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LOCAL NEWS.

Dr. Lowe, now at the Occidental hotel, goes to Eugene Saturday morning.

J. K. Berry has had workmen employed at the task of improving the front entrance of his bicycle shop.

Lowe's Madison Square Company will begin a week's engagement in this city next Monday night. They are a repertoire company of good repute.

E. N. Garrison, state agent for Fairbanks, Morse & Co's Gasoline Engines, came up from his home in Salem, Wednesday. He had business here that detained him for a couple of days.

The State examination for the eighth grade pupils of the county began Wednesday and ended Friday. Supt. Denman conducted the examination for the pupils of Corvallis schools. There were sixteen applicants.

The last recital by the musical department of the Agricultural college will be given tomorrow evening in the college chapel. The program will consist mainly of duets and choruses. The doors will close promptly at 8 o'clock. The public are invited.

Adam Aesell went over to Newport, Monday, to assist in preparing lunches, etc., for the large crowds of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs that have been in session over there this week. Adam is right at home at Newport and is well known to be a splendid hand to prepare lunches, salads, etc.

The picnic at Willamette Grange hall tomorrow promises to be a grand affair. The candidates for county offices will be present. The services of the O. A. C. band have been secured. A baseball game, literary program and dancing until 12 o'clock will be features.

This is the season of the year for picnics. A picnic has been arranged for June 14th, at Monroe, and it is to be under the auspices of the Modern Woodmen and the schools of South Benton. The services of the O. A. C. band have been secured for this occasion. There will be many features of entertainment introduced.

G. W. Smith, road master of this county, has been having some work done on the road running west of town. Beginning at the Mechanical Hall of the O. A. C. the grading has been done on the road for a distance of half a mile or such a matter. It is understood that there will be gravel placed on it after the task of grading is completed.

A letter just received by Dr. Rowley from his old home in Michigan, tells of a tornado that swept that section recently doing much damage to property and injuring many persons. The barn on the place formerly owned by the Rowley's was demolished. This is the first storm of this kind that has occurred in that country in forty years.

For a week or longer C. K. Spaulding has had men chopping and sawing logs across the river on the Beach place, just east of town. During the past day or two he has had a crew of ten or a dozen men engaged with a donkey engine putting the logs in the river. They are balm logs and will be rafted to Oreg. in City for the use of the pulp mills at that place.

J. R. Smith & Co. were obliged to lay off the men they had at work on the sewers last Saturday on account of the rains. They had about a dozen men employed. Work will soon be pushed again with a force of a dozen or fifteen men. This is as large a number of men as will be worked, as it is thought that they can dig the sewers as rapidly as the piping can be laid.

Wm. Knotts is suffering from a broken rib sustained while rounding up some cattle on his farm a few days ago. Notwithstanding this injury Mr. Knotts joined the other candidates on the canvass Monday, but a severe attack of grippe compelled him to return home. This is unfortunate, but Mr. Knotts hopes to be with the canvassers in the last days of the campaign.

A very large crowd of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have been in attendance at the session of the grand lodge of the state of Oregon held at Newport, this week. All week they have been passing to and fro through this city, but on Monday afternoon one of the largest trains that ever passed over the C. & E. line passed over Newport. The train consisted of nine coaches drawn by two locomotives. Preparations were made in Newport for the entertainment of about 800 people during the various sessions.

W. A. Sanders, Jeweler.

A marriage license was issued last Monday to J. D. Beal and Miss Jennie H. Robbins, both of Wells.

Jasper Hayden came out from his Alsea home during the first of the week to attend some matters of business.

Tuesday, the Adams Bros. began the task of putting a new roof on the residence of S. N. Wilkins, on Seventh street.

License to wed was granted May 19th to Chas. L. Hyde, of Eddyville, Lincoln county, and Miss Riley M. Spencer, of Blodgett, this county.

Wednesday, W. W. Calkins and O. W. Heckard went to Eugene to make arrangements about the residence that the former is going to build in that city.

Miss Hattie Gillette returned home from Salem on the boat last Sunday evening, for an indefinite visit here. She has been in Salem since last September.

Mrs. J. M. Cameron has just suffered a very severe illness, which confined her to her bed and necessitated the care of a physician. She is slightly better at present.

Crosby G. Davis and family, recent arrivals from the East, have taken possession of a residence on College Hill. They have been visiting with Mr. Davis' brother, W. G. Davis.

Annual meeting, election of officers, and payment of dues for the coming year of the Ladies' Coffee Club next Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

Prof. and Mrs. S. I. Pratt, of Philomath, were in Corvallis, Tuesday, to attend matters of business. Prof. Pratt closed the public school for the season last Friday, after a most successful term of eight months.

In a couple of weeks the end of the public school year in Corvallis will have been reached. There is a large class of graduates and during the past season the work has gone ahead smoothly and satisfactorily, to the credit of Prof. Holmes and his efficient corps of teachers.

A grand time is expected at the picnic of the M. W. A. of Suver which will take place at Ritter's grove in the north end of the county, May 31st. Good, lengthy program including a ten mile bicycle race for a prize of \$20 will be the features of the day. All cordially invited May 31st.

Owing to the Union services at the M. E. church on Sunday morning, there will not be any services at the Presbyterian church. The other services of the day will go on as usual, Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m., and preaching at 8 p. m., to which all are most cordially invited.

Mrs. F. W. Benson and son, Wallace, left last Friday for Portland, to visit for a few days with friends. They will return via Corvallis, stopping off there to visit Mrs. Benson's other son, Clifford, who is a student at the State Agricultural College. Eugene friends will also be visited before they reach home.—Roseburg Review.

Work is progressing nicely on the new Agricultural Hall at the O. A. C. There is a great demand for mechanics of all kinds in Corvallis at present. Carpenters appear to be especially scarce. A notice was posted in town the other day stating that fifteen carpenters were wanted. Aside from the work in progress on the Agricultural Hall, there is quite a building boom throughout the city.

J. M. Cameron is now to be found in his new quarters, two doors south of the brick livery stable. He is fitting up a harness shop there that will be second to none in the valley. In another column Mr. Cameron's ad. will be found. It will be seen that he carries everything that a horseman in any field can desire. His work is all guaranteed first-class and is his best recommendation for patronage.

Something more than a year ago the O. R. & N. railroad company reduced passenger fares over all their lines in Oregon to 3 cents per mile. This action has evidently borne fruit, for President Harriman, of the Southern Pacific company, has announced his intention to reduce the fare to a like figure over all the Southern Pacific lines in the State of Oregon. Just when this reduction of fares will go into effect is not known, but it is hoped that it will be in evidence soon. This will make single fares from Corvallis to Portland \$2.38, a difference of nearly \$1 in favor of the passenger.

Sam Thurston, who has been seriously afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism for the past three months, was able to leave the house Tuesday afternoon for the first time since his illness began. He was driven up town in a buggy, and after placing his name on the register of voters in the county clerk's office, spent a half-hour receiving the greetings of his many friends. He is still very weak from the effects of his illness, but is gaining steadily in weight and hopes to soon be able to walk without the aid of crutches. Sam has a host of friends and acquaintances who will be glad to hear of his convalescence.—Dallas Observer.

THE TIMES' COMPARISON.

Duties of County Judge as Member of Commissioners' Court, and as Probate Judge.

In its article of the 14th inst, the Times attempts to make a comparison between Mr. Woodson and Mr. Watters as regards the fitness of each for county judge. The editorial in question is so full of mis-statements that even the casual observer must have noticed them. If the Times were sincere we could pity its lack of knowledge; if it were fully advised concerning the statements it made, we admire its assurance.

The Times would have the public believe that the judge is the autocrat of the county; that upon him devolves the sole dictation, control and management of county affairs. Under the Times' microscope the county commissioners become pigmies, while the judge developed into colossal proportions. The purpose of this article is to correct an erroneous impression that may have been the outgrowth of the Times' article.

As prescribed by statute the duties of the county judge are three-fold. He is judge of the probate court that is in session at all times for the transaction of business connected with estates of deceased persons; he is judge of the county court which is open the first week in each month for the trial of civil cases where less than \$500 is involved; and lastly, for two days in each month he constitutes, with the two commissioners, commissioners' court for the transaction of county business. In performing the first two duties he acts alone; but in the management of the financial affairs of the county he is only one of three.

Every bill for supplies, every expenditure for bridges, every road supervisor's claim, in short every item of expense that the county is called upon to pay, are matters for the consideration of the commissioners' court; and in this court each commissioner has every bit as much voice in directing or refusing payment of all bills as the judge. No county expense can be properly incurred or paid without the sanction of at least two members of the commissioners' court. This fact is undeniable, and being so, how is it that "the entire financial operations involving \$60,000 to \$70,000 per year" are any more "largely vested in the county judge" than in either of the county commissioners?

But in the face of this, the Times says that the county judge is "to sit as MASTER of the financial and business operations of the county." The law never contemplated and does not impose any such duty. Surely, the Times does not speak for Mr. Watters when it implies that he intends to usurp the functions of the commissioners. Such a contention would afford ample reason why another should be elected county judge, who will consult the commissioners in conducting county affairs.

By far the greater part of the county judge's time is occupied with the consideration of probate business. As a member of the commissioners' court a knowledge of the law is no more necessary than to the commissioners. The law imposes upon the district attorney or his deputies the duty of representing the county when legal complications arise. But in the transaction of probate business, passing upon legal questions arising in the administration of estates, the county judge is called upon to decide some of the most complex problems with which lawyers have to deal. It is a matter of common knowledge among those in a position to know, that without a knowledge of law a probate judge is seriously handicapped in the management of probate business. Many of the land titles in the county depend for their validity upon the legality of the orders made by the probate judge, and this matter of legal equipment becomes the subject of prime importance in considering the qualifications of a probate judge.

The only qualification the Times accredits to Mr. Watters, for the position of probate judge is, his "known integrity," and urges this qualification as the guarantee against heirs being cheated out of their inheritances. To begin with, the law directs who shall receive the property of every man after his death, and administrators give bonds to follow the law. The question for the judge to decide is, have the administrators followed the law as it is laid down in the statutes and decided by the courts.

The judge is permitted no discretion in these matters. No one denies that in fulfilling the duties of every public trust, integrity is essential, but it is to be remembered that integrity is born in a man; he does not acquire it by holding office for a number of years. Not only can no one truthfully impeach Mr. Woodson's integrity but men like Mr. Curran, who have known him for years, testify to his sterling worth, substantial character and known integrity. Elect Mr. Woodson, and the interests of every widow and orphan child will be so zealously guarded that they shall receive every farthing the law gives them, as it is possible for any man to do.

Before coming to Corvallis Mr. Watters was a jeweler at Yaquina. He served as recorder four years when he was advanced to the office of county clerk, which he has occupied for six years. During these ten years he has drawn from the tax payers of Benton county the sum of not less than \$15,000. As county recorder it became his duty to copy deeds and mortgages filed for record; as county clerk it is his duty to act as clerk for the county and circuit courts keeping a record of their transactions as any secretary might do. It is his duty to record in a journal the acts of the commissioners, and in another journal,

the orders made by the probate judge. In each of these positions the clerk simply does what some one else directs him to do. By virtue of this same office Mr. Watters has acted as clerk for Judge Hamilton, recording the decrees of the circuit court in appropriate books.

As stated before in these columns, struggling against odds and by turning his hand to every honest employment, Mr. Woodson acquired a university education; graduated with honors that won for him a position in the institution he had entered as a student. His aim had been to study law and this position was the means to that end. He studied law, and was admitted by the supreme court to practice; a profession he has since followed. Thus Mr. Woodson has specially equipped himself for the duties of a judicial office. In will contests and similar matters Mr. Woodson will bring to the probate bench a judicial mind trained for the consideration of legal questions. As a lawyer he will take a just pride in rendering decisions that will reflect credit upon him in after years; and no scheming and adroit lawyer will be able to begot him with unsound law.

Like Mr. Woodson, Mr. Watters is "a nice young man," but unlike him he possesses no legal training whatever. Simply recording the decisions of a judge without knowing the legal principles upon which they are based, imparts no knowledge of the law. If recording the decisions of the probate judge qualifies Mr. Watters for probate judge, then for the same reason recording the decrees of Judge Hamilton would qualify him to succeed that judge in the circuit court. The thinness of such argument as the Times advances, is too apparent.

In four years Judge Hamilton's term will expire at which time there will be another election of circuit judge, and if Mr. Watters is elected "county" judge in June, the GAZETTE will not be surprised if, when four more years have rolled around, he is being put forward to succeed Judge Hamilton, and the Times will be urging him for the office because he has become "intimately acquainted with business" of the circuit court since one time he was clerk of it.

Marion Hayden.

The Republican County Convention made a wise selection when it nominated Marion Hayden, of Alsea, for representative. Mr. Hayden was born March 28, 1862, in the beautiful valley of Alsea. His father was one of the early pioneers to settle in that valley and thus cast his lot with Benton county. Having become impressed with the excellent resources of the Alsea Valley, he began to prepare his Donation (Land Claim for farming purposes. From out of a forest he hewed one of the best farms that is to be found to day in that valley. His son, Marion, received his education in the public schools of our county. After finishing his education he remained on the farm, with his other brother. The Hayden farm is today the pride and flower of Alsea. It furnishes a large percent of the wheat for milling purposes for the citizens of that part of the county. A visit to it immediately impresses the visitor with the systematic way in which everything is being conducted. The fine dwellings and well-kept fences, convinces the caller of the thrift and industry of Mr. Hayden.

Mr. Hayden has always been a loyal, enthusiastic republican. As an evidence of the esteem in which he is held at home, when he ran for the office of assessor some years ago, he received every vote in his home precinct, except 8 or 9, out of a total of 100.

Mr. Hayden is qualified in every respect to fill the honorable position to which he aspires. Having spent his entire life in Benton county, he is especially fitted to know the needs and wants of our people. The confidence imposed in him by his friends is a true index to his sterling worth. As a member of the legislature, he will always be found working for the interest of Benton county. His object and aim will be to well and truly serve his entire constituency. Being a loyal supporter of good roads, it is unnecessary to say that no stone will be left unturned by him looking to the betterment of roads.

A Good Show.

Lowe's Madison Square Theatre Company played in Anderson every night this week, and we but voice the sentiment of all when we say it is the best company that ever gave a performance in our town. The specialties are better than are usually seen with the popular priced shows, in fact they are far above the average. The management of the opera house may well pride itself in securing to the theatre goers of Anderson such a treat.

"Struggle of Life," will be played this Saturday evening, which ends their engagement here.—Anderson News, Cal. The above company will be at the Corvallis Opera House all next week.

The skimming station for the Hazelwood creamery in this city has suspended operations. The Corvallis Creamery, operated by H. W. Kaupisch, is fully prepared, however, to handle all the cream that is produced in this section. Mr. Kaupisch pays the highest market price for milk and cream. The local market for butter from the Corvallis Creamery is growing rapidly, and individual customers are being added every day.

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We are showing this season the largest stock of men's, boys, young men and children's clothing ever shown in this section. Nolan & Callahan.

Baptist church—Sunday school at 10 o'clock as usual. No preaching service. Young people meet at 7 o'clock and preaching at 8 o'clock. All invited.

Young's Cash Store. New line of men's gloves, direct from mills. Groceries, nuts and candies. "K-tie" hosiery. Millinery and ladies goods. Cor. 3rd and Jefferson Sts.

It will be well to attend the picnic at Willamette Grange Hall, tomorrow. A delightful time is promised. Just now a great interest is taken in the behavior of the weather.

The task of canvassing the votes cast at the city election last Monday was taken in hand, Wednesday, by a board consisting of Justice Holgate, Police Judge Greffoz and Deputy County Clerk Irwin. Everything was found to be correct.

There will be no preaching service at the United Evangelical church next Sunday morning. The pastor will preach at 8 p. m. Services at Witham school house at 3 p. m. H. A. Deck, Pastor.

E. R. Bryson and J. F. Yates addressed the citizens of Dusty on Wednesday evening, the 21st inst. A large audience listened to the discussion of political issues from a republican standpoint. Hon. R. J. Nichols presided.

J. Fred Yates delivered the first speech of the campaign in Kings Valley at the republican rally held there last Saturday evening. Although the weather was most inclement the attendance was good. Mr. Yates made an effective speech and was given close attention. Several candidates for county offices were present and made short talks, which were well received.

James Skipton came up from his home in Salem, Wednesday. He is purchasing horses for a Seattle firm. He desires draft horses and a span of driving animals. He finds horses suitable to his needs very hard to secure. Every year they are harder to find and are higher priced. James says that all old Corvallisites who now reside in Salem are well and doing nicely.

Is your brain tired and are you troubled with brain jag? If so, see Dr. Lowe about your eyes. His glasses are of great value in building up functional energy and brain force. They invigorate the entire nervous system if it is breaking down under eye strain. There are plenty of people in Benton county who can and will testify to this.

The last will and testament of Robert E. Cooper, who died testate in this county on the 29th day of May, 1896, was filed for probate last Tuesday. The deceased, at the time of death, left an estate in this county valued at about \$4,000. The will bears the date of April 29, 1896. There are various heirs to the estate. Geo. W. Cooper and Thomas H. Cooper, petitioners to the county court in this matter, are named in the will as executors to ask without bonds.

A correspondent sends the following from Alsea. It must be that the atmosphere or the beautiful and romantic scenery, or the sweet odors arising from glen and bloom-ing fields are fatal to single blessedness in the charming valley of the Alsea, for there is another wedding to report from that quarter: Mr. Thos. E. Barclay and Miss Cella I. Warfield were married at the residence of Mrs. Lonely Warfield by Rev. B. F. Totten, of the C. P. church, May 18, 1902. A feast of good things followed.



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J. M. Cameron.

Rev. Benj. F. Wilson, socialist, will speak in the court room Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

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