

OREGON UNION.

FRIDAY, JAN. 20, 1898.

LOCAL NEWS.

County Clerk Watters is suffering from an attack of la grippe.

Miss Mary Thompson is visiting her sister, Miss Ollie, in Portland.

Frank, the little son of Mr. Elmer Dinges, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is now convalescent.

Our old friend Barney Martin rejoices over the advent into his family of a brand new boy, some few days ago.

The Rev. A. W. Rider delivered a fine lecture at the Baptist church, last Monday, to a crowded and appreciative audience.

Services as usual at Baptist church on Lord's day. Morning subject—"The Mystery of the Wind." You are cordially invited.

On account of Mrs. Kelly's continued sickness, Rev. B. J. Kelly will not preach at Beulah and Philomath next Sunday.

Mr. Seth Hurlbut was in Corvallis Saturday, on his way home from a visit near Portland. Seth is a fine fellow and it is good to know him.

The Baptist young people and friends greatly enjoyed their social at Mr. W. A. Sanders, Friday last, and hope soon to have another of the same kind.

M. Buckstein has disposed of his cleaning and dyeing business to Mr. G. M. Ream, an expert in this line. Mr. Buckstein leaves shortly for San Francisco.

Mr. F. M. Johnson has been confined to his room for the past two weeks with la grippe. Dennis Stovall has warned the editorial chair of the Gazette during this period.

Mr. W. A. Jolly, administrator of the estate of Geo. M. Porter, was in Corvallis Saturday, making final arrangements for completing the settlement of the estate.

Mr. S. H. Horton, proprietor of the Horton sawmills located near Monroe, is in the city attending the farmers' short course lectures now being delivered at the college.

Miss Bettie Lilly is visiting in Salem this week with her sister, Mrs. William Hall. Mr. Hall, who was formerly a student of the O. A. C., is now county clerk of Marion.

Eugene has organized a camp of Native Sons of Oregon. A. C. Woodcock is the past president, Dr. Kuykendall, president. Among other members is Ira Campbell, editor of the Guard.

Captain and Mrs. C. E. Dentler are with the former's regiment in garrison at San Juan, they having recently left Santiago, Cuba, for this place. Captain Geary is stationed at Ponce, Porto Rico.

A most enjoyable party was given by the Young America's to their friends last Saturday evening at their hall. Dancing was the principal amusement and about 40 couples took advantage of the sport.

Joe Wright, formerly a popular Corvallis boy, for the past several years a Calistoga, California, business man, has donned the ermine of justice of the peace, having recently been elected to that office.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Clark, who have been visiting in this city for several days, leave this noon. Mr. Clark is now representing the Bankers Life Association, of Des Moines, Iowa, and is on the road he greater part of the time.

A contract to remove the wheat from Peoria to Corvallis mills was recently signed by the C. & E. Co. This means the transferring of 1800 tons of grain. A crew will be put on the Albany and that vessel will do the greater part of the work.

Services as usual at the Christian church next Sunday. Preaching by the pastor, L. F. Stephens. Morning theme, "Characteristics of the Apostolic Church." Evening, "The Jewish tabernacle service a type of the church of Christ and its service."

In the contest for the banner of attendance, district No. 83 again wins. This is the second time that this district has won the banner. Miss Winnie Hull is teaching at the present time in this district. The percentage of attendance was 999.

Mrs. Alex Montgomery and three children are this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Elder, near Shedd station. Mrs. Elder being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery. They will also go to Corvallis and pay Mrs. T. W. Dilley a visit—Santiani News.

Subject at Methodist Episcopal church Lord's day, morning—"A double witness of our acceptance with God." Evening—"The pastor has been requested many times by different persons to discuss the subject of baptism. Hence, baptism will be his theme Sabbath evening."

Monday's Oregonian re-prints the following item from its issue of Jan. 16, 1862, just 32 years ago: The steamer Onward, Captain Pease, on the upper Willamette, will not leave for Corvallis until Monday next, connecting with the steamer Express from this place.

School election for district No. 9 was held at the court house Monday afternoon. By a vote of 49 to 32 the voters declared against the proposed alterations in the school building to increase the room. Other questions submitted at this time, which appeared in our last issue, carried.

Kid Moore is being treated at the Keeley Cure in Portland for the morphine and cocaine habit, in order to show what they can do. When taken hold of he was using 63 grains of morphine and 400 of cocaine a day. It will be a big advertisement if they succeed with such a fiend.—Democrat.

GOOD ROADS.

Mr. I. A. Macrum Makes this the Subject of His Lecture in Short Course.

The first lecture in the Farmer's Short Course was delivered last Saturday evening by Mr. I. A. Macrum, of Portland before the student body and a large number of citizens at the college chapel. Mr. Macrum took for his subject "Roads," and handled it in a most able and interesting manner. At no time has this matter of roads attracted so widespread and earnest attention as at present. Governor Geer made it one of the strongest features of his inaugural address, and farmers and citizens generally are most enthusiastic in their efforts for progress along this line. Numerous Good Road clubs throughout the state are leading the movement for improvement of our highways and several bills looking to this end will be presented to the legislature this session.

Mr. Macrum said in part: "The only known method for obtaining good roads is to procure suitable material for their construction and have said material properly placed. That requires money and skill. All attempts to make good roads with inferior material, or with good material unskillfully used, have proved failures. It is only by using proper material and skillfully placing the same on properly prepared roadbeds that good, permanent roads can be made. These are fundamental principles in good road-building, and any deviation therefrom will result in failure just in proportion to the deviation."

"The matter of building good roads is comparatively recent in the United States. In Europe there have been good public highways for centuries, and in most of the European countries they have had good roads for a long time, but the conditions have been so different there, from those in our country, that until very recently we have not had faith that we could successfully undertake the expense of building permanent roads, even in our older states. But largely, during the last decade, the matter of building good, permanent roads has been undertaken in some of the states with such wonderful success that it is now becoming quite popular, and its contagion has already reached the Pacific coast. Our sister state, California, is fast becoming prominent among the states leading in this movement. Prominent among the Eastern states leading in the good-roads movement are Massachusetts and New Jersey. The former grants to counties and towns building roads under the direction and in conformity with the plans of the state, state aid equal to one-half the cost of building such road. The latter state grants, under similar conditions, state aid equal to one-third of the cost of building such road."

"There was great opposition manifested at first to the permanent improvement of the highways, in both of these states, by the farmers, owing to the heavy taxation required, but as soon as so many good roads had been constructed as to serve as object lessons, the opposition began to disappear, until now, in less than eight years, there is little or no opposition to be found, but, instead, great enthusiasm prevails, and the state appropriations are not sufficient to meet the requirements of the counties asking to be allowed to make such improvements. New Jersey has adopted a very good plan or method in making permanent road improvements, viz., each county permanently improves so much road each year. The amount improved varies in different counties; from two to ten miles in each county each year is the rate. The first state appropriation, made in 1891, available in 1892, was \$20,000; after that for three years \$75,000 was annually appropriated. Since then \$100,000 has been annually appropriated. At the end of 1897 New Jersey had about 240 miles of permanently improved roads."

"At first it was necessary to compel some of the counties to avail themselves of the state aid offered; now the same counties have applications on file for permission to avail themselves of the state aid, that will require appropriations for the next three years to fill. The state aid pays only one-third of the cost of the improvement, as before stated. But perhaps you are ready to say that we have no state aid, and cannot get it at present, and that we cannot do what a thickly populated and wealthy state can do. In a measure that is true, but if we cannot do so much, we can at least make a beginning in the right direction, and do something. The older states thought they could do nothing in roadbuilding for more than a century, and those that are moving have done more in the last five years towards good roads than during the century before."

"Oregon needs nothing so much as good roads. Nothing will so favorably advertise her as good roads; nothing is so great a detriment to her as bad roads. No tax is as great as the one of bad roads. A bad road is a heavy tax on all who use it, the worse the road the heavier the tax. Lands cannot be sold to advantage along bad roads. Bad roads cause a decline in agriculture. They impose the greatest of all burdens upon the farmer. Bad roads cause people to gather into cities and leave the country. Bad roads wear out the horses rapidly, thus detracting largely from the profit of the farmer. Good roads, in the end, will not cost as much as poor ones. Good roads increase the price of farms and farm products; double the size of loads, and cheapen transportation. The farmer can market over good roads when commodities are scarce; can always ship, despite the weather. Rural homes are sought after along good roads. Good roads shorten the distance to be traveled; shorten the distance to market; gain great advantage. Wagon highways are the greatest arteries of commerce. Civilization is judged by the roads. The object of all legislation should be the greatest good to the greatest number."

therefore legislation should be liberal toward good roads, as they are more generally useful than any other form of public improvement.

"Two kinds of road improvement should be carried on by each county—temporary improvement and permanent improvement. The former should be done chiefly with material to be found on or near the road to be improved, except in special places where this material would be inadequate. The latter should be done on a well-prepared substructure or roadbed, with some desirable material. In the counties and states where good roads have been built, rock of good quality, properly broken, has been found to be the best; next, gravel is the best, and, in places where rock is wanting and timber is abundant, thick planks may be used to advantage."

"When good roads are secured, they should be taken care of and properly used. Narrow-tired vehicles, carrying heavy loads, are great destroyers of roads, and should be within a reasonable time prohibited by law. Broad-tired vehicles act as rollers on roads, and serve to render them more compact. When the attention of those employing vehicles on the roads is called to the detriment of narrow tires and the advantage of wide tires, little trouble is looked for from this source."

Broad Tires.

Mr. M. W. Ruble, of Alsea, was in Corvallis Saturday on business. Mr. Ruble is an enthusiast in the matter of good roads and has some excellent ideas along this line. He believes the very first step toward the accomplishment of this much desired end, would be a law compelling the use of broad-tired wagons. From personal experience he has proved that a broad tire is a benefit to a road bed. A neighbor, Oscar Tom, has been hauling logs across a field with three yoke of cattle. He has six-inch tires upon his wagon. Instead of sinking to the hubs as would have been the case with the average narrow tire, a few trips across the field has beaten down two paths, over which Mr. Ruble finds excellent riding on his bicycle. And so it is on the county roads. Where the narrow tires cut the road bed to pieces, making from six inches to a foot of dust in the summer, and mud hub deep in the winter, a broad tire cuts scarcely any in the dry ground, and packs it when it becomes wet. Should the legislature simply pass a law requiring the discarding of narrow tires, Mr. Ruble thinks the effect would be more beneficial than all other laws on this subject, now on the statute books. It would mean small expense to farmers, as it would only necessitate the buying of a set of wheels, and the greater ease of getting over a road with broad tires would immediately repay this outlay. Broad tires might be a shock to their sense of beauty at first, but when they grow accustomed to seeing them there will be no trouble on this score.

Still Harping.

We are in receipt of two issues of The Index, quite a bright little paper issued fortnightly by the students of Pacific University. The fact that even with the referee "fixed," P. U.'s eleven have last Thanksgiving seems to rattle in the bosom of the former's manager and he uses the columns of The Index to vent his feelings. In the issue of December he characterizes the natural resentment of the students of the college at the arbitrary rulings of the referee as "barbarism" and says: "Until free from such barbarism we decline all further association with the O. A. C." This course is simply the excited utterance of the chagrined manager of the football team and does not voice the sentiments of the student body which knows that to sever its relations with the O. A. C. would only be cutting off its nose to spite its face.

The Index of Jan. 15th still naggles over the question and contains this item: "An O. A. C. professor was heard to say that P. U. had a stronger team than O. A. C. and if they had had fair treatment they would have won the game." Supposing a professor of O. A. C. did make such a statement. The ignorance of the game displayed by Prof. Thomas, who acted as referee of the contest here Thanksgiving, convinces us that a man may be a professor and still be incompetent to judge the merits of a football team. And then that "if." It is rather suggestive and has been used so often to explain the failure of a certain member of the animal kingdom to accomplish a desired object on a memorable occasion, that it has lost its force as an argument.

Weddings Galore.

County Judge Woodward has piloted two more happy couples from the peaceful harbor of courtship out on to the sea of matrimony. At the court house last Saturday afternoon he united in marriage Mr. John Botgar and Miss Sarah Plunkett, both of Kings Valley. Mr. Botgar is a prominent young farmer of that section, who also owns interests in Columbia river seining grounds, while the bride is the second daughter of Mr. James Plunkett and a popular young lady.

In the sacred precincts of the Judge's office in the court house Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Woodward was again called upon to tie the nuptial knot. Mr. John H. Stewart and Miss Alma L. Hodges, both of Wells, were the parties to the contract which the Judge sealed in the latest approved style.

Mr. Frank Bennett, of Philomath, and Miss Retta M. Lemasters, secured a license Tuesday, and the wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents, in the Rickard settlement, Wednesday.

Do You Need Help?

Anyone wishing a competent man to do light work in the nature of cleaning yard, trimming vines and hedges, etc., can secure such service by enquiring of T. W. Dilley, the "fixer."

HANDY MURDERED.

Blood Found in the Snow Near Where He Was Last Seen Alive.

A telephone message to Mr. J. H. Wilson last Tuesday, summoning him to Sugar Loaf, together with a rumor that the body of A. K. Handy, who has been missing since December 30, had been found with a bullet hole in the head, has revived interest in this mysterious case. Messrs. J. H. and J. O. Wilson left Tuesday for Falls City in response to this message, which came from George Handy, nephew of the missing man. Later reports failed to substantiate the one stating that the body had been found.

The following telegram, bearing date of Dallas, Or., January 18th, throws light on the subject and startling developments are anticipated:

"The sheriff today went to Rock Creek with warrants for the arrest of some parties who are suspected of having murdered A. K. Handy, the Corvallis hunter who has been missing since December 30. Blood has been found in the snow near where Handy was last seen alive, and tracks leading to the Siletz river have also been discovered. The body has not been found, and the belief is that Handy was killed and the body was thrown into the river by the murderers."

"It is not known who are named in the warrants of arrest, but it is authentically stated that the sheriff has obtained a great deal of evidence against the suspected parties."

Will Visit Corvallis.

In all probability Corvallis will be visited shortly by the entire legislative assembly. A public meeting was called by Mayor Burnett, at the request of many citizens, last Tuesday evening, for the purpose of inviting the members of the legislature to visit Corvallis and the Agricultural College, and to make necessary arrangements for receiving them. Judge Burnett was elected chairman and E. R. Bryson, secretary, of the meeting. Speeches were made by J. B. Irvine, W. S. McFadden, W. E. Yates, Dr. Thompson and others. On motion of Judge McFadden, it was unanimously resolved "That the citizens of Corvallis do hereby invite the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon, now in session, through the president of the senate and the speaker of the house; also the state officials and the board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural College and their families to visit Corvallis and the State Agricultural College at some time convenient to them after the present week."

John Burnett, J. B. Horner, J. B. Irvine, W. S. McFadden, W. E. Yates and Miss M. C. Snell, were appointed a committee on invitation and in accordance with the above resolution, they sent invitations yesterday morning. An answer has not yet been received, but a favorable reply is anticipated, and preparations are already being made to receive these distinguished guests.

A Retraction.

The attention of readers of the Union is called to an article which appeared in our columns last week under the caption "He Jest at Scars," wherein it was stated that a certain young bachelor merchant had become enamored of a pretty little lady representative of a baking powder house. Mr. Con Gorbard requests us to announce that he was not the party alluded to; that he never wrote any such letter as quoted in the article, and furthermore he had no rivals in the young lady's affections.

Presented by Co. K.

The Ladies Emergency Corps has received a very unique and beautiful present from some members of Co. K, Oregon volunteers, now at Manila. It consists of two Spanish flags sewed end to end, making a piece of bunting three by six feet. In a scroll at the end of this double flag where it is attached to the staff, are the words "Presented to the Ladies Emergency Corps of Corvallis." Near the center, elegantly drawn in India ink, is the coat of arms of Oregon, and immediately over it the photographs of privates Keady, Thornton and Elwood Clark, and just below it the familiar faces of Geo. Reed and John Berry. Lower down is the picture of Boyd Kennedy. Upon the coat of arms is inscribed: "We remembered the Maine." The roster of the company appears in India ink, as do a number of elegant sketches. These sketches and the coat of arms are the work of Corporal Romeo Gilbert, of Salem. They show Mr. Gilbert to be an artist of extraordinary ability.

The following letter, dated Manila, December 9, 1898, accompanied the flag. It describes the sketches and gives the names of those who so handsomely remembered the many kindnesses of the ladies of the corps: "The flag is presented to you by Messrs. Keady, Clark, Reed, Thornton, Berry and Kennedy. The sketches are as follows: No. 1, beginning at the upper right hand corner, 'The Sunken Fleet'; No. 2 'Church at Cavit Erected in 1646'; No. 3 'Harbor at Guam Island' showing the Charleston, Australia. Sidney and Pekin; No. 4 'Langley Point,' showing one of the modern guns silenced by the Baltimore; No. 5 'Dewey's Fleet'; No. 6 'Fort Ma'late' attacked by sea and land August 13, 1898; No. 7 'Wall and Sentry Box at Manila' where prisoners were confined and drowned by the rising tide; No. 8 'Promontory at the Entrance of Guam Harbor, Ladrone Islands.'"

The flag is now on exhibition in Nolan & Callahan's show window.

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