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LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. Hayward is quite seriously ill with the grippe.

Geo. A. Houck has just placed upon his Monroe farm three car loads of fancy goats, recently purchased by him in California.

Clinton Reese has been appointed census enumerator for Monroe district, which comprises five voting precincts. He begins his labors on June 1st.

R. E. Gibson, guardian of Homer Gibson, has filed his inventory in the guardianship estate. The personal property is valued at \$3,307; real property, \$805; total \$4,112.

Mr. Jasper Wyman, of Albany, will compound prescriptions at Graham & Wells' in the absence of Tommy Jones, who leaves shortly for Cape Nome, where he intends opening a drugstore.

The life of Claire, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Greffoz, who has been dangerously ill since last Sunday, is still despaired of. He has symptoms of brain fever and it is feared that his ailment may be spinal meningitis.

Relatives from this city were called to the bedside of Mrs. Charlie Wheeler at the St. Vincent hospital, Portland, last Wednesday. Mrs. Wheeler is suffering from an abscess and her chances for recovery are very remote.

During the absence of Father Jureck in Europe, his pulpit in this city will be filled once each month. Next Sunday and the one following, service will be held by Father Felix, of Siletz. Father Jureck will be home in September.

Principal and Mrs. Pratt were given a surprise Monday evening by the 29 members of the graduating class of the public schools. They carried flowers in token of May day, and brought with them an abundance of refreshments. A delightful evening was passed.

Affairs are not so bad in the prune orchards as might be expected. The Benton County Prune Co.'s orchard has already produced some magnificent little prunes, and the manager, Robt. Johnson, expects to be full of them before Thanksgiving.

Services at the United Evangelical church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; preaching by the pastor, Rev. Boozer. The recent conference so arranged the work that Rev. Boozer will have services in that church each Sunday, both morning and evening during the coming year.

Monday a couple of criminals arrived in this city in charge of an officer and were incarcerated in the bastille of Benton county to await the opening of circuit court of Lincoln. One is Frank Baker, charged with burglary, while Bert Griffith is held to answer the charge of larceny. They were bound in the sum of \$250 each in the justice of peace court. Circuit court of Lincoln convenes on the fourth Monday of July.

Potato raisers are in luck again, as the price of that commodity has made quite a jump and are now a good price. The Portland commission merchants pay about 40 cents per bushel in large lots. The government is wanting a large lot to go to Alaska for the soldiers stationed there. A little later the Alaska trade for the mines will require something like 40,000 bushels which will pretty well consume the surplus stock of the Oregon product of last year. The spring planting of potatoes is well over and the acreage will be small and a rather light crop may be expected this fall.

The friends of Clarence Hout have been quietly laughing at the outcome of this young gentleman's plans for getting married without the public knowing of the event. He was to marry Miss Pearl Wilbanks, of this city, and together with the father of the young lady they proceeded to Albany last Wednesday. Imagine the surprise of Clarence when he had to telegraph back here for a license. Finally, everything was straightened out and the young people were united in matrimony. The ceremony was performed at the M. E. parsonage, South, the Rev. W. J. Fenton officiating.

V. A. Carter, of Wells, was in the city Wednesday on business connected with the settlement of the estate of the late Tolbert Carter.

A reception was tendered Brady Burnett last evening by the Spanish War Veterans, on the eve of his departure for Washington.

The United Evangelical church building has been partially carpeted and the seats treated to a coat of shellac and now presents a neat appearance.

The state encampment of the G. A. R. of Oregon, will be held in La Grande, June 19 and 20, and the district encampment will be held on the three days following.

Tickets are now on sale at Trask & Settlemier's for "The Passion Play" at the Opera House tomorrow night. General admission 25 cents; reserved seats 35 cents.

Clyde Phillips has been selected as judge of field events, and E. R. Bryson timekeeper, to serve at the 1900 field meet of the inter-collegiate Amateur Athletic Association of Oregon at Salem next June.

Quite a number of May baskets were left at different places about this city on May Day. One of these baskets was left attached to the door-knob of this office, and although left in the name of an individual of the staff, the entire force express gratification and return thanks.

Oregon will be advertised at the Paris Exposition with an exhibit of 56 cases containing fruits, vegetables, minerals, forestry exhibits and fishery exhibits. These were collected through the efforts of Col. H. E. Doseh and will be forwarded by the S. P. Co., with the California exhibit.

The Rev. C. McLean, Ph. D., of Vancouver, Wash., has accepted a call of the vestry of the Good Samaritan church, and will take charge on the first of May. He will arrive in Corvallis today or tomorrow. His family will remain in Vancouver until after the graduation of the eldest son from the high school. They will join Dr. McLean some time during the last of the month. The Rev. McLean will hold services on Sunday, the 6th inst., at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Mr. E. J. Dunn, recently received a letter from a brother, Dr. E. H. Dunn, of Kansas City, Mo., in which it was stated that the remains of their brother, Chester Dunn, private of Co. E, 34th Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, who lost his life in the service of his country in the Philippines, were to be exhumed as soon as climatic conditions on the island will permit. The remains are then to be shipped to the old home of the fallen soldier in Iowa. According to the quartermaster general's report this will not likely occur before fall.

Charles Porter, a son of J. H. Porter, farmer at the prison, underwent an operation at the Salem hospital, last evening, for tuberculosis of the bone, by which the thumb and little finger of his left hand were amputated. Mr. Porter, who is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, has taught school in Sherman county for some time. Lately he suffered considerable pain in his left hand, and thinking it rheumatism, paid little attention to it until his pain became so acute as to demand medical attendance. He consulted a physician, but found no relief. Giving up his school, he returned to the family home near Stayton, and there consulted Dr. J. M. Kitchen, the family physician. That gentleman at once discovered the seriousness of the case, and advised Mr. Porter to come to Salem and submit to an operation. This he did, and Drs. W. H. Byrd and I. N. Smith performed the operation, with the above stated result.—Statesman.

THE CASH STORE.

Misunderstandings, and Estrangements Have Resulted from the Mystery Surrounding its Affairs.

For the past several weeks there has seemed to be an air of mystery surrounding the status of the business and financial transactions of the Crawford Cash Store, of this city. As the days go by, this situation seems to be more and more complicated. There has been a strong under current of opinion pro and con and a certain amount of criticism and estrangement has resulted. And the end is not yet.

In order to ascertain the facts and publish them, the GAZETTE has been at some pains to arrive at the truth; and, the following are the facts which it has unearthed, here presented, impartially and without bias, and, it hopes, without any appearance of sensationalism.

Something like four years ago, Miss Emma Crawford, who had had previous business training, at one time having occupied a desk in a bank, it is said, came to Corvallis, and opened a store, known as The Cash Store. Here she sold ladies' fancy goods, stationery, small notions, and seemed to thrive prosperously. It is said that her capital to open this store was obtained from assistance from her father who enumerated the home place in Salem to enable the store to get started. During the time since the store opened, until a couple of weeks ago, it has been conducted exclusively by Miss Emma Crawford. She has enlarged the scope of the business adding from time to time other lines, and now has a very well selected stock of goods in the store, which by an invoice recently made by a Mr. Mills, of Independence, and assistance obtained in Corvallis, amounts to something like \$900, since which invoice the store has been locked and the keys in possession of a representative of the parties interested.

Instead, however, of prospering, the Cash Store seems to have been running on a very narrow margin. Although expenses were light the profits seem to have been lighter still. And the increase in the stock may be attributed to the increased amount of indebtedness rolling up against the store. Several months since, the proprietor became connected with another woman, who seems to have permitted the use of her money in the store. A sudden call for the balance of the money used in this manner, apparently produced in the proprietor a state of mind at variance with her past history and family training, the result of which was a volume of paper issued as evidence of indebtedness to persons in this community who advanced money in amounts from \$200 down to \$20; all on short time and all unsecured, and checks on banks, and an unusual industry in soliciting and obtaining loans on notes and money on checks, very surprising to the community, indeed. The money obtained in this way paid off the woman having a claim, and to follow the short time loans made, and taken up by money obtained on other loans and checks, would make a short history in itself. It permeated the entire community. The issue was large considering the size of the entire debt, which is estimated at about \$1200, and the changes from one person to another were quick and difficult to follow. There does not seem to have been any disposition of money obtained in this manner other than to pay out to persons pressing at the moment for their pay. The method of obtaining these loans led to a strong under-current of opinion and conjecture, anything but flattering.

The matter finally assumed such large proportions, that a pending sale of the stock of goods in the store, which were being invoiced to determine their purchase value, had to be broken off. The pur-

chasers took legal advice in the matter, and finding that under a recent law passed by the legislature, they would under the circumstances be unable to obtain a good title to the stock, the negotiations ceased, and then creditors prepared to bring an attachment proceeding against the stock. While this was almost in the act of commencement the proprietor announced that she would make a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, thus passing the whole matter over to the protection and guidance of the United States court. And this proceeding has been commenced, and the creditors have been notified to appear on next Monday, at the office of the referee, in Corvallis, and prove their claims, and appoint a trustee.

College Honors.

At noon Monday in the college chapel, Dean Berchold made a presentation speech, stating that in token of their efforts in behalf of O. A. C. certain of the athletes were chosen to bear the college emblems, as they stand for honorable athletic achievement. The emblems are in the form of badges, on black cloth, with college colors and initials. Following is a list of those to whom emblems were presented:

Track team: Bruce Burnett, Fred Colvig, Ernest Redd, Arthur Stimpson, Jesse Huffman, T. E. Palmer, John Gallagher, Grant Elgin, Clyde Williams and Fred Kruse.

Foot ball: F. C. Walters, Ray Goodrich, L. Johnson.

Base ball: Ray Henkle, R. D. Berges, Harold Belt, James Hartley.

Basket ball: Bessie Smith, Minnie Smith, Inez Fuller, Leita Owenby.

Special vote: Leigh Noel, J. C. McCausland, A. J. Bier, Lizzie Hoover.

Benefit for Y. W. C. A.

A musical and elocutionary recital will be given at the college chapel Saturday Eve., May 12 by Miss Mabel Carter, teacher of elocution, and Mr. Tillson, pianist, of Willamette university. The proceeds of the entertainment will go to the college Y. W. C. A., and the admission will be 25 cents. Following is the program:

- 1 Sonata Op. 7.—Allegro, Andante, Menuetto, Finale.—Greig Mr. Tillson.
2 "Mr. Travers' First Hunt"—Richard Harding Davis Miss Carter.
3 Gondolina.—Liszt Mr. Tillson.
4 "Then Ninety and Nine."—Richard Harding Davis Miss Carter.
5 a Etude in F.—Chopin b "A Flat."—Joscely Mr. Tillson.
6 "The Village Gossip."—Kate Douglas Wiggin Miss Carter.
7 "The Pottion Scene." (Act IV. Scene III, Romeo and Juliet)—Shakespeare Miss Carter.
8 Waltz de Concert, Op. 3.—Wieniawski Mr. Tillson.
9 a "The Mermaid."—Tennyson b "When de Eo'k is Gone."—Riley c "Lolly-bye, Lolly-bye."—Eugene Field Miss Carter.

Dissolution Notice.

The partnership heretofore existing between Carl Hodes and H. W. Hall, is this day dissolved, by mutual consent of both parties. H. W. Hall will continue the business at the old stand; will collect all bills, and pay all obligation of the firm. CARL G. HODES, H. W. HALL. Dated at Corvallis, Or., this May 2nd, 1900.

Money to Loan

On improved farm security, long or short time, in sums of \$500 or more. No commissions, no agents. For particulars, address P. O. Box 145, Albany, Or.

A GIANT OAK.

The Silent Witness of Many Ages—Indian Legend Called to Mind.

A man who has been cutting oak wood on the W. A. Wells' farm on Marys river, about two miles above its mouth, has discovered something that may shed a little light on natural conditions as they were ages ago. He cut down one particularly old tree, as shown by the decayed growth, the extreme size, as well as by the large number of rings of growth of this tree. There were about four hundred of these rings, showing that this tree has been standing since about the year 1600. All the other oak trees in the vicinity of this aged one counted only about one hundred growth rings. Another feature observed by the woodman is that the tree had sand and debris lodged in its bark to the height of twenty-five feet from the ground, while the surrounding trees had signs of standing water around the trunks by deposits of sand to the height of a few feet only.

There evidently was a flood in the Willamette Valley during the life of this antediluvian tree, but before the growth of the surrounding forest of oaks. This may be a circumstance to help prove the Indian legend that what is now the world-famed Willamette Valley was once a lake and that the Indians used to cross it in their canoes from the Coast mountains to the Cascades. At any rate a gigantic old oak tree has been cut that produced large quantities of green wood as well as cords of dead wood. The stump stands as a monument of this tree's former glory.

All One; But Which One.

A Yambhill man having been made the subject of some pleasantries for attending the several conventions of different names that brought about the union party asserts his consistency. He writes:

"There is no difference in the platforms or the principles of the Bryan democrats, populists and silver republicans." Some are tenacious for name, and party managers think it best to keep up all of these political organizations to please those who cling to the name. The principles are sufficient for me, and I will work wherever invited, if principles are correct.—Eugene Guard.

Charged With Larceny.

Wednesday evening a warrant for the arrest of one Thos. Murphy came to the hands of the sheriff. An officer went out and succeeded in tagging said Murphy. Murphy was charged with the larceny of a coat and vest from the dwelling of A. Baxter, who resides in this county, just across the Willamette from Albany. A trial took place in Justice Holgate's court immediately after Murphy was apprehended, and John Barnett defended said Murphy. The man told his story, to this effect: He had been traveling in company with another man from Albany in the direction of this city. He (Murphy) stopped to rest by the roadside, while his partner went to a farm house in search of work, he said. Presently the fellow returned to Murphy and gave him a sack, remarking that there were some old clothes in the sack that a woman had given him, and that if Murphy never saw him again he could keep the clothes. Murphy said the fellow then departed and he fell heir to the coat and vest. The above tale seems scarcely on par with the average "fish story." The clothes stolen were found in Murphy's possession, and were identified as the property of A. Baxter. Justice Holgate bound the fellow over in the sum of \$200 to appear at the November term of court, and at present Murphy is enjoying the shade and solitude of the county jail.

Just received a lot of fine glassware, table and pocket cutlery at Zierolf's.

Kline's. The Store Where Bargains Greet Buyers. No Better Made Nelson's Custom Fit \$3.50 Shoe For Men. We are sole agents.

Again we remind all, that it is necessary and highly proper for everyone otherwise entitled to vote to register before the 15th day of this month. The law was specially intended to prevent those from voting who are not legally qualified and to so determine those who are entitled to vote. To protect the purity of the ballot box, every citizen should consider it his duty to register.

Additional Local. A class field meet will be held at O. A. C tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The funds arising from an admission fee of 15 cents, which will be charged, will go toward buying a cup, which will be presented to the winning class. The exercises will be under the supervision of Trainer McLeod, who arrived Tuesday from Stanford, and as the boys are already in fine fettle, an excellent exhibition is guaranteed.

Another improvement and convenience which the McKinley administration has added to the postal system is the stamp book, a supply of which Postmaster Johnson now has on hand. These books are of three sizes, containing 12, 24 and 48 two-cent stamps. Sheets of paraphrased paper separate the stamps. One cent additional to the price of the stamps is added for binding.

W. A. Gellatly shipped four carloads of fine mutton sheep to Portland yesterday. They were consigned to Lewis Burke & Co. Notice to Farmers. Owing to the unusual amount of wheat being held over and somewhat damaged condition of the same, we the undersigned will be compelled to change an extra storage of two cents per bushel on all wheat remaining in our respective warehouses after June 1, 1900. BESTON CO. FLOURING MILLS CO., BY P. AVERY, H. F. FISCHER, BY AUG. W. FISCHER. For Sale or Exchange. Four lots, improved, in Avery's Add. to Corvallis, for sale; or will exchange for small stock ranch. For further particulars enquire of U. G. Beany, Peoria, Oregon.

Magnolia Laundry. We respectfully solicit your patronage. Our agent will call at any address for laundry on Mondays and Tuesdays, and deliver on Saturdays. Strict attention given family washing. All work guaranteed first-class. GIVE US A TRIAL. TRASK & SETTLEMIER, Agents.

Van Camp's Pork and Beans at Zierolf's. Vermont Maple Syrup in bulk; bring your pail—85 cts. per gallon at Zierolf's. Three 2-pound cans of pineapples only 50 cents at Zierolf's.

Opened in Albany. J. A. Rotan, for 20 years a business-man of Salem, has opened a furniture and undertaking establishment in the Baltimore block, Albany, and invites the public to call and inspect his goods. No extra charge for bears where undertaking goods are purchased of them. Phone, Black, 401, Albany, Oregon.

Call for Warrants. Notice is hereby given that there is money on hand at the county treasurer's office to pay all orders endorsed and marked not paid for want of funds, up to and including those of November 10th, 1898. Interest will be stopped on same from this date. Corvallis, Or., April 17th, 1900. W. A. BUCHANAN, Treasurer of Benton County, Ore.

YOUR FACE IS A MIRROR REFLECTING HEALTH OR DISEASE. Karl's Clover Root Tea. Beautifies the Complexion, Purifies the Blood, gives a Fresh, Clear Skin, Cures Constipation, Indigestion, and all Eruptions of the Skin. An agreeable Laxative. Nervine Tonic. Sold on absolute guarantee by all druggists at 25c, 50c, and \$1.00. S. C. WELLS & CO., LENOX, N. Y. SOLE PROPRIETORS. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

THERE'S PROFIT IN TRADING HERE.

LADIES who wish to avoid the bother of home work, or the details of dressmaking, will be interested in our new line of dress skirts. All the fashionable fabrics of the season are included in the line, and the skirts have the fit and "hang" of the best dressmaker. Take a look at them and you will agree with us. Prices from 45c to \$6.50.

GROCERY selling in a department store no longer attracts attention because of its novelty, but for the reason that the best of food products costs less there than the exclusive grocer charges. This store is easily in the lead in this respect. Our grocery department is appreciated by well posted buyers because it offers an opportunity to supply the family needs in this line at closest prices. Country produce taken.

F. L. Miller.

WHENEVER you find a properly organized and rightly conducted men's furnishing stock in a dry goods store there you will find a successful one. Men no longer shun dry goods store furnishings, for they know they can get correct styles at close prices. We invite the attention of our customers to an especially fine and complete line of neckwear just opened.

SHOE value consists in wear, style and comfort. If any of the three are lacking the footwear is not good value. Our shoes are strictly reliable in quality, therefore long wearing; they are stylish, as can be seen at a glance; they are comfortable, because fitted by an expert. All our customers will bear out these statements. We believe this is the best place for you to buy shoes, and solicit your patronage.

F. L. Miller.

Every item offered below is proof of the above assertion. The quotations are only a very meagre representation of the values which place this store unquestionably in the lead. This store is crowded with the most complete and comprehensive stock of dry goods we have ever shown. Every line was bought at close prices, and the goods will be passed along to our customers at the usual small margin of profit which has made this store so successful and popular.

The New Spring Parasols Are Here. This store offers many attractions to economical buyers. A store that relies solely on low prices to win and hold trade is playing "a losing game." To win such success as this store is winning it is necessary that the low prices should represent goods of strictly reliable quality. Every woman in this city who is posted on dry goods, and who takes the time to compare goods and prices will admit that our values are superior. We make and hold customers by treating them right. We lead; others follow.

F. L. Miller.