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LOCAL NEWS.

Merry Christmas!
No delivery wagons will run today.

Editor Mathews, of the News, returned to Newport yesterday, after a few days visit in Corvallis.

If saving money is a pleasure, it will delight you to buy a blanket or an overcoat at F. L. Miller's.

Miss Olive Thompson came home from Portland yesterday to spend the holidays. She will return Friday.

A. F. Peterson, who has been employed in Portland for several months, came home Saturday for the holidays.

Gene Weber is convalescent from his attack of pneumonia and will be able to attend college again after the holidays.

Revival services will begin at the M. E. Church, South, on next Thursday evening at 7.30. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

The military ball at the Armory Friday night, was a magnificent affair. The attendance was large, the music excellent, and the occasion most enjoyable.

There will be a game of football today at 2:30 p. m., on the flat near Mary's river. The contestants will be the Corvallis lightweights and an eleven from Philomath.

The familiar sign, "Vincent House," which has hung for years over the entrance to the building north of the Ray brick, has given place to the new inscription, "Farmers' Hotel."

Chester Rust, who was bound over some two weeks ago to appear before the April term of court on the charge of larceny of a cow, after ten days in jail, secured bonds and was released last week.

The river and harbor bill reported by the committee Friday, carries with it \$2,340,500 for Oregon. Of this amount \$12,500 is provided for the reversion opposite Corvallis and \$1,000 for the Long Tom.

Corvallis Lodge No. 14, A. F. & A. M., and the chapters will install their officers on the evening of St. John's Day, Dec. 27th. All Masons, with their wives and adult sons and daughters, are cordially invited.

Cal Thrasher returned home, Friday, from a few days' visit at Dallas. While there he organized a lodge of Modern Woodmen of America with a membership of 25 men. After spending Christmas at home he will go to Lebanon for a week's lodge work. He will probably go tomorrow.

Our overcoats are not "just received;" they were bought last fall, but owing to the mild weather in the early fall we are overstocked. That's why we are selling them at 20 per cent discount. There's nothing in Corvallis to compare with a Raglan. It's cut 20 per cent, too. F. L. MILLER.

T. J. Cairns, who is teaming for C. L. Malone, the Alsea merchant, arrived in Corvallis last Friday. He has been teaming over Alsea mountain all fall and winter, but states that the road over the mountain has now reached a terrible condition. On his last trip out he got his wagon stuck in a mud hole and had to use blocks and tackle to pull it out.

Dr. Thompson has resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian church in this city to accept the charge of the vacant churches in Presbytery of the Willamette. He will make Corvallis his headquarters and home while engaged in this work but while absent on the Sabbath and some days of the week, he will spend most of his time in this city. He has been pastor of the church here for over fourteen years, and the church has grown from seventeen members to 200.

A large audience assembled, at the Presbyterian church last night to witness the distribution of presents from the tree and enjoy the following program by the Sunday school classes under the direction of Supt. J. Fred Yates: Processional; invocation; song by school; reading, Merle Simpson; recitation, Gordon Rosendorf; recitation, Hattie Norman; quartet, little girls; recitation, Earl Heckart; solo, Kathleen Geary; recitation, Alta Altman; violin solo, Gordon Rosendorf; recitation, Ethel Kyle; talk to the children, Dr. Thompson; song by the school; distribution of presents.

Henry Elliott, for many years a resident of Benton county, died at his home at Monroe, Friday. For several years Mr. Elliott had been a sufferer with cancer of the face and many operations were necessary. Recently cancer of the stomach developed, and this was the immediate cause of death. Mr. Elliott was born at Mount Vernon, Knox county, O., in 1833. At the age of 39 he came to Oregon and located in Benton county, near Corvallis. In 1859 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Kendall, of Monocquet, Ind., who, with three children, survives him—Dayton Elliott, of Prineville; Mrs. E. Grimm and Mrs. W. H. Kay, of Monroe.

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CITY OF SCHOOLS.

The Teachers in Our Public Schools and what They are Doing.

Classical Corvallis is a city of scholars; hence destined to be a community of scholars. Two thousand population; four hundred public school children and an increasing army of four hundred in the college on the hill; such is Corvallis steadily advancing on the grand march toward refinement and culture. Monday vacation is on; and nearly a thousand boys and girls—over one third of our population—have been turned loose to enjoy a national week of rest, to take up their work again after New Year's day, when the busy hum will begin anew.

Patrons should visit our schools more and more so that they may become acquainted from personal observation with the needs of the children, the embryo voters, housekeepers and lawmakers of the country. However, it may be safe to say that it is impossible for one to visit our city schools without being gratified with the excellent work being done. There seems to be a good degree of push and energy, and order and system pervades every department.

In conformity with the state course of study, which has been authorized by the board of directors as the course for the Corvallis schools, the work has been divided into three departments—the primary, embracing the first, second and third grades; the intermediate, embracing the fourth, fifth and sixth grades; and the advanced, embracing the seventh, eighth and ninth grades.

Each grade is sub-divided into two divisions (known as the A class and the B class) and consists of one year's work, or nine school months. The year is divided into two terms of eighteen weeks each, thus providing one term's work for each class. It will thus be seen that a pupil, entering the first grade, B class, will complete the work for that class in eighteen weeks and be promoted to the A class. At the end of the second term, the pupil, having finished the work of the A class, is promoted to the second grade, B class, and so on through the succeeding grades.

By this systematic arrangement the work can be made thorough as every class has a definite amount of work to do, and each pupil must make the required grades or take the work over. Parents and pupils see the importance of punctual and regular attendance, and are under constant stimulus to do the best work possible.

But the organization of a school may be ever so perfect, if there is a lack of energy, or if the well laid plans are not closely followed, the school is a failure; for after all, the success of school work, like everything else, depends very largely upon the amount of push and energy back of it. System is the track upon which the engine of energy draws the load. Both are essential and each useless without the other.

Upon visiting our schools one is impressed with the spirit of work evident in all the rooms. The energy and push so essential to good work are not lacking. Every teacher is a teacher of successful experience. A most excellent spirit of co-operation and harmony is noticeable. Prof. McDonald, the principal, informed us that there has not been a word of dissent among the teachers; thus far.

Mrs. May J. Nelms has charge of the first grade. She was born in Ulysses, Potter county, Pa. Having come to Oregon when quite young, she was educated in Corvallis and Monmouth. She began teaching before her sixteenth birthday, and by hard work and application has secured a state life diploma. Her twelve years experience in the city schools of Independence, Moscow, Idaho and Corvallis, renders her exceptionally strong in her work. She has been teaching in the Corvallis schools for the past six years, this being her third year in the first grade. Primary work is her specialty.

The second grade is in charge of Miss Ida Maxwell. Miss Maxwell is a native Oregonian, having been born near Halverson in Linn county. After receiving the benefits of the country schools, she entered the Albany college for one year. She graduated from the Oregon State Normal School at Monmouth in 1899, after which she taught successfully in the schools of Linn county. She held the position of first grade teacher in the Albany schools for three years, and gave excellent satisfaction. Last year she graduated from the Oread Institute of Honeshold Science of Worcester, Mass. She holds a state life diploma, and is an exceptionally strong teacher.

Miss Lena McCormick, the third grade teacher, is a graduate from the Scientific Department of the Albany College, class '94. She also graduated from the normal course of same college, one year later. She holds a state diploma and has had six years of successful teaching. This is her first year in the Corvallis schools.

The fourth grade teacher is Miss Alice Lettie Wicks, a native of Illinois. She resided in that state until she was fourteen years of age, when she came to Oregon. She graduated from the O. A. C. in 1894, and at that time received a state certificate. After two years of good work in the schools of Linn county, she began teaching in the public schools of this city. In 1899 she secured a state life diploma. Miss Wicks is doing excellent work.

Miss Margaret E. Currin is found in the fifth grade. Letting Miss Currin speak for herself, as she responded to requests for information, we have the following: "I was born in Clackamas county, Oregon. I spent one year in the Portland High School, 1895-1899, and the following year taught in the common schools of Clackamas county. The next two years I spent at the Oregon State Normal School, at Monmouth, from which

institution I graduated in 1892, and was granted a state life diploma. Then followed another year of 'Teaching the young ideas how to shoot' in the common schools of Clackamas county. My next experience was in the primary department of the Park Place Public Schools, Clackamas county, 1893-94. I then cast my lot with the Salem teachers, where I passed four delightful years. At last it was possible to gratify the desire to go to college, so in 1898 I resigned my position in Salem, and studied for the next two years at Stanford University. While at the University, my attention was largely devoted to educational subjects, including the History of Education, laboratory and lecture courses in Psychology, supplemented by work in Biology, Physical Training, German and English. This year finds me in the Corvallis Public Schools enjoying my work immensely."

Another native Oregonian has charge of the sixth grade—Miss Edith Ruth Alderson. Miss Alderson was born in Jacksonville, Jackson county, Oregon. She being the daughter of Rev. Alderson, of the Methodist church, received her education in the various schools. Her attendance at the Salem Public Schools, and later on, at the Willamette University of that city, gave her the splendid qualifications she possesses for her work. She, like most other successful teachers, began at the bottom in the work and by toil and application now stands well up in the professional line. She has taught in the schools of Stayton, Woodburn and Salem. This is her first year in our schools.

The work of the seventh grade is in charge of Miss Hortense Perrine Grefcox, a native Oregonian, she having been born in this city. Miss Grefcox received her education in the Public Schools of this city and at the O. A. C. In 1893 she received the degree of B. H. E., and in 1895 that of B. L. from the Agricultural College. She holds a state life diploma, has had five years teaching experience. She taught one year at Monroe this county, three years in the Woodburn city schools. Her work, like that of all the other teachers is highly commendable. Probably no school department in the state excels the work in penmanship done in this room.

Entering the eighth grade we find Mr. N. Tartar, another native Oregonian, in full control of the room, and directing the energies of the pupils close along the line mapped out in the course of study. Mr. Tartar was born and raised in Polk county. After attending the public schools for a number of years he entered the Dallas Academy. Later on he attended the Agricultural College in Corvallis. He began teaching at the age of eighteen and for the past twenty years has made teaching his principal occupation. Mr. Tartar holds a state life diploma, secured after years of hard work and successful teaching. Being what one might term a self made man, he possesses a rich experience along the line of educational struggles, which enables him to sympathize with the difficulties of his pupils. The eighth grade final examination, given by direction of the State Board of Education, under County Supt. G. W. Denman, must be successfully passed before pupils are promoted from this grade.

Prof. A. S. McDonald is the principal of the schools and has charge of the ninth grade work. The regular sub-freshman work of the O. A. C. is taken up in this grade.

Mr. McDonald is a native of Illinois. He was educated in the public schools of that state and of Kansas. At the age of twenty he entered the Holton Normal University where he received excellent training for the profession of teaching. Coming to Oregon in 1887, Mr. McDonald worked as printer in the S. W. Ballez & Co's job office in Portland. In the spring of '88, he taught his first term of school in "the little red school house on the hill" just east of Tualatin. After teaching a few years in the better grade of public schools, he took up the work in the graded schools. His work in the Brownsville, Crawfordville and Harrisburg schools gave him a standing as a progressive, up-to-date teacher and educator. As superintendent of schools in Linn county, he impressed all with his ability and energy. At the session of the state teachers' association held in Portland, 1898, he was elected as first vice president of the department of superintendence. The next year he was chosen as president of the department which he now holds. Mr. McDonald holds a state life diploma.

From the above it will be seen that six of the nine teachers are native Oregonians; that all are experienced teachers who are making teaching their life work; that all hold state diplomas, seven of the nine being for life; that five of the nine are graduates of colleges; that six of the nine have had experience in graded schools, and that altogether our teachers bring to our public schools a diversity of training and accomplishments that will result in broad and deep foundation in the present rising generation of Corvallis.

"A Gold Mine."

The local dramatic club held out two inducements to theatre-goers when they presented "A Gold Mine," last Thursday night, and the result was a crowded house, despite the miserable weather of the afternoon and evening: The efforts of the company in the past have compared favorably with those of traveling performers; and the proceeds of the entertainment were to be used in purchasing books for the Coffee Club library.

Although lack of preparation marred to some extent the enjoyment of the performance and smothered the best efforts of the players, the audience as a whole has well pleased with their investment in a "Gold Mine." The play has more real merit than anything yet attempted by the company; no prettier stage setting has been seen here; make-up and costuming could not have been better, and the music was excellent. These things contribute at least one-half to the success of this form of entertainment, and stock began going up with the rise of the curtain.

As the play progressed, the brightness of the lines, smoothness of incidents and interest of the plot held the attention of the audience, and the nice conception of the various roles and at times exceptionally clever bits of acting, alone for an occasional twisting of a cue, or tardy entrance. The local players deserve to be classed with the professional companies which appear in the smaller cities, and their work is necessarily subjected to as severe criticism.

One feature of the evening that cannot be too highly commended, was the numbers rendered by the band. This organization is rapidly becoming one of the best in the state, and no better program has been heard in the Opera House this season than the one given by them Thursday evening.

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