

LOCAL NEWS.

Chief Wells is still hors de combat. Mr. Wraga, the tailor, paid Portland a business visit this week.

Mrs. E. R. Lake and little son returned yesterday from a week's visit in Portland.

Mrs. James Booth, of Yaquina City returned home Monday, after a pleasant visit with relatives in this city.

Judge C. E. Moor and Wm. Groves are members of the class now taking the farmers' short course at the college.

Subject on Sunday at Baptist church, morning and evening—"The best wine kept till the last." Cordial invitation to all.

A reception was given to the students and faculty of the college at the residence of Dr. Withycombe, Wednesday afternoon.

Revival services have been held at the M. E. church, south, all this week, and have been favored with a large attendance.

W. D. Risley, of Waldport, executor of the State estate, was in Corvallis Monday winding up his final duties as executor of said estate.

Mr. E. G. Cameron and wife have returned from a visit with the former's brother, Ellsworth, now a prominent business man of The Dalles.

A. F. Peterson went to Portland this week to make arrangements to begin work on the building of a large residence in that city early in the spring.

Mrs. N. B. Avery and daughter, Esther, have returned from Oakland, Calif., where Miss Esther recently graduated from the high school with honors.

Friends of Mrs. John Whitaker, who has been confined to her bed for the past several months, will be grieved to learn that her condition is reported slightly worse.

Prof. John Fulton made an important entry in the family bible last Tuesday morning. It ran thus: Baby Fulton—She was born January 10, 1899; specific gravity, 9 pounds.

Services at the Christian church next Lord's day. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme: "The Divine Magnet." Evening, "The Heavenly Vision."

After a year's absence in the Sonoma country, Mrs. Effa Egin and son, Darrel, visited Corvallis last Friday. They will make their home for the present with relatives in Albany.

Mrs. M. Buckstein and children left Sunday for San Francisco. After a visit there of several weeks, they will go to Columbus, Ohio, to visit with Mr. Buckstein's mother until spring.

Miss Grace Scott returned Monday from a three weeks' visit at The Dalles. She left that city for Corvallis last Saturday, but the blockade of snow delayed her arrival until Monday.

Young America engine company will give a social to their friends at their hall next Saturday evening. Dancing, which will be a feature of the evening's entertainment, will begin at 8 o'clock.

Postmaster Ed. Stanton and wife, nee Addis Gillette, of Toledo, after a few days visit in Corvallis, left Tuesday morning for Salem to witness the inauguration of the new state officials.

On the 15th of this month, at Heppner, Or., will occur the marriage of Mr. Phil Alger and Miss Elsie Lacy, both former students of the O. A. C. Miss Elsie is a sister of our townsman, Bert Lacy.

After a short visit in Corvallis as the guest of Dr. Withycombe, Dr. McLane, state veterinarian, left Tuesday for Alsea to investigate the disease which is destroying so many goats in that section.

F. L. Miller will move into the elegant new Maconic building February 1st. Read his ad on this page. As he wishes to close out his present stock before moving he offers many excellent bargains.

Dr. A. K. Higgs, of Texas, accompanied by his family are in Corvallis as guest of their former friend, Dr. Stanlee. Dr. Higgs wishes to practice his profession in Oregon and will probably locate at Shedd.

D. C. Rose, who was recently elected as a trustee of the Oregon Fire Relief association, left for the headquarters of that institution at McMinnville, Tuesday to familiarize himself with his duties as said trustee.

Claude Riddle returned to Corvallis Monday to resume his studies at the O. A. C. He has been engaged in the newspaper business at Roseburg for the past several months, as associate editor on the Plaindealer.

R. M. Davison returned on Wednesday night's boat from Salem. While there he witnessed the inaugural exercises and enjoyed the moves on the political check-board made by the house and senate on the opening day of the session.

Latest reports from the bedside of little Adrian Fuller, who was so severely hurt last week by being hit on the head with a 16-pound ball while at play in the basement of the public school building, state that he is rapidly recovering.

While on a recent visit to Florida, Hon. Jeff Myers, of Salem, bought twelve pairs of possums. When these arrive at Salem they will be turned loose. Should the climate prove "salubrious to de possum," his advent may mark the beginning of the "race question" in Oregon.

The road between this city and Monroe is probably the worst in the county during the winter season, at times being almost impassable. A traction engine was brought into Corvallis, Sunday, that had been five days reaching here from the former city. As the distance was only twenty miles, four miles a day was the progress made.

Eugene papers announce a lecture on the Philippines, shortly by Lee Travis who recently returned from Manila. The proceeds will be sent to Chas. Wilkinson, formerly representative from Lane county to the legislature, who is sick and in destitute circumstances in Colorado.

H. R. Kincaid will forsake the chair of secretary of state for a seat in the editorial sanctum. He announces his intention of assuming personal charge of his paper at Eugene, which has been gotten out in the interest of the Eugene Guard during H. R.'s incumbency on the state.

Rev. A. W. Rider, of Los Angeles, now on way to Japan as missionary, will preach at Baptist church Monday, Jan. 10th, 7:30 p. m. Large maps to illustrate subject, "What shall we do with our Islands." Let nothing prevent your hearing this fine speaker. All heartily welcomed.

I. A. Macrum, of Portland, will deliver the first lecture in the farmers' short course at the college chapel this evening. His subject will be "Good Roads." Mr. Macrum is prominently identified with the good roads movement, and his lecture promises to be very interesting as well as instructive.

The fourth annual exhibition of the Oregon State Poultry Association opened in Albany, Monday. It is being largely attended. About 1,500 birds are on exhibition, among them a white Plymouth Rock owned by J. W. Hurlburt, of Corvallis, and a white Cochon belonging to Frank Francisco, also of this city.

Before the Lenox Athletic Club, at New York City last Tuesday night, Sharkey lured McCoy to sleep in ten rounds of the cleverest fighting seen in that city for many a day. Tom will now go after Fitzsimmons, who, if he accepts, will find a different machine in front of him from the sailor lad he met at Frisco.

We acknowledge the receipt of a report on the result of experiments in propagating Eastern oysters on the Oregon coast, during the summer of 1898, by F. L. Washburn A. M. of the U. of O. It contains much interesting information and must be of much value to those directly interested in this enterprise.

Mr. Louis Fischer, of Peoria, has secured the trotting mare Ida Mae, 2:33, to mate his mare Bertha, full sister to Winella, 2:24 1/2. These mares are sired by Altogo, are five years old and are said to be well mated. With such speedy travellers, Louis will be right in town when the roads get good next summer.

Subject at Methodist Episcopal church Lord's day, morning—"Four reasons why every Christian should try to bring men and women who are unaved to the Christ who is the light of the world." Evening—"The rays of light that are falling upon our working class." A sermon for the laboring classes of today.

Contractor A. F. Peterson went over to Albany Saturday to be present at the opening of bids for remodeling Linn county's court house. Mr. Peterson was one of 12 bidders on the contract, and the bids ranged from \$13,519 to \$17,900. Edward Killfeather, of Portland, placed the former figure. Mr. Peterson's bid was \$17,775.

Sorbin, the Chinaman, indignantly denies the story which is current that his countryman, "Two Bits," married the Indian girl at Toledo recently. "Him no crazy," says Sorbin. "Two Bits" left last week for a six months visit with his mother, in China, and his friends here are anxious that this reflection on his intelligence be corrected.

There were three bidders for the contract of placing the blow-pipes and smoke-pipes in the new power house at the college. The bid of \$250 offered by J. R. Smith & Co. of this city, being the lowest, was accepted. The piping will vary from three to eighteen inches in size, and when the work of putting this in is completed the building will be ready for the classes.

The National Inventor's Association has recently been incorporated at Portland, with a capital of \$10,000. M. W. Wilkins, James M. Conroy, A. N. Wright and S. T. Jeffrey are the incorporators. M. W. Wilkins, builder of the Hotel Corvallis and proprietor of the Waterloo railway, will look after the Northwest agency of the association, and will place agencies through the territory. The object is to secure patents and to introduce and sell new patents.

The matrimonial market has opened up quite brisk since the beginning of the new year, and this year's record promises to rival all preceding ones. Last Wednesday at high noon, Mr. Chester Huffman joined the ranks of the benedict's, and the blushing bride was Miss Elma Hedrick. The ceremony was performed by Justice E. R. Bryson, at the residence of John Huffman, the groom's father. The happy couple left for their farm home near Philomath the same evening.

Messrs. James Plunkett, and H. H. Glasford, of Wren, left Monday for the Soldiers' Home, near Los Angeles, Calif., accompanied by Mr. Williams, of Salem, another old soldier. It is their intention to remain at the home about a year. The home is located in one of the most beautiful spots in California, and several hundred veterans enjoy its comforts. Readers of the Union will remember a full description of the place, together with the method of carrying it on, in a letter published in this paper some time ago from Louis Winter, who is staying at the home.

The farmers' short course opened at the college Tuesday morning and 40 persons participated for the course which closes February 4th. This custom of giving a series of lectures on practical subjects has been in vogue at the O. A. C. for several years, but at no time has such an interest been manifested in them throughout the state, nor such a large attendance been present at the beginning, as this year. Fifteen counties are represented and the ages of members of the class range from 20 to 60 years. It is expected that the present number will be increased to 75 next week.

BRYAN AND DAVIS.

The Latter May Prove a Dangerous Rival for the Boy Orator.

When William Jennings Bryan lectured at the state fair at Salem a year or so before his nomination for president, he hadn't yet given utterance to his famous "Crown of thorns, and cross of gold," and attracted little more attention than other curiosities at the exposition. In fact there was another boy orator on the grounds who outshone this importation from the Platte as the paste diamond does the genuine. It was Rev. Edward Davis, of Oakland, Calif., who was proclaimed the "Talmage of the west." His voice was mellow as a shepherd's flute, his eye flashed like the moon's soft rays in a stagnant pool, and his tawny locks, shaggy as the cub lion's mane, toyed idly with the zepher that blew from old Pacific's shore to do him homage. A siren charmed this modern Ulysses and lured him from the storm-tossed waves of the capitol to the peaceful haven of Albany. In this city he lectured upon the glory of God and mused upon the loveliness of maiden. The representatives of the press learned of his infatuation and the next day the papers of our sister city were filled with the adoration of Rev. Davis for one of Albany's fair daughters. Their engagement was announced, and when the young divine departed for home and mother half of Albany was out to see him bid his charmer bye-bye.

But o' our fondest hopes decay, and so it was with Albany's match-makers. Rev. Davis wedded another and his former love did likewise. Time passed on. Oregon was startled by the news that the daughter of a former chief justice was summoned to appear in the police courts of New York City on a charge of blackmailing. Now Rev. Davis appears upon the scene to add comedy to the erstwhile somber drama. He was lecturing in the east, accompanied by his wife, and visited Pet—for she it was who won his boyish heart—in her cell in the toms, and wrote for the New York World his experiences and courtship with Fayne, beginning with their meeting at the state fair and his subsequent flirtation with her from the pulpit at Albany. He says:

"In the motley multitude of teeming, beaming faces I saw one face—two pale blue eyes were peering into mine with a power I can never forget, and those eyes as stars in a cerulean sea, were hers—then Fayne Strahan's now Mrs. Williams A. E. Moore's.

For one we hour that day I was the cynosure of every eye, but she was my cynosure; we looked—and understood—and heard the language which the seraphs speak.

After my cloudless flight on that hot day I stumbled back into the dusty world safe, though bruised somewhat from my landing. I remember the applause, the music, a hundred outstretched hands. I spoke but heard not; I looked into the eddying crowd for one fair face—but she was gone.

That night the light of Venus shone upon my way. The daughter of a chief justice, then lately deceased, but justly remembered and revered, was then a belle of Oregon, a beauty of popular praise—not one fangless tongue hissed; naught could be said in truth against the child. We met and parted; jigs come and die like spirits of fire. On my return to the parental roof I told my triumphs, and of this—told the secret that others might help me keep it. One morning much to my puerile pleasure, a senile parishoner greeted me with effusive congratulation: "Much joy! I see our poet-preacher is to wed a belle of Oregon." The story had been told. The untimely announcement was mutually denied because of the reversion of her father's estate, but a tacit bond was together. A twelvemonth later the bond was broken—as unintentionally and as dispassionately as the ocean currents drift apart into the great unfathomable."

He also gives an extended account of his interview with her in the toms, in which he declares her innocence. He said: "I have read that she has given vent to her grief in tears—I am glad, they plead her innocence more than logic or rhetoric." He closes theatrically: "A handshake, a glance of the eye as in days of yore, and I am turned away. From the toms I passed out into the world. The frail, fair woman waited for the unknowable."

No Trace of A. K. Handy.

After a most diligent and thorough search, organized parties who have been scouring the hills and canyons of the coast mountains that lie between Falls City and the Siletts reservation, have been unable to find any trace of Mr. A. K. Handy, who was lost while hunting with Mr. Fanno in that country two weeks ago. A rumor was current last Saturday that a party of searchers had found where the unfortunate man had been struggling in four feet of snow some two and one-half miles from his home but this could not be verified.

Mr. Clifford Fugh, a resident of Falls City, brought Mr. Handy's two little sons to Corvallis, Saturday evening from their home near Sugar Loaf. He returned Monday morning, accompanied by Mr. George Handy of McCoy, nephew of the missing man, to join a party of searchers who were to leave Falls City that day.

At a meeting held in Salem last week, the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, after an inspection of the summaries of assessment rolls of the state, decided to fix the tax levy for 1898 at 57-10. The state tax for 1898 was 31-2 mills. The increase in this year's levy over that of last year is said to be due to unexpected items in the general appropriation bill passed at the special session of the legislature.

Gov. Lord on the O. A. C.

In his final message to the legislature, Governor Lord thus defines the aims and objects of the Oregon Agricultural College, and praises its present efficient management:

"Our people, to a large extent, are engaged in agricultural and industrial purposes. A sound, practical education along the lines of these callings or vocations is a need of our people, and its benefits to the state cannot be overestimated. To fill this want is the object of the agricultural college in our educational system. Its chief end and aim is to give its students a thorough agricultural and mechanical training, as distinct from college or university courses. It is a different education in practical results from a university education, but is not in conflict with it. In this age when so many industrial projects require mechanical or scientific education for their management, the agricultural college affords excellent opportunities for acquiring such an education. It is gratifying to know that the present management of our agricultural college has been attended with unusual success, and that its results in all departments are highly satisfactory."

Doings of City Dads.

At the regular meeting of the council held Monday evening, eight councilmen were present, and the usual smoothness and harmony prevailed.

The ordinance, recently passed by the council, to raise the salary of the night-watch to \$45.00 was vetoed by the mayor and Lee, Geo. Smith, Hayes and Taylor sustained the veto, while Gibson, Jas. Smith, Hall and Pygall opposed it. As it required a two-thirds vote to pass over the veto, the ordinance falls of passage.

An electric light was ordered placed at the corner of 1st and Adam streets near the C. & E. incline.

The application of Young America to have a janitor appointed to care for the building and fire apparatus was referred to the fire and water committee.

A claim against the street fund for 50 cents was probably the lowest ever brought against that fund. Bills on the general fund to the amount of \$388 were allowed.

School Election.

The special school election occurs at the court house between 1 and 3 o'clock p. m. next Monday. The following important questions are to be decided at that time: Shall a one and two-tenths mill tax be levied to pay for improvements made to school property last summer? Shall a one and one-half mill tax be levied to pay off one of the outstanding bonds? Shall a one and one-tenth mill tax be levied to pay the interest on the outstanding debt? The most important matter to be decided, perhaps, is that of the plan to be engaged in increasing room at the public school building.

He Jests at Scars, etc.

Recently there arrived in Corvallis a little lady, who represents a large concern which carries on a wholesale traffic in baking powder. She put her wares on display in a local grocery store and explained their merits to its customers. She was as pretty as her photograph and her laughing eyes were quivers filled with Cupid's darts. Her demeanor was ladylike and her every act, like Caesar's wife, was above suspicion. The first day of her stay here, that grocer's clerk had proclaimed her the idol of his heart. But there were others. The lady chanced one day to step into the store presided over by a young bachelor. Her quiet manner and sweet face stirred the inmost soul of him. After looking over his stock of goods and finding nothing for her liking she turned to leave. Her eyes met his. She smiled. Oh, such a smile. That young man's heart leaped into his throat and choked him into insensibility. When consciousness returned, he sat down and wrote: "My fair one. Your sweet smile encouraged me to pen you this. Name the hour and the place where we may meet. I come as swift as thoughts of love. Lothario." The young lady was true to her first friend, however, and turned the note over to his jealousy. With that fiendishness born of jealousy, the grocer's clerk is now exhibiting the love laden epistle of his rival to the vulgar gaze of the rabble.

"Alabama."

This delightful play—one of Palmer's most popular productions, which enjoyed a run of over 350 nights in New York city—will be given in Corvallis at the opera house next Thursday evening, Jan. 19th. It is produced by a capable company which has appeared in all the large cities of the West this season. The San Francisco Examiner of Dec. 13th, says of them:

"The Alcazar was well filled last evening, it being the first presentation of a revival of Palmer's 'Alabama.' It is well staged and, for the most part, well played. The scenic effects of the third and fourth acts are deserving of attention. George Osborne as Colonel Preston gave one of those characterizations upon which his reputation is founded. The Squire Tucker of Frank Bacon was cleverly done, and Clarence Montaine as the fighting Colonel Moberly carried off the honors of the play. The remainder of the cast was in competent hands, and 'Alabama' can be safely termed another successful Alcazar revival."

For Sale.

200 acre stock farm adjoining an unlimited orange on the west, and good schools, churches and the Belknap settlement on the east. Also 130 acre farm, good cultivating land. Address M. S. Woodcock, Administrator, Corvallis, Oregon.

G. A. R. Installation.

At the G. A. R. hall in this city last Saturday evening, occurred a public installation of the officers of Ellsworth Post and the W. R. C., who will serve during the ensuing year. Past Commander W. G. Lane installed the new officers of the Post, while Past President Isabelle Horner performed a like service for the Relief Corps. Mr. Sam Kerr is the newly elected commander and Mrs. Fannie Oren will be president of the corps for this term. Speeches were made by Mrs. Oren, Mrs. Horner and W. G. Lane. In retiring from the office of Commander, Mr. Lane said:

"Mrs. President: There is nothing, perhaps, that I could say to interest this assembly. And nothing should be added to the eloquent address of your installing officer, Mrs. Horner. Her closing appeal to the W. R. C., that the service of its members for the coming year be dedicated to charity and loyalty and the cherishing of a closer sisterhood in the order would be a fitting benediction to these exercises. And this appeals as well to Ellsworth Post as to the Relief Corps.

"There is a solemnity about this occasion that impresses me strongly. These old men with furrowed cheeks and tottering step are the remnant of that mighty army that answered to their country's call and went forth to battle that the nation might live and its liberties be enjoyed by all. How well you succeeded is a matter of history and familiar to us all.

"The G. A. R. was organized that the maimed and destitute comrades and their families might be cared for; that the principles for which they fought might be maintained, not by force of arms, but by inculcating a spirit of patriotism in the minds of all. How well this has been done may be seen by the display of our national colors in every dwelling throughout the land; by the decoration of the graves of the nation's dead; by the patriotic exercises of the school children all over the country, and by the response of our young men when war was declared with Spain. All these indicate that this grand work has not been in vain.

"But your work is about done. Other hands must take it up and teach loyalty to our country and love for the flag which has never been lowered to any foe."

Bills Allowed.

The following bills were allowed by the County Court at the regular January, 1898, term thereof, to-wit:

- C A Barnhart, janitor..... \$ 40 50
Dr Chas Band, Med Co poor..... 6 15
Mrs David Huggins, care Co poor 168 00
J R Fehler, road lumber..... 1 00
F L Such, gravel for roads..... 37 00
A Thurston, road supplies..... 19 90
John Carns, bounty claims..... 1 00
H Davidson, bounty claims..... 1 00
Garrett Long, gravel for roads..... 4 80
G K Farra, medical services..... 21 00
C R Avery, bounty claim..... 40
Chas Franklin, bounty claim..... 1 74
W Conrow, bounty claim..... 1 00
J H Albright, work court house..... 6 00
A J Robinson, witness Cir Ct..... 2 00
Allen & Woodward, stationery..... 12 30
Simpson, Huston & Co reprs CH..... 13 45
Willis Vidito, building bridge..... 22 00
Graham & Wells, at'y & Med..... 16 50
E O Franz, lumber..... 2 58
M L Hubler Com, Indig soldier..... 5 15
E R Bryson, J P fees State vs John Doe et al..... 2 85
J F Yates, Pros Att'y fees State vs Vineyard..... 5 00
Peter Rickard, Con fees State vs Vineyard..... 3 00
E R Bryson, J P fees State vs Vineyard..... 8 15
Peter Rickard, Con fees State vs Lee et al..... 9 50
J F Yates, Pros Att'y fees State vs Lee et al..... 5 00
Minta King, Wit fees State vs Lee et al..... 1 90
Ella King, Wit fees State vs Lee et al..... 1 90
Mrs Mel Brien, Wit fees State vs Lee et al..... 1 90
Joseph Bryant, Wit fees State vs Lee et al..... 1 90
J N McFadden, counsel for def'ts vs Lee and Williams..... 5 00
J F Yates, Pros Att'y fees State vs Lee and Williams..... 5 00
Joseph Bryant, witness fees..... 1 90
Arista Howell, witness fees..... 1 50
Wm. Howell, witness fees..... 1 50
J L Thomas, witness fees..... 1 50
Frank Apgar, witness fees..... 1 50
E R Bryson, J P fees..... 15 90
Peter Rickard, Con fees..... 8 00
Peter Rickard, Act Cor Inquest on Unknown..... 7 00
J F Yates, Pros Att'y fees inquest on Unknown..... 9 00
J B Brown, J'r Cor In Unknown..... 1 00
Hugh Herron J'r Cor In Unknown..... 1 00
John Coffey, J'r Cor In Unknown..... 1 00
G W Emrick, J'r Cor In Unknown..... 1 00
H C Herron, J'r Cor In Unknown..... 1 00
W Hinton, J'r Cor In Unknown..... 1 00
E R Bryson, acting coroner..... 13 60
J H Albright, week at C H..... 15 00
Jos Harbin, road work..... 2 30
Brandberry & Wheeler, lumber..... 78
Graham & Wells, stationery etc..... 8 08
Henkle & Davis, supplies Co poor..... 4 20
A K Miller, Merchandise Co poor..... 4 00
W T Gardner Supt B & G Aid So..... 5 00
Wm Knotts, Commissioner..... 6 80
J A Buchanan, Commissioner..... 8 00

REMOVAL SALE. I will continue my great GREAT SALE ON CLOTHING UNTIL FEB. 1st, When I shall MOVE to the Masonic Temple and open up a complete line of Fancy and Staple Dry Goods, Ladies' and Gent's Furnishings, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Trunks, Valises and GROCERIES. SOME BARGAINS WE ARE NOW OFFERING. SUITS, formerly \$20 00 now \$15 35. OVERCOATS, 17 50 to 12 85. MACKINTOSHES, 15 00 to 6 50. F. L. MILLER, Corvallis, Or.

Pioneer Bakery & Restaurant. The most popular eating house in the city. Office of the long-distance and local telephones. Fresh bread daily. We keep a complete stock of Candles, Fruits and Nuts. Everything in the line of Smoker's Supplies. HODES & HALL, Proprietors, Main Street, Corvallis, Oregon.

Our Great Annual Reduction Sale is now in full blast. Every article in stock reduced except W. L. Douglas Shoes, Monarch White Shirts, Bull Breeches, and Our Own Overalls, The largest stock of Men's and Boys' Merchandise in Benton County. Big cut in Suits, Overcoats and Mackintoshes. Nolan & Callahan LEADING CLOTHIERS.

TRY... FOR... Fresh Groceries. FINE TEAS AND COFFEES. PROVISIONS, NOTIONS, CIGARS. CORVALLIS. The services at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath will be of special interest. In the morning at 10 a. m. the Sabbath school will meet and classes are organized for all grades of scholars and all are welcome. At 11 a. m. there will be reception of members, followed by the communion service. Strangers and others in the city without a Christian home are cordially invited to join in this service. At 6:30 p. m. the Y. P. S. C. E. will meet and at 7:30 the regular evening service will be held. At this time Dr. Thompson will speak on the following subject: "Lessons from the Inauguration of Governor Geer." All are invited.