

Corvallis Gazette.

CORVALLIS, OREGON, June 3, 1898.

A few Ladies' Long Coats that are being sold at a great reduction. If you want a large amount of goods for your money be sure and see them. All the capes and jackets in the department sold at a reduction.

A good serviceable umbrella for 50 cents; lots style in the 75-cent grade, and lots of wear too.

If you want a better one, you will find it here at the same ratio of low price to good goods.

R and G Corsets in styles and shapes that will fit any form. A line of French Corsets, good fitters, made of French cantil, drab and white. All grades to \$3.50, for \$5.00. Have you seen our 50-cent and \$1.00 line? There are no better for that price.

S. E. YOUNG & SON, Albany, Oregon. Agents for Buttrick Patterns.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Tom Tongue and Yvonna. French candies at Holes & Hall's.

Dick Nichols and the Oregon Agricultural college.

Where is the man who feared that Oregon would go dry?

John Gellatly deserves the large majority he will receive.

Election day is close at hand and Speaker keeps on shaving.

Preaching at Oak Ridge church next Sunday afternoon by Rev. Davenport.

E. Woodward for county judge and E. Woodward for the taxpayer's interest.

Get ready to go with the crowd to a lovely tomorrow. Excellent sport and a lovely time.

Treasurer Buchanan has another call for warrants. This present call will exceed \$243 and reduce 65 orlers.

Rev. D. M. Davenport, of Lebanon, Or., will occupy Dr. Thompson's pulpit next Sunday, both morning and evening.

Rev. E. J. Kelly went to Waldport the first of this week, where he expects to conduct meetings for a couple of weeks.

The subject at the Congregational church next Sunday morning will be "Not judging others;" in the evening, "A larger faith."

At the Salvation Army bazaar Hawkes will conduct a grand musical evening Saturday evening, June 4th. He will also lead the meetings all day Sunday, June 5th. Everyone welcome.

There will be no preaching service at the United Evangelical church next Sunday morning. Rev. Hartman of Albany, will preach in the evening, Sunday school and K. L. C. E. as usual.

The annual picnic reunion will be held in Portland, Wednesday, June 15th. Rev. P. S. Knight delivers the annual address and H. K. Hines the occasional. All the transportation lines offer reduced fare.

Subject at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday morning, "Four Beautiful Lessons." In view of the election Monday the pastor will discuss "General Politics" in the evening. All voters invited.

Politics again absorbs most of the space in the GAZETTE, leaving little room for general local news. But this is the last week in the campaign, and everyone must put up with politics in political times.

Our next state treasurer, Chas. S. Moore, of Klamath county, a genial and good looking gentleman visited Corvallis Thursday. Mr. Moore is confident that the entire republican ticket will be elected by good majorities.

"Cyclone" Davis addressed a large crowd at the opera house Monday night and entertained them well. Mr. Davis is the most effective campaigner the union people have sent here and the only one that drew a house. His logic is defective but his style of oratory is unique and "catchy."

Memorial Day was fittingly observed served in Corvallis. The exercises at the cemetery under the auspices of the G. A. R. and its kindred orders were well attended and the court house was filled to hear the evening program. Prof. S. I. Pratt delivered the address, which was very able and interesting. Miss Lane recited "The Oregon" in a pleasing manner.

The cornerstone of the Masonic temple now being erected on Second street, was laid with appropriate exercises Wednesday afternoon. Several of the grand lodge officers were present. J. Fred Yates made the address. In the hall were deposited the copies of the local newspapers, roster of the masonic lodges, fire department, city government and other organizations and private and business cards by the score. The GAZETTE will publish a complete list of these mementoes when the corner stone is opened.

Owing to the recent rain, the school picnic as arranged by Supt. Denman to have been held at Monroe last Saturday, was only carried out partly. The meeting was held in Wilhelm's hall, where speeches were made on educational subjects by Prof. J. H. Ackerman of Portland, Mr. R. J. Nichols of Monroe and Supt. Denman. About 800 people were present from Linn and different parts of our own county. The literary program and contests between the pupils were postponed until June 15.

An Emergency Corps was organized by Corvallis women last Tuesday afternoon with the following officers: Pres. Mrs. Rose Selling; Vice Pres., Mrs. G. B. Keady; Secretary, Mrs. Ida Callahan; Treasurer, Mrs. R. C. Clark. The object of the corps is to assist and co-operate with the state and military organization in advancing the comfort and welfare of the Oregon volunteers. Any patriotic woman of Benton county may become a member by applying to the secretary and paying 10 cents. This small sum is the only required expense. There will

Scratch nothing on your ticket. Mark a cross after the name of the man you wish to vote for.

William Knotts is a substantial, successful farmer. He will be looking after the county's interests as commissioner, for he is an interested taxpayer.

Eva Grace Singleton, youngest sister of Mrs. Rufus Skipton, died on May 31, 1898, aged 10 years, 7 months and 7 days. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Mark Noble at Mr. Skipton's residence, June 2nd.

E. Woodward is not a candidate for assessor but his views on the assessing of property are not particularly secret. He believes that no property should be favored but all pay its just share of the taxes. Bank stock and other like evidence of wealth, should, he thinks, be allowed no advantage over other property. This statement is made to correct campaign rumors.

Hon. J. B. Irvine addressed a good audience at Kings Valley Wednesday. He speaks at Fairmount tonight. The famous tony quartette will sing and a number of Corvallisites will attend. Judge Blackburn, of Albany, republican nominee for attorney general, spoke at Philomath last night. Walter L. Toose addressed audiences at Monroe and Alsea this week. There will be a meeting at Willamette this afternoon.

R. E. Outfield, employed at the American iron works, on East Third and East Ankeny, is recovering from a severe accident, which happened a few days ago. While he was at work in the building, in some way his jumper was caught by a revolving shaft, and he was in danger of severe injury, if not death. A fellow workman seized him and held him until his jumper had been torn from him. In this way he escaped. His hand and arm were severely lacerated and lacerated, and he has been under the care of a physician ever since the accident. He will be all right in a few days.—Oregonian.

The young man injured attended the C. A. C. last year.

SPORT AND JOY.

A Big Day at Salem where College Athletes Contest Tomorrow.

"It is the Elmore, and she will spin down the river," explains Manager Colt of the O. A. C. athletic team. The Elmore is to carry the 200 excursionists to Salem tomorrow morning to take in the field day events—the contest of our Oregon college teams for athletic glory.

One beauty of the steamboat arrangements for tomorrow is that there will be no vexatious stops. The Elmore will not tarry on her trip except to take on more excursionists at Albany and Independence.

Everyone will enjoy this excursion and everyone ought to go and cheer the champions of the orange on to victory. The victory of the team is victory for the college and that is glory for all. The boys have made no boast and are not boasting. War has taken some of their best men, but they trained up as well as possible, new men. The lads have worked faithfully, are in good condition and have had the advantage of Mr. Cameron's superior instruction.

So the hopes of the O. A. C. are high and the interest is great. It is the determination of the orange athletes that word can be sent to the O. A. C. boys at Millville that the athletic cup is still held by the old college at Corvallis. Then the "Zip Boom Beep" that will roll around the Philippine Islands will frighten the besieged Spaniards into forty kinds of fits.

Then it is the Elmore tomorrow at 6 a. m., arrive at Salem at 9 a. m. Returning the Ruth leaves Salem at 7 p. m. And the round trip ticket is only \$1.25.

Graduating Exercises.

The Corvallis public schools' close another successful year, with the commencement exercises held at the opera house tonight. There are 23 graduates. They are: Marvin Brandberry, Frank Thrasher, Harold Martin, Glenn Gillette, Thomas Fry, George E. Mangus, Harold Woodcock, William A. Wells, Charles A. Barnhart, Ethelwyn Bristow, Agnes Weber, Della A. Barnhart, Mabel C. Cronise, Mamie A. Crawford, Rena J. Garrett, Jessie Hufford, Grace Ellis, Esther F. Berry, Lenore Stewart, Elsie E. Locke, Victor C. Spencer, Frances Belknap, Bashrod W. Wilson, Jr.

Prof. Pratt and his corps of teachers have given the utmost satisfaction to the patrons of the school, and have established the good reputation of the school abroad as well as at home.

The exercise tonight promise to be very interesting. Having no fund for defraying the expense of hall rent etc., it is necessary to charge the small admission fee of five cents; reserved seats, 10 cents. Any surplus will be used in the purchase of a flag pole for the school grounds.

The County Judge.

E. Woodward's candidacy stands for a sensible and economical administration of county affairs—a business administration by a business man.

From every part of the county it is learned that taxpayers are taking this view of the contest for this office and that the republican candidate will have votes enough and to spare. They wish the county to continue in its present getting-out-of-debt course.

The election of county judge is probably of more importance to the taxpayers than that of any other officer and the taxpayers

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS.

Young Men Who are Ready for the Second Call—Two Companies.

The Volunteer Company organizing in Corvallis is progressing finely. At the meeting Saturday night an impromptu program was rendered. Dr. Ketchum of Salem and Professor Ackerman and Pratt of Portland, being the speakers. Prof. Helen Crawford read with fine effect Sam Simpson's poem "The Oregon" and Prof. Pritchard led in singing national airs.

After the program the following officers were elected: Captain, Prof. Clyde Phillips; 1st Lieut., Joe C. Smith; 2nd Lieut., Brady P. Burnett.

Those who have signed the roll up to yesterday are:

- Ernie F. Barnett, H. L. Beal, Elmer A. Clark, G. L. Plummer, Frank O. Krane, W. R. Diley, Harry Rogers, O. P. Yoder, James K. Berry, Ed Hufford, Roy D. Avery, Ben M. Goodwin, John Husler, C. E. Small, A. Campbell, R. H. Howell, W. F. Groves, D. W. Holgate, R. M. Rogers, E. C. Brandberry, F. J. Van Huusen, W. Hamoon, C. W. Sheppard, J. W. Harrison, Wm. V. Smith, Walter R. Read, T. Goodchild, H. J. W. Garrison, Eugene Weber, Frank H. Crawford, R. E. F. G. Pomeroy, W. H. Beach, C. B. Chipman, A. B. Becker, P. Wells, J. M. Lyons, C. J. Whitaker, E. A. Buchanan, C. L. Prindel, C. E. Palmer, G. R. Wrenn, J. S. Dyer, Clifford Hayes

Many of these are present or ex-students of the O. A. C. and are well up in manual of arms and tactics. The officers are particularly well qualified.

The Bank-Stock Issue.

The Corvallis Times has found a magnificent objection to George Lilly, the next sheriff. It is such a splendid and convincing argument against his election that the Times has saved it until this week. It is this: George Lilly owns or has owned bank stock. What a crime this appears to us, poor newspaper men, who have no bank stock.

But who can absolve the Times? Has it just awakened to the enormous sinfulness of bank-stock ownership? Did not Peter Rickard own stock in the First National Bank of Corvallis two years ago when the Times supported him for sheriff? Yea, verily.

And more. Mr. Rickard owned bank stock as late as last August and if he ever disposed of it the fact has not been publicly announced.

The GAZETTE does not itself believe that this ownership of bank stock is any reflection upon Mr. Rickard. But it is every whit as discreditable to him as to Mr. Lilly. We wish everybody owned bank stock, but we do not wish one man to be blamed for possessing such stock and another praised for the same kind of ownership.

It is a sort of speculation, these political campaign methods of the Times. Isn't that paper ashamed of every other political article it publishes? Doesn't it long for an oasis of fairness and sensibility in the dreary waste of partiality and triviality?

It is difficult to discuss the issue of bank stock ownership, raised by the Times, with any degree of patience. If there was the slightest grain of reason in such an objection it would have no just weight in this campaign, since both candidates must answer the same charge.

A New Foreman.

The GAZETTE Publishing Company has been fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. D. Montague of Portland as foreman of the mechanical department.

Mr. Montague is an expert printer and had charge of large and important offices. The GAZETTE job office is the best equipped in the county and with such an excellent workman as Mr. Montague in charge, the reputation of the office for superior job printing will be maintained.

Mr. Montague arrived Monday and is well pleased with his new home. His wife will follow him as soon as a residence is found.

Cash Custodian.

There is so little to be said against Mr. Fred Clark, republican candidate for county treasurer, and so much to be said in his favor that one is tempted to content himself with the declaration "Here is the man for the place."

Mr. Clark proved his faithfulness and ability in a former term as treasurer and no one had any fault to find with his management. The county funds cannot be placed in safer hands.

A Self-Succeeder.

John Gellatly has made a splendid record and will succeed himself. He attends strictly to business and does his work well.

Mr. Gellatly has served but one term as the servant of the public, but proved in that term that he fills the Jefferson requirements. There is every reason for believing that his majority will be large.

STATE SCHOOL BOOKS

A STATEMENT FROM THE AMERICAN BOOK COMPANY.

Gross Amount of the Business, Prices and Other Information.

PORTLAND, Or., May 27.—(To the Editor.)—Much has been published of late regarding the American Book Company and the cost of school books furnished by that company to the people of Oregon. Interested persons have persistently circulated misstatements. I feel that the public should be told the truth, and, therefore, beg space in your paper for the following brief statement, which may throw some light upon the much-mooted and grossly misrepresented text-book question.

The American Book Company invites the closest investigation of the school-book question, knowing that every person who investigates candidly and without prejudice will be convinced that we deal with the people of Oregon in a straightforward, business way, and that it has endeavored to serve the people faithfully and to promote the best interests of their schools. We could not hope to retain the goodwill and business of the people in any other way. We obtained our contract for the year 1897-1898, and the price of our books was as low, if not lower, than those of any other concern offering standard text-books in this state.

The official records show that there were about 100,000 pupils enrolled in Oregon in 1897. Our total sales of books of all kinds in Oregon during the year 1897, including all books sold to schools, private schools, colleges, academies, pedagogical seminaries and miscellaneous books, as well as all books for public schools, including high schools, were \$1,200,000. Of this amount, \$250,000 was for books for the public schools. More than one-half of these books were purchased by the people at the retail prices, and the balance at the school contract rates. The amount above listed is the total amount paid by the people for the books could not exceed \$1,200,000. Therefore, the total cost of the books to the people was less than \$1,200,000. These figures are the actual figures, and are not the cost of school books in Oregon as usually given. They also show the utter falsity of the statements published by some of our more ignorant detractors, that our annual business in Oregon amounts to \$2,000,000, and that we sell books amounting to \$1,000,000 a year in the city of Corvallis. This is the actual business of the American Book Company in Oregon (Arkansas and Alabama) where the cost of school books per pupil is less than in Oregon.

Business of the American Book Company are attempting to continue the public mind by publishing tables of the cost of books in other states purchased under different systems, and comparing them with the retail or book-store prices of the books adopted for use in the public schools of the state. This is a grossly unfair and untrue statement. The retail price in Chicago or New York (which is uniform in all states) is taken as a basis of comparison with the contract price in Oregon. The contract price is a wholesale price, and is inferior book used in some states is compared with the price of a standard book of the same grade. It is well known that the price of a book is not the price of production, but the price of production plus the cost of transportation, as well as the profit made by the publisher. Our assistants have ascertained that Idaho purchases our school publications cheaper than the public schools in Idaho, but that is a fact. In Oregon the people buy the school books from the retail dealers in their respective cities. In Idaho the state purchases the books in bulk in Chicago at the net wholesale contract price, and pays the freight from Chicago to Idaho and the additional expenses of handling and distributing the books to the various school districts as they may be required. If the amounts paid by Idaho for freight and other expenses in distributing the books to the retail dealers in Oregon, the total cost of school books in Oregon would be less than \$1,200,000. The total cost of school books in Oregon last year, as shown above, was less than \$1,200,000. The total enrollment was about 100,000 pupils. Therefore, their school books cost them at Chicago more than 75 cents per pupil. Freight and expenses of distribution make the total cost still greater. The maximum discount from the net wholesale price received by Idaho (the books being delivered in Chicago) is 20 per cent. In Oregon the discount to the retail dealer is 10 per cent. between these discounts, and we would make a larger profit on our Oregon business if the state would purchase at our wholesale prices in the East, and shipped and distributed them at its own expense as it does, than we make in Oregon under the present system. In Idaho the state purchases the books in Chicago at the net wholesale price, 20 per

cent from the list, and the books are paid for out of a special fund and reimbursed by each school district out of the general school fund. The districts furnish the books to the pupils free. The cost of freight and distribution is paid by the school districts from their school appropriation. The system is so complicated that it is impossible to ascertain exactly the total cost of the books delivered to the pupils. Since the new text-book law went into effect in Idaho, in 1895, the consumption of books has increased nearly 100 per cent. There is much greater waste of books under a free text-book system than where the books are purchased and used by the pupils, as in Oregon. It is not, in Idaho, of getting something for nothing, and there is always extravagance when some one else, generally the taxpayer, pays the bill.

It has been stated that the contract rates of school books in Oregon (that is, the maximum prices which can be charged by the retail dealers) are 10 per cent above the catalogue or list price. This is true of most of the books. It is also true that the bid of every other publisher for standard text-books at the adoption of the new text-book law in Oregon imposed conditions on the publisher which are not required by the law of any other state. It requires the contracting publisher to maintain a general depository of his books in the state, and to maintain subdepositories at such points as may be from time to time designated by the state board of education. We are required to keep our stock on hand in various parts of the state, and all dealers on an equal footing are obliged to meet this cost of transportation, which is a heavy one, and which has not been met by our expenses and which in a general way, the loss falls on the publisher. The retail price of a book is not the maximum price allowed, but is charged by the retail dealers for the books. In Oregon the books are sold at retail prices, and also at the school contract price, as in other states. Their only object is to bring about a change of text-books. We ask in all these cases to be considered as a publisher, and not as a publisher. Their only object is to bring about a change of text-books. We ask in all these cases to be considered as a publisher, and not as a publisher.

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