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LOCAL NEWS.

Get your vetch seed at Zierolf's. J. C. Taylor has improved the appearance of his home property by tearing down the old fence surrounding his barn yard.

Charley Blakesley has been engaged at the task of placing a new foundation under the dwelling house of J. W. Ingle, on Third street.

A can of "Woodlark" poisoned wheat was found on the street last Friday and brought to this office. We feel uncomfortable with it in our possession and hope the owner will come and get it.

Harry Fryer came up from Carlton, Friday, to arrange about securing a room during the coming school year. He attended the O A C last year. Harry went back home, Saturday, to return a week later.

Mrs. August Weber and children started for Germany, last Friday. Mrs. Weber may conclude to remain there for a couple of years, as her mother is quite old and it may be her last visit with the "old folks at home."

Tommy Cameron, who is now at Union, Oregon, in a recent letter to his mother stated that Miss Anna Denman had arrived safely in that city and was teaching. Tommy indicated that he would come home before many moons.

James Zuercher has written to a friend in this city that it is doubtful if he will be able to attend the O A C during the coming year. Jim was a popular student and many friends will be disappointed if he does not put in an appearance.

Contractor J. L. Gibson began work on the Farra residence yesterday, and this building will be rushed to completion. Mr. Gibson has just finished a six-room addition to the residence of Mr. Jensen, just north of the mechanical building at the college.

Recorder T. T. Vincent proceeded to his Kings Valley home last Saturday to make arrangements to move his family to Corvallis. They will occupy the Wiles dwelling on Fourth street. During his absence Captain J. W. Crawford presides over affairs in the office.

H. F. Fischer and son, Ernest, and W. A. Wells arrived home from Ashland, Saturday morning. Mr. Wells had been in Southern Oregon for a couple of three weeks, while Mr. Fischer, Sr., had been staying at Tolman springs for some time for the benefit of his health. He is but slightly improved.

Neil Newhouse has just finished laying a new sidewalk along the east and north sides of the old Evangelical church property, now used as a school room for the primary grade pupils of the Corvallis public school. This is an improvement that was much needed and other property owners would do well to try the same plan.

Last Friday a suit for divorce was filed with the county clerk. Mrs. Melissa Crofts is the plaintiff and John Crofts is the defendant. E. Holgate and J. H. Wilson are attorneys for the plaintiff. The suit will be brought before the November term of circuit court for Benton county. Mrs. Crofts was formerly Mrs. Lytle and she asks that she be granted the privilege of taking the name of Lytle. The divorce is asked for on the grounds of desertion.

G. W. Hyde and Frank Spencer arrived in Corvallis, Friday, from a trip to Portland and Oregon City. Mr. Spencer has been having his right to a timber claim contested and spent the better part of last week in Oregon City in an endeavor to establish his claim. The claim Mr. Spencer seeks to secure was formerly homesteaded, but the homesteader's filing had been cancelled before Mr. Spencer filed on the land as a timber claim. The matter has not yet been decided.

In another column will be found a notice to taxpayers. Attention is drawn to the fact that according to law, if one-half of a party's taxes are paid by the first Monday in April the remaining half may go over until the first Monday in October, without penalty, but if not paid by that time a penalty of 10 per cent will be charged and collected, and in addition to that interest will be added on the unpaid half of the taxes at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from said first Monday in April. It will be seen that if the taxes are not paid on the remaining half of the taxes by said first Monday in October the interest on the amount unpaid will be 6 per cent of said sum, and this, added to the 10 per cent penalty, amounts to 16 per cent of the sum that is unpaid, so it behooves taxpayers to straighten up this matter between now and the first Monday in October.

First-class vetch seed—see Zierolf. See Kline's shoe window for men's fine dress shoes.

A badly needed piece of sidewalk is being laid along the block just east of the C. & E. depot.

J. R. Smith & Co. have just had the roof of their store and ware house covered with corrugated iron.

Mrs. Henry Allen and little daughter left, Sunday, for Washington, D. C., where her husband holds a position in the permanent census bureau.

A. W. Bowersox, a former Corvallisite, left Portland last Friday for Des Moines, Iowa, where he is one of four representatives from Oregon to the superior lodge of Odd Fellows.

Richard Kiger began operations with his clover huller, Tuesday of last week. Up to date he has thrashed 80 bushels of clover seed for himself and 100 bushels for H. F. Fischer.

Friday was Shrine Day at the Portland carnival, and members of that branch of Masonry owned the town. H. W. Hall, of this city, spent Friday night with the Shriners in the metropolis.

Professor and Mrs. John Fulton, accompanied by Miss Edna Irvine, left Sunday for Boston. Professor Fulton will take a special course in chemistry at Harvard University, while Miss Irvine will enter the Emerson College of Oratory.

Prof. S. I. Pratt and wife, who spent the last two months in Corvallis have returned to their home in Philomath. The professor is principal of the Philomath public school and Mrs. Pratt will hold a position as one of the under teachers. The school will open on the 29th of this month.

Hon. Wallis Nash and wife, accompanied by Mr. S. F. Cook, of Portland, manager of the Oregon-Pacific Colonization Company, passed down to Newport, Monday evening. Mr. Nash has not yet fully decided whether his residence is to be continued in this county or elsewhere.—Toledo Reporter.

Susie Fennel Pipes, wife of John M. Pipes a former Corvallis boy, is making a concert tour of this state. Mrs. Pipes before her marriage was known as the child violinist of Independence. She has studied under some of the most distinguished violinists in America. During the May Festival in this city, Mrs. Pipes was a member of the orchestra.

J. Wraga went over to Albany, Saturday evening, to guide a party of timber claim seekers to the timber belt in the western part of Lake county. There were ten or a dozen in the party and they expect to be absent about a week. Mr. Wraga expected to get away earlier in the week, but one or two members of the party were unable to leave at that time.

In a letter to Herman Breyer, Dick Zahn, writing from Alsea, says the whole of the country around his place is on fire. While he and his brother have sustained no loss, Dave Tom has had three barns and 300 bushels of oats destroyed. The people in that section are all out fighting the flames. No one can tell what damage has resulted, but Mr. Zahn is satisfied that thousands of acres of valuable timber has been destroyed.

A record for prompt payment of insurance for loss by fire was made by the companies who carried risks on the Woldt property which burned last Tuesday morning. Mr. Woldt had a policy for \$750 on his building in the Underwriters of New York, M. Jacobs local agent, and \$750 on the contents in the Continental, E. R. Bryson, agent. Checks for the amounts of these policies were in Mr. Woldt's possession within 36 hours after the fire.

Chris Kennel, a traveling man for a Portland leather firm, was in Corvallis a few days ago doing business in his line. Mr. Kennel has just spent ten days or two weeks over at the coast and he was most favorably impressed with the attractions at Newport, Nye Creek and other points. He says that he has been at all the resorts along the Oregon coast and likes the Yaquina bay region far better than the balance of them. The only objection to the place was the smoke during the last few days of his sojourn, but such a smoky time only occurs about once in thirty years.

The dense smoke which has annoyed residents of this city for the past ten days is not confined to this section. The entire Willamette valley, and as far north as the mouth of the Columbia river is suffering from the same annoyance. While more or less smoke fills the atmosphere in this valley every fall, it is seldom so dense as at this time. Speaking of this matter the other day, Joseph Yates recalled that 34 years ago this fall forest fires raged in this vicinity and the smoke was thick. Mr. Yates and Joe Hyatt were cutting grain in Linn county near Sand Ridge, and the smoke was so thick that they could not see ahead of the binder until late in the morning, and for that reason did not begin work until ten or eleven o'clock.

All the late style street hats at Mrs. J. Mason's millinery store.

Capt. Geo. A. Robinson has purchased the delivery wagon and outfit of Guy Sealey.

Tam Case and Clum Read and son returned Sunday from a month's outing in the John Day country.

The great reason of Dr. Lowe's success is his thorough knowledge of his profession and his business integrity.

Be sure to have Dr. Lowe test your children's eyes before you send them to school. This is your sacred duty.

The well-known and reliable oculist, Dr. C. W. Lowe, of Eugene, is now at the Occidental to remain until Wednesday night.

Wear the hand-tailored, ready-to-wear new suits of the Hart, Schaffner & Marx famous maker—tor sale only by S. L. Kline.

George Kerker has moved his family to Corvallis from the Locke farm, some four or five miles north of this city. They will occupy a cottage on 9th street.

Ira Whitney, who has been employed at Astoria all summer, returned to Corvallis, Friday, to arrange for the opening of college. He is a senior this year.

Reuben Kiger went to Salem, Sunday, to be present at the opening of the state fair. He has no horses entered in the races this year, but will exhibit his splendid animal, "Pilot."

L. L. Brooks lost a good horse last Saturday evening. The animal got away from Mr. Brooks in the neighborhood of Buena Vista, ran into a barb-wire fence, and was so badly injured that it died.

G. W. Smith, recently of Kansas, who purchased the George Fuller place last spring, has bought the Thompson place of 25 acres, south of Philomath, and will take possession this week. The consideration was \$1,000.

Victor Spencer, arrived home from a week's sojourn in Portland, Saturday. While down there he accepted a position in a drug establishment in Albina. He goes to Portland about the last of the month to assume his duties.

Mr. Riley went to Portland, Sunday, to place his son in school. He returned, Monday, to the bedside of his wife who is still suffering from the effects of the injuries received by the collapse of a bridge in Linn county some weeks ago. Mr. Andrews, who had his leg broken at the same time, is now able to be about and will return to his place in Kline's store shortly.

During the past summer laborers of all kinds have been very scarce in and around Corvallis. It has been very difficult to secure the necessary carpenters to do the building that has been in progress. Draymen state that they have experienced a most successful summer in their business, and many times they have been obliged to turn hauling away. During the season just past there has been sufficient business to have paid another day. Of course the season is well advanced now and work along this line is dropping off somewhat and during the coming fall and winter the present draymen can take care of what work there will be in their line very handsly.

There may be nothing in a name, but if that name is used to exploit a theatrical performance it will make itself felt in the receipts at the box office. A case in point is "The King of the Opium Ring," which appeared at the Opera House Saturday evening. The title is euphonious, but conjures up uncanny thoughts and gives the impression that the play must abound in "horse play" and "penny dreadful" climaxes. True, it does nothing of the kind. But it has the many thrilling situations of the melodrama, but there is nothing offensive. A feature of the performance Saturday evening was the appropriate costuming and special scenery. A number of the performers did really excellent work, and the specialty acts were pleasing. The juggler was the clearest we have seen here.

Letter List.

For the week ending Sept. 13, 1902. Persons calling for these letters will please state date on which they were advertised. They will be charged at the rate of one cent each:

Charles Allen, Brown & Pierce, Mrs. Sarah Brown, Mrs. Eliza A. Ballard, Mrs. Mary T. Caldwell, Chas. De Vinney, Mrs. Lucy Hamilton, Mrs. Nettie C. Harrison, John Huddleston (2), Mrs. Jane Johnson, Miss Vernie Johnson (2), Lafe Johnson, Mrs. Malissa Lytle, Frank O'Neal, Gustave Papke, John Sullivan.

B. W. JOHNSON, P. M.

Servant Girl Wanted.

Middle-aged lady preferred. For family of two. Mrs. J. C. KAPLAN, 4th and Harrison Sts.

For Sale

One good work horse, weight 1,200, price \$80; one 6-year-old mare, bred to colt, price \$100; one young cow, \$25. Enquire of A. F. HERRNER.

Back on a Visit.

George Horsefall arrived in Corvallis, Friday. This is his first visit to this city in something like three years and a half. Formerly he was in business in this city, but left here to go to Troy, Idaho. Shortly after arriving there he bought a store and carried on a general merchandising business for a time. Having an opportunity to sell to advantage, he disposed of his store and went into the grain business, buying and selling. He is still engaged in grain dealing. He says that Troy is a lively little city.

There are lively times in the section of Idaho where Mr. Horsefall is and wages are good. Men are scarce. During harvest, which is but little more than half over in the vicinity of Troy, wages run from \$2 to \$6 per day, the average wages being \$3.50 per day. There is a good grain crop raised in his section.

In and about Troy there are many sawmills and the amount of lumber of various kinds that is shipped in the course of a twelve-month is almost incomprehensible. There is also something doing in the way of mines and Mr. Horsefall at present has a splendid mica mine bonded.

While Troy, Idaho, is a good place to make money it is not an ideal place to live. The summers are very hot and the winters correspondingly cold. During the spring and fall he says there is about as much rainfall as there is in the Willamette valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Horsefall passed through Corvallis about ten days ago en route to the bay. Mrs. Horsefall's parents live in Lincoln county and she will remain there for a few weeks' visit. Mr. Horsefall may be called back to Idaho at any time by pressure of business. During the past summer he has had very good health, but he says that since he got back to Oregon he feels much better. He has many friends here who were glad to welcome him during his visit.

Woman Outwitted Him.

All old-timers will remember John H. Lewis, who formerly lived in Corvallis, but who at present is a constable at Salem. Not long ago he was given authority to arrest Mrs. Ora Damon and Mrs. A. J. Blanchard, on the charge of larceny. He had an awful time of it and then the ladies were acquitted, much to his chagrin.

The arrests were made in Independence. On his making his mission known to Mrs. Blanchard, the latter, according to the Statesman, "sought refuge in her home and when Mr. Lewis followed her there he was set upon by Mrs. Blanchard's mother and daughters who had armed themselves with chairs and other articles of furniture and such a mix-up as occurred there Mr. Lewis said he never saw before. Nearly all the people in town were attracted to the scene by the hideous screams of the women. To cap the climax, for Constable Lewis never released his hold upon his quarry for an instant, not even to protect himself, the woman went into hysterics and sank into a swoon."

He was obliged to leave Mrs. Blanchard, at her home, a friend vouching for her appearance in Salem at the proper time, and he proceeded to Salem, accompanied by Mrs. Damon, who made no resistance. While crossing the big bridge across the Willamette at Salem, Mrs. Damon, who occupied the rear seat in the vehicle succeeded in leaving the vehicle without Mr. Lewis' knowledge and gave him the slip. He reached Salem with nothing to show for all the trouble he had encountered.

All of Mr. Lewis' friends in this city are laughing about the incident and if he ever returns to Corvallis he will have a great time telling just how it happened.

A la Tracy.

Cleve Prather, of Buena Vista, was in Corvallis Friday and Saturday. He related that he had been robbed of his clothing recently by a couple of lads who had escaped from the reform school at Salem. His brother's clothes were taken at the same time.

There was nobody at home on the Prather farm and the two runaways had free run of the premises. They camped in a grove of timber not a great distance from the house and helped themselves to what they wanted in the way of eatables. A week ago Sunday it was discovered

that somebody had entered the house and stolen food, but not until last Wednesday did Cleve and his brother notice that their best suits had disappeared.

When the camp of the boys was located it was found that they had robbed a stump with the clothing that they had discarded. They had taken a piece of fungus and drawn the face of a man on it, and this surmounted the stump, giving it quite a grotesque appearance. The boys had evidently caught the Tracy fever and desired to have some sort of a monument to their daring.

The boys were found by the authorities and returned to the reform school, but at a late date Cleve and his brother's clothes had not found their way home and he came up to Corvallis to replace them.

Dallas Water System.

The city council of Dallas has accepted the proposition of H. V. Gates for supplying that city with a system of water works. While Corvallis is contemplating propositions for a like purpose, it is interesting to know what terms other cities are being offered.

The main features of Mr. Gates' proposition are to the effect that the works shall be a conduit gravity system. The water is to be brought from Canyon Creek, a mountain stream five miles west of Dallas, to a 300,000-gallon reservoir on West Dallas Heights, 150 feet above Main street, with a system of mains covering the entire town. Mr. Gates is to furnish thirty-four hydrants, or more if necessary, for fire protection, and water for sewer flushing and fire company drill. Mr. Gates must keep all hydrants in repair and ready for instant service.

All work, piping, mains, etc., must bear a test of 125 pounds to the square inch, and sustain four streams seventy feet high for three hours from separate hydrants. The city is to furnish the contractor \$12,000 in twenty-year bonds. At the end of twenty years the city is to have the option of buying the plant at an appraised value.

The council set Sept. 15th as the time for the bond election. Mr. Gates utters a certified check for \$3,000 that the work shall be commenced fifteen days after the bond election, provided the bonds are voted. The bonds will be sold to the lowest bidders and may be a popular loan to accommodate local capitalists.

"Thelma" Thursday Night.

The presentation of the beautiful play, "Thelma," at the Opera House next Thursday evening promises to be the theatrical event of the season. The play had a most successful run in Portland, and at the final performance, Saturday, many persons were turned away. The Oregonian of September 11th says of the first night's performance:

A large audience greeted the first production of "Thelma" at Cordray's last night, and received the play enthusiastically. "Thelma" has the distinct advantage of being new to the Portland stage. It is a very pretty love story, with a beginning in the land of the midnight sun at summer time, development in London and its climax in Norway in midwinter. With the love story there is villainy at the hands of people in high social rank and two glimpses of Norwegian mythology, set in scenic brilliancy. It is a simple story, appealing with force and directness.

The company is well chosen, Miss Beauford, who plays Thelma, has beauty, a sweet, sympathetic voice, grace, and emotional power. Several fine scenes fall to her share. Mr. Kearsley did well with the dwarf—a role that arouses much sympathy. Mr. Richmond made a dignified Viking, his form and voice being perfectly suited to the part. All the comedy is in the hands of Emily Erickson Greene, who played Thelma's faithful servant admirably. The remainder of the cast was entirely capable. Special scenery added no little to the completeness of the play.

Additional Local.

A house to rent—inquire at this office.

A large quantity of first-class vetch seed for sale, at Zierolf's. Oil meal for sale at Graham & Wells. Splendid feed for dairy stock.

For Sale.

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Philomath, Benton County, Oregon

**Notice of Final Settlement.**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Deborah Hughes, deceased, has filed in the county court of Benton county, State of Oregon, his final account as such administrator of said estate, and that Saturday, the 11th day of October, 1902, at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m. of said day, has been fixed by said court as the time for hearing of objections to said account and the settlement thereof.  
S. D. HUGHES,  
Administrator of the estate of Deborah Hughes, deceased.

**Dog Tax License.**  
I am requested by the City Council to notify owners of dogs that a tax of \$1 on dogs, and \$3 on sluts, was due Sept. 1st, and that it is their duty to report at once to the City Treasurer and pay this tax, taking his receipt therefor. I am ordered by the council to impound all dogs whose tax is not paid.  
Respectfully,  
A. B. ALEXANDER,  
Chief of Police.  
Sept. 5, 1902.

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