

OUR SPECIAL.

This number of the Corvallis GAZETTE is not an attempt to over-praise Benton county and its institutions. The aim has been, in arranging for the descriptive articles, to secure only accurate and reliable information.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTORS.

Judge M. L. Pipes, now one of the leading members of the Portland bar, reviews in this issue the history of the litigation that so vitally concerned the Oregon Agricultural College.

W. E. Yates, secretary of the board of regents of the college, himself a graduate of the school, writes of its resources and equipment. No one could do it better.

Prof. F. Berchtold, dean of the faculty, explains in a general way the several courses of study that can be followed at the college.

Prof. J. B. Horner gives a comprehensive description of Benton county, written in his usual happy style.

Judge John Burnett, who is himself a part of the history of Oregon, and who has had much to do in shaping her political and social destiny, indulges in some very interesting reminiscences.

Prof. E. R. Lake, one of the most prominent and successful horticulturists of Oregon shows what Benton is doing in the matter of fruit growing.

Supt. Geo. W. Denman, who has accomplished splendid results in his management of the public schools of the county, describes their present status.

GUATEMALA.

The letter of Mr. Pearce, published in this issue, describes the existing conditions in a country where free silver has been followed by its natural successor, unredeemable paper money.

Mr. Pearce clearly shows that the laborer and the farmer are the greatest losers under the operations of a free silver law.

For Sale.

On Friday, July 23, at 1 p. m., E. Maude's household goods and farming implements consisting of bedsteads, cooking stove, table, chairs, etc., 3 1/2 ton truck wagon, plow, mower, harrow, light rig, harness, tent, saddle, horses, hogs and hay.

"HON. H. B. MILLER."

Under this heading an infantile, but promising contemporary, in its second issue, published a three-quarter column editorial laudation.

Now, the last thing the GAZETTE thinks of doing is to trample on a man when he is down. Mr. Miller is "down and out."

Here we have to draw the line, and we fear, spoil some of these rosy colored touches.

This one-year president, and one-year regent, arrogates to himself as his special work, not only the labors of the faculty, but of the board of regents, past and present.

"He established a station library." Begun, however, when the station first came into existence in President Arnold's time, seven years ago, and added to annually ever since—and no special additions made last year.

"He added essays, orations and oratorical contests to the English work." But in this, continuing the work of development begun by President Bloss.

"He secured a plant for cheese making, and provided a library and laboratory for the study of plant and animal bacteria."

What would Mr. Killen say to this first claim, who has been instant in season and out of season to have improved the facilities for dairy study and practice.

"He organized the college under the control of a dean, and his choice of a man was accepted by the board." But, why was a "dean" wanted? Mr. Miller was not competent to "control" the college, and had the grace to admit that he was not.

"He instituted new methods of business, and a practical system of keeping accounts." With such success—so far as the novelty went—that for the first time in the history of the college there was serious difficulty in adjusting and segregating the various accounts.

"He established the short course for farmers." Yet we seem to recollect too previous "short courses" under President Bloss' auspices.

"He held twice as many institutes and issued double the amount of bulletin matter with less cost than before." The first proposition may possibly be true, if qualified by saying that he attended personally twice as many institutes as previous presidents had found compatible with their more onerous duties at Corvallis.

"The second proposition is based, of course, on the treatise on prunes and prune culture recently issued, a valuable compilation by Professor Hedrick, with a short introduction by President Miller. Outside of this we venture seriously to doubt the term 'double the amount.'" The "cost" of the bulletin matter was governed by the resolution of the board of regents, passed prior to Mr. Miller's presidency.

"The 'cost' of the printing and issuance of the bulletins is directly controlled by the board—not by the president of the college."

"He recommended a complete new course of study and instruction, which was adopted by the board and will be carried out by the newly elected president."

mittee of the board of regents.

Then follow a few more generalities about ability and discretion. With these matters of opinion we have nothing to do.

We trust that with the selection of President Gatch the era of valuable development of the educational and experimental sides of this most important institution will continue and find extension. We regret to have been forced to make this examination and expose of Mr. Miller's pretensions. It has been made necessary by the attempt to claim for him and for his one year of office all the good results of plans of work laid down by former boards of regents, and developed and extended by former presidents.

The Newberg Independent has been awe-struck by the intellectual editorial ability of this paper, and plainly says so. We are admonished to let our light so shine among men, that they may see our good works, but to imitate the lightning is to take license from liberty, and we will endeavor to veil the brilliancy of our searchlight, when it flashes in the Independent's direction.

That paper is somewhat peevish from the stroke, and complains that the GAZETTE, having discovered that the silver cause is dead, inhumanly persists in disturbing the corpse. It is thus that noble actions are often misconstrued. The GAZETTE has simply called upon the friends of the lost cause to decently bury the poor inanimate body.

It, living, threw bouquets this way, and when respectfully interred, will be discreetly forgotten.

Evidences of prosperity's return are about us. With the assured security of our monetary system, and the rearrangement of the tariff on protective lines, capital has been satisfied and seeks investment. Naturally there is a growing demand for labor.

On top of this there is the assurance of an abundant harvest and good prices, and the gloom of the past few years enfolds us no more.

SOME COUNTY NEWS.

Item Fishers Pull in Whales and Minnows.

MONROE ITEMS.

Jim Lewis was in Monroe again last week.

Miss Effie Bowen of Eugene is visiting in our burg.

Misses Minnie and Ella Schuetz came out from Alsea Saturday.

A new hop house is being built on the Herron place north of town.

Mrs. Ralls sold one of her wheels last Friday. "Cooney" Cook was the purchaser.

G. W. Howard was up from Albany last week, looking after things in general out at the farm.

New books have been ordered for use at the song service on Sunday evenings. They will be on hand for the coming Sunday.

Wednesday evening last, Mrs. Welscher entertained a number of friends at her home. A dainty lunch was served before the guests departed.

The little daughter of Mell Evans was burned quite severely on the hands sometime since, by falling onto a hot stove. The little one is beginning to recover at present.

Song service is held every Sunday evening in the M. E. Church. New books have been ordered, and fifteen minutes or more will be devoted to each meeting to the study of the elements of music.

Threshing will begin about August 1st. The farmers are rushed this year more than common, since haying and binding comes right together on account of the late rains. Fruit's looking fine and early peaches, pears, apples and peach plums are ripening.

The O. A. C. will have several new faces among its students, from the south end of the country during the coming school year. Since Mr. Gatch has been chosen president the people feel more confident about the future of this institution.

E. Maude has sold his farm north of town to J. Pfouts. Consequently Mr. Maude has decided to sell his farm implements and household effects at public sale on July 23rd.

doctor said: "I bought a fine tract of land in Eugene, at a cost of \$20,000 when I came from the east recently, and had expected to erect a modern invalid's home upon it, and have my patients where they could receive proper food, care and nursing. When the subject was talked of among Eugene's physicians they were jealous, in fact they seemed to think the new enterprise would injure their business. Having thus no encouragement to go into such a thing in their town I concluded to look up a more suitable location. And although this is not on a railroad, it is a healthful place, and I shall build somewhere near here." It is to be hoped that such an institution will be located here, and those who have seen the usefulness of such homes will be only too glad to help such a cause along.

No services will be held in the M. E. Church at Monroe next Sunday morning on account of the quarterly meeting of Monroe and Junction City circuit which is to be held in the new church in Junction City on that day.

The following taken from the Junction City Times may be of interest to many GAZETTE readers: "Friday, 23, 8 p. m. address Rev. T. E. Ford, D. D. Saturday 24, 3 p. m. Quarterly Conference of Junction City and Monroe circuit; 8 p. m. sermon Rev. T. B. Ford D. D.; Sunday 25, 10 a. m. Sunday School; 11 a. m. sermon Bishop Earl Cranston, L. L. D.; 3 p. m. sacrament of the Lord's Supper; 7 p. m. young people's rally, addressed by visiting pastor; 8 p. m. sermon by Bishop Cranston. A number of neighboring pastors will be present and render valuable aid. The basement will be provided with chairs, tables and water where you can spread your dinner and spend the noon hour in comfort. If you come on Saturday you can camp in the basement until Sunday. Come and enjoy these good things with us."

BLODGETT NEWS.

C. H. Taylor, of Evergreen, is at work in this valley.

C. A. Troxel has been sick but is again able to be at work.

Mr. Cadwalader has a job of work at Lebanon and did not return with the remainder of the family.

Misses Jennie and Nettie Gellaly made a visit to the home of their brother on Saturday and Sunday last.

Mrs. Tilla Hamer, of Dallas, staid over Friday night in this valley. She had been to Nashville and was returning home.

A young man going from Woodburn to Toledo after traveling thus far on his wheel decided to take the train for the remainder of the way.

WELLS ITEMS.

Binders are running early and late, and most of the fall grain is cut.

Doc Jackson and wife of Mountain View spent Sunday with friends here.

Hon. Tolbert Carter and wife are attending the Chautauqua at Oregon City.

A. J. Hodges and wife of Albany have been visiting friends here the last week.

Hannie McElmury of Oak Creek has been visiting old friends. He returned home yesterday.

C. M. Vanderpool returned home last week from a visit to his old home in Missouri. He reports the crops are looking well.

FAIRMOUNT NEWS.

Our neighbor, Mr. McKinney, has ripe peaches, which makes his friends wish for an invitation to call.

The road workers are out in full force, which is as it should be. Good roads and civilization go together.

White clover is getting a good start in many places about here. It is to be hoped it will run the dog fennel all out.

I think Fairmount can show as pretty apples as grow anywhere; some will measure 4 inches in diameter. Oregon can take the cake.

Our good neighbor, Mrs. Kelly, had the misfortune to fall Saturday evening and hurt her foot so badly as to render walking one of the impracticables. We hope she will soon be around again.

The bridge across Thornton Lake is finished as far as the bridge proper is concerned, but the approaches wait on some one. Meanwhile the traveling public are sorely put out as none but foot passengers can cross, and they with difficulty. The road north from the bridge as far as the foot of the hill is nicely graded with rock from the quarry, with a good layer of gravel on top of that, which will be a boon to many next winter. Some of the road is graveled even beyond the foot of the hill.

ALMA.

John Griffin, of Zanesville, O., says: "I never lived a day for thirty years without suffering agony, until a box of De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve cured my piles." For piles and rectal troubles, cuts, bruises, sprains, eczema and all skin troubles De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled. Allen & Woodward.

How Old are You? It makes no difference whether you answer or not. It is always true that "a woman is as old as she looks." Nothing sets the seal of age upon a woman's beauty so deeply, as gray hair. The hair loses its color generally from lack of nutrition. If you nourish the hair, the original color will come back. That is the way that the normal color of the hair is restored by Ayer's Hair Vigor.

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