is to have a grand celebration ball on Friday, July 2nd. A good orchestra will furnish the music. Tickets including supper \$1.

The Monroe band is getting to be quite popular of late. Saturday the boys have an engagement to play at Blodgett valley, and they are also booked for the 4th at Alesha.

Wilhelm's hall will be used by the Monroe 16 to 1 club Saturday evening, when Judge Burnett will deliver an address before that organization. Everybody invited.

The fourth of July finance committee did not secure pledges for enough funds to put up a first-class celebration, hence the Monroe festivities for that occasion has been declared off.

A basket meeting will be held at Simpson's chapel next Sunday, evening, when Judge Burnett will deliver an address before that organization. Everybody invited.

The new county road leading from Harris' bridge east, to a point on the state road two miles north of town, will be opened in a few days. Supervisor Starr has had men and teams at work on it until the most places are graded and most of the brush removed.

Friday noon the house occupied by John Carpenter was destroyed by fire, which originated in the upper part of the building, caused by defective flue. The contents were saved, but the house is a complete loss. The place belonged to George Landerking and was not insured, so we are informed.

The camp meeting of the Christian church, conducted by Elder Skaggs, of Corvallis, is in progress in a grove on the river about 3 miles east of town. The Monroe band was at Alesha last Saturday, and a damp time was experienced by the different members. A jolly day is reported, notwithstanding rain and bad weather.

Whitney's hall is being painted by Wm. Kisor. N. P. Newton is erecting a residence on College street.

Mrs. Martha Wilcox moved to Brownsville Wednesday. Prof. Law returned from Brownsville Wednesday.

Sam Rayburn is painting the residence of Cyrus Custer. Wm. Brady has moved into his property near the depot.

Uncle Abe and wife are visiting their children at Summit. Walter Kisor is finishing his house in north Philomath.

Miss Nettie McCullough of Corvallis, is visiting at Ike Smith's. Marshall Allen mowed the grass in the college campus last week.

Ed L. Bryan and W. H. Bryan and wife attended the picnic at Jefferson Tuesday. Miss Grace Boles is visiting with her sister, Mrs. A. M. Gray, on south Marys river.

Miss Bell Gray, who has been teaching school at McMinnville, returned home Thursday.

A number of our people attended services held by Rev. Kantner, of Salem, at Plymouth on Sunday.

Frank Ferris, foreman in the construction of the Odd Fellows temple, has moved into the Holm property.

A. M. Austin, of Brownsville, has purchased the Wilcox property. Mr. Austin will open up and run the blacksmith shop formerly occupy by T. J. Wilcox.

OAK GROVE NOTES.

Mr. H. J. Moore made his usual trip to Albany Monday peddling.

Miss Lelia Mayberry is learning dressmaking under Mrs. Hart, of Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Wentz spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Drummond, of Linn county.

Mrs. Viola Woods, who has been working in the boys' dormitory at Corvallis, returns home next Thursday.

Messrs Wentz and Peggenough made a horse trade one day last week, in which both parties seem to be well pleased.

August Kreiger and family expect to take a trip to Minnesota soon, where they will visit relatives and friends.

The prayer meeting Friday evening, led by Miss Hattie Anthony, was very spirited and there was a goodly number in attendance.

Father Williamson made a trip to Albany Saturday afternoon through the hard showers of rain. He is surely growing stronger.

A good number of Oak Grove people attended the Evangelical camp meeting in Albany Sunday, and claim the meetings are very good.

Miss Pearl Woods and Mr. Paul Johnston went to Harrisburg Sunday. Mr. Johnston returned home Monday and Miss Woods expects to remain some time.

Wm. Reed has purchased Alfred Cooper's old dwelling, which he aims to move home, remodel and use a fruit dryer, both for himself and some of the neighbors.

Peter Karstens is suffering in tense pain from being kicked by a horse Saturday evening while driving the animal from the pasture to the barn. One of the horse's feet struck him in the ribs and fractured one of them very badly, and the other foot struck the left cheek, breaking the bone and cutting the flesh so that several stitches had to be taken.

PLEASANT VALLEY.

Rev. G. M. Taylor preached at the school house last Sabbath.

Quite a number of pic-nickers passed up the valley on their way to Alesha.

Mr. Manning Frink, wife and two sons, of McMinnville, are visiting his brother, Chas. Frink.

Messrs Sidney and Leslie Frink and wives went to Wells for cherries. They picked their supply at Mr. Harris' place.

Mr. John Rose and wife have returned from a trip through Linn and Benton counties, in search of a farm to buy or rent, but found no place he likes as well as Pleasant Valley.

Orn May, of Mill 4, who has been out in this vicinity recuperating, will return home this week much improved in health. Her week's stay at Waterloo, especially helped out.

Grandma Spencer, of Blodgett, is visiting her children and old neighbors here. Her health is good, although she has never regained the use of her limbs since the paralytic stroke.

WELLS ITEMS.

P. A. Carter and wife are visiting friends at Jefferson this week.

Wild blackberries are getting ripe, and they are quite plentiful this year.

The Misses Josie and Emma Hecker are visiting friends in Salem this week.

Crops are growing nicely since the rain, and farmers are happy and counting on a good harvest.

D. H. Vanderpool is getting his new barn almost completed. R. D. Snell, of Albany is doing the work.

O. M. Vanderpool, who has been visiting friends at his old home in Missouri, is expected home soon.

Several of the young folks from here attended the G. A. R. encampment at Independence last week. All report a good time.

Mr. Williamson, of Crowley, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Carter, for the last week, returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holman, of Chicago, who have been visiting friends and relatives here for the last month, returned to their home.

Messrs Leabo and Price have been out west of Monroe looking for a stock ranch. They returned home a few days ago and expect to move their families there in a few days.

BLODGETT NEWS.

Miss Iva Garrett, of Eugene, of Eugene, and Miss Lillie Taylor, of Evergreen, are visiting in the val-

The Blue and the Gray. Both men and women are apt to feel a little blue, when the gray hairs begin to show. It's a very natural feeling. In the normal condition of things gray hairs belong to advanced age.

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