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LOCAL NEWS.

Coming—Silver Medal Contest. This is Washington's Birthday. Wall paper in all designs and at all prices at Mann & Co's. Today being a legal holiday, the students at the O A C will enjoy a vacation. Our new spring stock is now arriving. Nolan & Callahan. Save your money for "A Debt of Honor" next Friday night, March 1. John Castle, the Dallas stock-dealer, was in Corvallis on business during the week. Judge Burnett is still confined to his room as a result of his recent siege of kidney trouble. The three-year-old son of John Creson, who has been quite ill with pneumonia, is convalescent. We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Elmer Samuels, who has been very ill, is rapidly recovering. We have a few more remnants left which will be sold at great bargains. Nolan & Callahan. A shipment of 6,540 rolls of wall paper, in elegant patterns, has just been received by J. D. Mann & Co. Miles Young intends moving to Oregon City with his family the first of next week. Mr. Young has bright business prospects there. Commencing Monday, the cadet battalion will drill during the noon hour. On days of fair weather it is the intention to hold these exercises out-of-doors. Geo. H. Williams is again second in the race for United States senator. Yesterday he received 22 votes; Corbett, 34; Hermann, 7. The legislature adjourns tomorrow at midnight. L. L. Swann and Earl Brandeberry are members of the cast in "A Debt of Honor," to be presented in this city next Friday evening by Albany amateurs. Both are former Corvallis boys. A number of the professors of the O A C are in attendance at the Farmers' Institute now in session at Sodaville. From the program it is ascertained that subjects of unusual interest will be discussed. George A. Waggoner, after a visit of two months with his family in this city, took his departure, Saturday, for Skagway, Alaska. He is a custom official on the White Pass, about 14 miles above Skagway. Dr. Thompson removed his household effects from the Presbyterian parsonage, Wednesday. The Presbyterians are expecting a minister to arrive in the course of a week from California. Rev. Hayes is the gentleman. A return game of basket ball is to be played this evening between the ladies of St. Helen's Hall and the Multnomah Club, at Portland. Miss Leona Smith, of this city, who is captain of the St. Helen's Hall team, will play guard. W. S. Holt, D. D., of Portland, who so acceptably filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian church in this city the fourth Sunday of last month, will occupy it again next Sabbath. Sunday school will be held at 10 a. m. and Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Mr. H. B. Williamson left Monday for Eureka, Calif., on a tour of inspection. Mr. Williamson is seeking a location in California and was attracted to Eureka on account of the activity there in lumbering and shipping industries. His family are still in Corvallis. Details of a "Valentine" party given at the residence of Mayor Crawford, on this popular Saint's day, have just come to light. The young ladies of the pharmacy class at the O A C entertained the gentlemen of their class. The rooms were daintily decorated with evergreens, cupids and hearts, and the greater part of the evening was passed playing "Hearts"—not the "real" game of hearts, but the substitute. Miss Mabel Davis and Frank Ward won first prizes, which were appropriate Valentines, while Miss Blanche Holden and Eugene Weber secured at a great sacrifice to themselves, the "booby" awards, consisting of comic Valentines. A delicious banquet was given, an amusing feature of which was a menu card in Latin. F. L. MILLER.

W. A. Sanders, the best watch maker. New Idea Patterns for March now in. Nolan & Callahan. Mrs. Thomas Fish, of Toledo, came in on the train, Wednesday. J. J. Buford, agent at the Siletz, has returned from his trip to California. Rev. L. M. Boozer will preach in the Witham school house Sunday at 2:30 p. m. Dennis Stovall is now working at Grants Pass in the interest of the Maccabees. By special request Dr. Lowe, the well-known oculist will be in Corvallis March 4th and 5th. The finest and most complete line of wall paper ever shown in Corvallis is now to be seen at J. D. Mann & Co's. Mrs. W. A. Wells started for San Francisco, Wednesday, to visit for three months with her sister, Mrs. Lida Fitzpatrick. Volume 1, No. 1, of the McMinnville News reached our desk a few days ago. It is published by Harbough & Estes, and is replete with local news. Mrs. Mary Bryson, of Corvallis, arrived in Eugene this afternoon from a trip to California and is the guest of Mrs. Mary Griffin.—Guard. Regular services in the United Evangelical church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor will preach at both services. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Miss Fanny Whitaker went to Albany, Wednesday, to attend a wedding of deaf mutes. This was a very unusual affair, as only mutes were invited to attend and the entire ceremony was conducted in the sign language. Mrs. U. B. Vogle took her departure Wednesday, for Lempoc, Calif., where she will join her husband. They expect to make their home there in the future. Lempoc is in Southern California, about 30 or 40 miles north of Santa Barbara. J. B. Irvine, master of Corvallis Grange, desires us to state that there will be a meeting of that body at the O A C tomorrow at 2 p. m. It is hoped that all members will attend, as there is business of great importance to be transacted. G. W. Bingham is in Oregon City arranging to take charge of the soda works recently acquired by him in that city. He has taken as a partner "Jim" Bier, who will have charge of the works in Corvallis. For the present Mr. Bingham's family will remain here. Dr. Clem Bell, who has been visiting for a week in this city, the guest of Mrs. Agnes Thompson, returned Wednesday, to her home in Douglas county. It is six years since Dr. Bell was in Corvallis and she noted many changes, and expressed the opinion that our city had improved greatly during this interval. The young ladies of Alpha hall entertained the down-town freshmen, otherwise known as the winners in the recent football contest between the freshmen and the faculty. It is in honor of their victory that they were entertained. Music, cards and refreshments were the leading features of a most enjoyable evening. Prof. E. R. Lake, of the State Agricultural College at Corvallis, was in Ashland Tuesday. He is professor of botany and horticulture and is investigating and encouraging the growth of grapes, which he says is a fruit that would be highly beneficial and the people of this country should consume more of.—Valley Record. The Seventh Annual Session of the Oregon Conference of the United Evangelical church convenes in this city the 9th of April, to continue a week. About fifty ministers and delegates are expected to be present. Active preparations for this meeting are being made by the local church. Bishop R. Dubs, D. D., L. L. D., of Chicago, Ill., will preside over the conference. Services at the M. E. church, South, Feb. 24, 1901, as follows: Sabbath school, 10 a. m.; sermon by the pastor, Rev. F. A. Lark, at 11 a. m. At 7:30 p. m. the Epworth League will hold a special service on Missions; an excellent program has been prepared by the League. The public is cordially invited to all of these services. Various papers are offering as a premium to the following missing-word contest, free subscriptions to their "rags" for a given period: "A good deacon accidentally sat down on the business end of a carpet tack. He uttered two words, the last was 'it.' What was the first?" Not being personally familiar with such a condition, we timidly suggest that the missing word began with a capital "D."

FOR A COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Strong Article by a Leading Citizen Urges the Establishment of Such an Organization. EDITOR GAZETTE:—I notice there is a movement among the business men of the city to get together and form some kind of a business organization, of a permanent nature such as a board of trade, or commercial union or something of that nature, and with a view to having a medium through which the business interests of the community can express themselves on questions affecting the welfare of the community. I understand that a meeting of this character has been arranged for to meet at the court house next Saturday evening at half past seven o'clock, and that the business men generally have set this date in mind, and are ready to meet and make an effort toward perfecting such an organization. It may not be out of place for a remark or two on this subject, just to remind us of some unpleasant facts. A few years ago there was a "boom" movement which more or less affected the entire coast. Beginning in Los Angeles, it worked its way to Seattle. Nearly every town on the coast felt this boom movement more or less. Corvallis felt it; felt it far more than her share, for we not only had the stimulus of the boom fever, but also aspirations built on transcendent railroad hopes; which time only showed to be visionary. I think fully a quarter of a million dollars of Benton county capital was invested in Puget Sound, Astoria, Portland and Yaquina Bay real estate, on which investments probably not one-tenth ever came back. We all know the results of this wild speculative tendency. Many of us feel it yet. Many have sold out and gone, many more we still have with us the land and a good healthy town—healthy because this speculative tendency has died out; and more so because the citizens and business men who have survived the hard times of 1893-4 are applying very different methods in their business affairs, than those methods in vogue before that crisis. What the community needs more than any thing else now is population. Population of the right sort, people who can come here, buy our land, and make those lands productive of wheat, hay and diversified farm products, and who will raise more sheep, hogs, poultry, cattle, and every other income-producing commodity which our climate and soil so abundantly yields under the hand of intelligent industry. But how can we reach people to so populate this surrounding country? How can we invite them here, and when they come how are we to treat them, and what are the conditions they will meet respecting the acquisition of property? Certainly there are lands in this county for sale, the best of farm lands, and at very reasonable prices, but how may incoming people know of this? Traveling men report that there is a strong immigration into the state. For instance, one railroad has a rate of \$28 once a week from Nebraska points to Oregon, and this has induced a great influx of people; one train, said to carry above 1,500 new homeseekers arrived in Portland this present week. Now, how are we meeting these incoming people? Simply not meeting them at all. Other communities have business men's organizations and these boards get up descriptive matter and see that it is placed on the trains bearing these homeseekers, and as a result the new settlers go to their communities. They do not know that Corvallis and Benton county exist, for the reason that these places are not represented. It is not necessary that descriptive matter be of the boom order, nor that incoming people be met with rebuff, nor with real estate sharks, so-called, (a misnomer, by the way, for there are no such in this county). But there certainly ought to be some kind of descriptive matter showing that we have a town of 1,800 people here, a college with a liberal endowment, and offering special inducements to people having children to educate, and a community in every way respectable and up-to-date, and a healthy location, in short a desirable place to live. One object of a representative business men's club, if it had no other purpose, would be to devise ways and means for presenting in a proper manner, to incoming people the advantages which this community has to

offer, as a place of residence and a desirable place to settle and make a home, to buy and cultivate land and to hope to prosper according to the investment in labor and money. No progressive man wants to locate in a dead town. Desirable settlers want to make their homes in wide awake communities. Naturally, if they find that Benton county has no community of sentiment, no organized representative body of men who can and will keep their eyes on movements of a public nature which may make or mar the town, or the interests of the county, then they will go to some other town in this valley where the community is organized, where the people are awake, and centers of population will grow up in other localities and Corvallis and Benton county will remain pasture land. It takes people to make any community prosperous. The country is too large and too thinly settled to expect that incomers will come here unless we make an effort to place in a fair and reasonable manner the advantages Benton county and Corvallis have to offer to induce them to come here. If the business men of the city will organize and see to it that proper matter is placed before the people coming into the state, illustrating our community as a desirable place to live, and tell the plain truth, and leave out boom matter, then we may expect to get our share of this tide of immigration, and hold our place as an important community. But if we do not do our part, then we must not complain when we see other cities going ahead and this city going behind. CITIZEN. Corvallis, Feb. 21, 1901. Free Entertainment. The Woodmen of the World invite the people of this community to join with them for an evening with Prof. John P. Meakin, the celebrated dramatic reader and fraternal lecturer, at the Opera House, Monday evening. Professor Meakin is known as the fraternal Evangelist and his home is in Salt Lake City. He is Mead Camp Lecturer for the Woodmen of the World, and is said to be without a peer in this particular field. Local members of the order state that as an entertainer he ranks above Head Consul Falkenburg, whose address here a few years ago aroused so much favorable comment. The entertainment Monday night will consist of an address, songs, and humorous, pathetic and dramatic readings by Professor Meakin, and instrumental numbers by the Turney-Daniel-Goodnough trio, consisting of Ruthyn Turney, violin; Ivan Daniel, 'cello; Mordaunt Goodnough, piano. The program will be as follows: Trio—Andante, Adagio, Presto.—Haydn Messrs. Turney, Daniel, Goodnough. Address—"Foot-prints, or Onward and Upward." Prof. John P. Meakin. Trio—Allegro moderato, Andante, Presto.—Turney Messrs. Turney, Daniel, Goodnough. Dramatic Recitations. Prof. John P. Meakin. Admission will be free. Small-Stewart. The wedding of Mr. Charles E. Small and Miss Lenore Stewart occurred at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. J. H. Mahan, in this city, Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Humbert in presence of relatives and friends of the high contracting parties. The rooms were tastefully decorated. After the ceremony, a dainty wedding supper was served. Mr. Small is one of Corvallis' most energetic business men, and very popular with his associates. His bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart, and a highly esteemed young lady. Band Concert. If the weather will permit, the Corvallis Band will play the following selections at 2:30 on the afternoon of February 22—Washington's Birthday: March "American League".....Heed Overture, "Maid of Perth".....Widdie "Dawn of Love".....Bendix Overture, "Lustspiel".....Keler-Bela Gems of Stephen Foster.....Tobani Dying is as simple as washing when you use Putnam Fadeless Dyes. Sold by Graham & Wells. Get your Job Work done here

"Mrs. Nation" of Oregon.

During the recent "rumpuses" that have taken place in Kansas "Mrs. Nation" is credited, and very naturally so, with being the prime mover in this unlawful mix-up. Various opinions have been expressed by Oregonians as to what would happen the woman who attempted to emulate Madam Nation's example in Oregon. Read the following, from the Herald, and make a guess at what the result will be: Word is received from Lyons to the effect that this thriving little town was thrown into a state of excitement last Sunday evening by the action of a Mrs. Wilson, who seems to have emulated the example of Mrs. Nation. She entered the place in which her husband was sitting, and it is said proceeded to drag him out, and then to demolish the place with a hatchet, and left it a complete wreck. She was placed under arrest yesterday morning and this morning Deputy District Attorney Gale S. Hill leaves for Lyons to represent the state in the prosecution of Mrs. Wilson on a charge of willful and malicious destruction of property. Additional Local Miss Ella Wills, of Portland, is visiting her cousin, Miss Winnifred Cameron. Bills amending the charters of Corvallis and Philomath have passed the house. Thirty minutes is all the time reserved to dye with Putnam Fadeless Dyes. Sold by Graham & Wells. Arrangements are in progress for an entertainment to be given in the Armory on the evening of the State Oratorical Contest, March 8th. A program of special interest will be provided. G. S. Humbert will occupy the pulpit at the Christian Church next Lord's Day. Subject at 11 a. m., "The Change of Heart; what is it, and how is it changed?" At 7:30, "For What do we Stand?" You will be welcome. A Silver Medal Oratorical Contest will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church Saturday night, February 23. Six young ladies, students from the college, will contest for the medal. The program will be interspersed with music, both vocal and instrumental. Admission only 10 cents. Doors open at 7; exercises commence at 7:30. The council met in an adjourned session Monday evening to consider the report of the finance committee on the bills of Attorneys Wilson and Watson. Mr. Wilson's bill was \$420, and that of Watson \$300. The finance committee recommended that the former be paid \$320 and the latter \$200. The council, however, voted to allow Mr. Wilson \$200 and Mr. Watson, \$150. Oregon is not always slow. In the Carnot debate, recently held at the Stanford University, William Alfred Marvin won the prize. The contest was between Berkeley and Stanford men and was on the question: "Resolved, That French administrative law is incompatible with the spirit of a democratic republic." Mr. Marvin is an Oregon boy and his home is in Salem. Officers of O A C cadet battalion will give a grand ball tonight in the Armory. Everything possible has been done by those in charge of the affair to make it one of the events of the season. Parson's orchestra, of Portland, has been secured to furnish the music. Before the dance begins a concert will be given, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance. J. J. Cady, of Furnas county, Nebraska, paid the GAZETTE a pleasant visit this week. In company with his family, Mr. Cady arrived in Corvallis last Saturday, and is now occupying the residence just vacated by George Stafford. Nebraskans in great numbers are taking advantage of the special rate of \$28 from points in that state to Portland, offered one day each week by the railroads. Nearly sixteen hundred people were on the train that brought Mr. Cady to Oregon. They are attracted here by the splendid natural resources of the state, and the belief that development of our trade in the Orient and building of the Nicaraguan canal will make the Pacific Coast the most prosperous portion of the United States. Eighth Grade County Examination. Notice is hereby given to those pupils on side of Corvallis, who have completed the state course of study, that I will conduct the said examination in the Corvallis public school, beginning Thursday, Feb. 22, at 9 o'clock a. m. All applicants in districts where school has closed, desiring to take said examination may do so. Very truly, G. W. DENMAN, County School Supt.

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