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LOCAL NEWS.

W. S. Gardner, Photographer
The new New York Racket for Xmas goods.

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J. K. Berry went to Portland, on last Friday's boat, for a few days' vacation.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gray went to Portland, Friday, on the boat. They will spend the holidays with relatives in that city.

There will be a Christmas tree in the Presbyterian church Christmas Eve for the Sunday school and other members of the church.

Supt. Denman intends holding a teachers' institute in this city some time next month. It is his intention to give an unusually fine program on this occasion.

George Smith and Ed Dunn have just completed filling a contract to supply a Seattle, Wash., firm with 1,000 pounds of turkeys. This was quite a contract.

The citizens of Albany are making quite an effort to have an opera house erected in that city. This is something greatly needed in our sister city, to judge from accounts given by traveling organizations.

Arthur Bier returned on the boat Saturday morning from Portland, where he has been employed for the past four or five months. He does not know just how long he will remain at home. He is looking exceedingly well.

Mrs. J. W. Crawford went to Salem on the Pomona Friday morning. She will visit relatives and friends in that city until today. On her return she will be accompanied by her son, Edward, who comes home to spend Christmas.

The program to be heard at the Opera House Dec. 28th contains beautiful vocal renditions by the peerless Schubert Lady Quartette, delightful selections by their Mandolin and Guitar Club, artistic violin solos, comic and serious readings by the entertainer Mr. Louis McPike and artistic contralto and soprano solos.

Mr. C. Gazley, the well-known prune buyer, is in Corvallis and has purchased the entire output of the Benton County Prune Co. for the present year, amounting to about a quarter of a million pounds. Shipments to the eastern markets will begin at once. This is perhaps the largest prune sale in Oregon.—Roseburg Review.

To hear the Schubert Lady Quartette sing their "Old Maid Song" [especially written for them] will make a rise in the matrimonial market anywhere. This is one of their most fetching encores; and as the ladies are many years removed from being old maids themselves, they can enjoy singing of the trials besetting the four maidens of their song.

The dance given by the O A C cadet battalion in the Armory last Friday night was an enjoyable affair in every way. There was a nice-sized crowd of dancers, and the music, furnished by Everest's orchestra, of Portland, was very good. The boys came out exactly even on their dance. They took in \$75.40 and their expenses footed that sum to a cent.

During the holidays the creamery at the college will not be in operation. Operations were suspended last Wednesday and will not be resumed until about the 10th of January. Professor Kent has his time taken up with farmers' institutes and other outside work, and the cream from the college dairy is being handled by the Corvallis Creamery.

Claud Pengra, who has been stationed at Corvallis for the past four months, was in the city Sunday. He left for Portland on Monday on his way to Cottage Grove, where he will be located in the future. Claud McDevitt, who has been here, went to Corvallis and Mr. Elsie Boyd, of Halsey, took the place at this station.—Independence Enterprise. The station referred to is that of the S. P. Co., of this city.

Tomorrow is Christmas. We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It seems a long time to the youth from one Christmas to another, but the older generations find the time all too short and one Christmas follows hard upon another. To the young, Christmas is a joyous time—to the older people its joys are often mixed with care and sad memories. Tomorrow, of all days, there should be "On Earth peace, good will toward men."

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With so many O A C students out of town to spend their holidays, the "old town" seems mighty quiet.

Mrs. Ira Miller is visiting at Corvallis, and is not expected home until after New Years.—Yaquina Bay News.

An 11-pound girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Keedy at Woodstock, Multnomah county, last Wednesday.

There will be an entertainment and Christmas tree at the Baptist church on Tuesday evening at 7:30. Cordial invitation to all.

Henry Ambler, the real estate agent of Philomath, will be in Corvallis every Saturday. Parties wishing to see him, can do so by calling at the Occidental hotel, between the hours of 11 and 1.

Beyond doubt the farmers' institute held in Lincoln county last week under the auspices of the O A C was most interesting in many ways. The attendance was good and active interest was manifested.

Ernest Redd went to his home in Carlton, Saturday. He will return to this city after the holidays to straighten up his affairs at the college prior to his departure to Sheridan, where he has accepted a position in a drug store.

The stock ranch, belonging to Jerry Henkle, consisting of 207 acres and lying 7 miles south of Philomath, was sold to Mr. Timmins, lately of Indiana, by Henry Ambler. The price paid was \$1,000, and the new owner takes possession at once.

Last week Chas. H. Horner completed a most successful term of school in the Wyatt district. In recognition of his valuable services the directors of this school at once engaged Mr. Horner for another term of school, which will begin early in January.

Chas. M. Cady, who left Corvallis a short time ago for Portland, in search of a situation as a telegrapher, has secured a position with the Southern Pacific company and is stationed at Rice Hill, about ninety miles south of here. Mr. Cady's parents reside in this city.

There will be a reunion on New Years day of the family of Rev. P. A. Moses, of this city. It will occur in this city and there will be twenty-one Moses present. All of those who will be present reside in Benton and Linn counties. They will undoubtedly have a joyous time.

The performance of the Gus Sun Minstrels at the Opera House Friday evening was unquestionably one of the best entertainments of the kind ever given in Corvallis. The solo and chorus singing and the work of the orchestra was unusually fine, the lady impersonator was perfect in this role, and the final act on the horizontal bars the equal of any we have seen here.

The Farmers' Short Course at O A C will begin January 14 and last until February 14, 1902. This is an institute for farmers and farmers' sons, and will embrace four weeks of popular lectures and practical demonstrations on topics of interest to farmers. Everything points to success in the matter of attendance and general merit of the work on hand. Come everybody and bring your friends. No tuition fees and no books required. Don't forget the date.

Prof. E. J. Lea, a graduate of O A C, arrived in Corvallis, Saturday, for a few days' visit with friends. During the past six months or longer he has been employed as chemist for a large beet sugar factory at Grand Junction, Colorado. He expected to accept the situation made vacant at the same factory by the resignation of Prof. G. W. Shaw, formerly a professor at O A C, who accepted a chair in the University of California, but in the meantime he was offered a better position. Prof. Lea has accepted a position as chemist in the government experiment station at Honolulu. Here his work will be similar to that of his position at Grand Junction. He will sail from San Francisco about the 5th of January.

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How They do at Harvard.

A friend in this city is in receipt of a very interesting letter from "Jack" Arnold, now a student at Harvard university. He complains of having poor health ever since leaving Oregon, and states that he is just recovering from an attack that has kept him in bed for some time.

"I am taking a course in intensive study of Shakspeare," he writes, "with Professor Kittridge, who is perhaps the greatest shaksperian scholar in the country, with the exception of Dr. Furness of Philadelphia. There is a satisfaction you get from working under a great man, like Professor Kittridge, that adds incalculably to a course. A course in English composition—on which they are very exacting here—ends my work in the department; and a course each in German and French complete my list."

He finds smoking to be the universal practice at Harvard, and says, "I shan't be the least surprised if some day I meet President Elliot with a cigarette in his mouth."

"I belong to the Modern Language Conference which meets fortnightly and listens to a discussion of some subject connected with the modern languages; and breaks up into a social gathering afterwards. It is made up of instructors and graduate students. At the first meeting we had a scholarly paper on a character in Dante, after which they had cigars and beer. I suppose that was to attract the new men, but I noticed the old ones went to it pretty eagerly."

"I have my meals at Memorial Hall, where 1100 other students board. This hall was, as you know, built in memory of those connected with the university, who fell in the civil war."

Speaking of the morning devotional exercises, "Jack" says, "It is a pleasant, not to say good, way to begin the day. This reminds me of the words of one of the preachers, that I thought very good. He said that people have an idea that college life is fraught with temptations for evil. On the contrary, he said, the greater temptations at college are for good."

Schuberts not Strangers.

The Schubert Symphony Club, booked to appear at the Opera House in this city on the evening of December 28th, will not make their initial bow here on that occasion. Their first performance in Corvallis a few years ago gave entire satisfaction, and if we are to believe the press reports of the present season, the Schuberts are stronger than ever.

In a column write-up devoted to a performance given in that city, the Anaconda Standard of December 5th, 1901, says: "The Schuberts have won name and fame during the years they have toured the country and the people of Anaconda this year expected much of them. However much they expected, they got it in fullest measure, for the splendid musicians who comprise the Schubert organization fairly outdid themselves. Every number on last night's program was a gem. Carefully the selections had been made and the artists to whom they had been assigned carried them out magnificently."

One noteworthy feature about the Schubert concert was that the music was of the more tuneful kind. No attempt was made to go into the high flights of composers whose music doubtless is grand, but is little understood by the majority of the people. The Schuberts held to the pleasing melodies that the people like and at all times refrained from reaching over the heads of their audience.

More About the Ruth.

Friday morning the steamer Modoc arrived with a large scow to be used in the attempt to raise the steamer Ruth, which struck a snag in the river at this place last Tuesday morning and at once sank. Saturday morning the Modoc arrived with another scow and the work of raising the Ruth began at once.

One of the large scows is placed above the Ruth, which lies almost directly across the stream, and the other scow is fastened on the lower side. Heavy timbers are placed across from one scow to the other, above the Ruth, and chains and hawsers made fast to the sunken craft, and the work of raising is done by means of jackscrews. It is very slow work and has to be managed with great care.

The O R & N company will pay for all damaged freight on board the Ruth at the time of the catastrophe. The company attaches no blame to Captain Inman for the mishap, as the snag

is supposed to have recently drifted into the channel. Just how badly the Ruth is damaged is not known. Of course, it is still a matter of conjecture as to the possibility of being able to take her to Portland if they succeed in raising her.

Agent Thayer, of this city, states that raising the Ruth is going to prove very expensive. The steamer Modoc is obliged to remain here to act as a tender and there are about twenty-five experienced men employed at the task at present at high wages. The daily expense foots hundreds of dollars and before the Ruth is running again, if ever she is, many thousands of dollars will have been expended on her. Mr. Thayer thinks that six weeks or two months will be consumed before the Ruth will be on the run again if everything is favorable and it is possible to save her. Should they succeed in getting her out of her present condition and devise means of taking her to Portland she will have to be placed in the dry dock and undergo repairs that will take several weeks.

May Call Election.

The valuation placed on property of school district No. 9 is \$48,560 less than the valuation placed on the same property last year. As a result the school board of this district finds that it is somewhat embarrassed for want of funds. On the 28th of last June the board saw fit to place an insurance on the school house and its fixtures. The cost of the policy for a period of three years, beginning June 28th, 1901 was \$370, and the board issued warrants for the sum required. No provision was made for payment and the warrants are still outstanding. The difference in the property valuation cuts a vast figure in the revenues of the school and the board is considering the matter of calling a district election for the purpose of rating a special tax, in order that something may be done toward meeting this expense incurred on account of insuring the school property. In case they so decide, the election must be held in January in order that the amount of the levy may be in the County Clerk's hands by February 1st, so that he may extend the tax roll. This was one of the problems that absorbed the attention of the board at its meeting last Saturday evening.

At this meeting the bids for the contract for furnishing wood for the use of this district next year were considered. There were seven bids in all. The bid of J. W. Ingle to furnish 20 cords of oak wood at \$2.89 per cord, delivered, was accepted. In the matter of fir wood the board has not yet decided what to do, as the bids were of such a character that some consideration was necessary to determine what was best. However, within a very short time this matter will be decided.

High Social Event.

The most highly enjoyable and perfect in its appointments of any social function of the season, was the reception given by Miss Pauline Kline in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. M. Eder, of Colombia, South America, last Saturday evening from 8 to 11.

The guests were met at the main entrance by Master Lake, acting as page, and escorted to the stairway. At the top landing, Mrs. Inez Wilson directed the guests to the cloak rooms. They were received in the front parlor and presented to Mr. and Mrs. Eder. Assembling in groups, or intermingling with friends, the company enjoyed animated conversation, or listened to the musical program furnished by Miss Mabel Cronise, vocalist, and Messrs Turney and Goodnough, violinist and pianist. In an alcove rested an inviting punch bowl, presided over by Mrs. J. F. Fulton, while in the dining room was spread a delicious lunch. Here, Professor Margaret Snell, assisted by Misses Carrie Danneman

and Emma Crawford, served refreshments, and all of the 100 guests partook of their hospitality during the evening.

Promptly at 11 o'clock, the orchestra played "Home, Sweet Home," an invitation which all reluctantly accepted.

About old Timers.

James Bier was in Oregon City a few days last week to attend some matters of business. He states he saw many old Corvallisites while there, some of whom are doing well and others continue to fight against fate single-handed as best they can. While he was at Oregon City Lon Haskins, who was driving an express team, had a runaway. Lon was thrown from the wagon and one of the wheels ran over his foot, mashing it quite badly. His back was also severely sprained and he will be laid up for some time.

George Bingham is still handling "soda pop" and is doing a good business. He seems inclined to remain right where he is in the future.

While Mr. Bier was in Oregon City the Depot Hotel, of that city, took fire and burned down. Fred Seal, at one time a resident of this city, was running the hotel when it was burned down.

The fire took place about three o'clock Friday morning, and is supposed to have originated from a defective flue.

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