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LOCAL NEWS.

N. P. Newton went to Forest Grove, Friday, to visit relatives for a few days.

J. H. Gibson returned home last week from a ten-days' trip through the southern part of the state.

Coach Herbold, of the O A C football team, went to Portland, Saturday and returned yesterday.

New suits for the dressy young man in the new coronation cloth, round and square cuts, at Kline's.

Quite a number of our young people congregated in Burnett's hall, Friday night, and enjoyed a dance.

R. M. Davison came up from Salem, Saturday, to attend some business that necessitated his presence for a few days.

F. P. Sheasgreen started, Saturday, for Victoria, British Columbia, to attend the convention of the Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs. He will likely be absent about a week.

George F. Eglin, who left here some weeks ago with his family, has written F. P. Morgan that he is in Ashland, Oregon, and intends remaining there during the coming winter.

The C. & E. train between Albany and Detroit changed time yesterday. It now leaves Albany at 7 a. m., instead of 1 p. m., and returns to Albany in the evening at 5:35.

Bandmaster Jas. Zurcher says that O A C has some pretty good material for a band this year. There has been as many as twenty-four performers at band rehearsals at one time.

Samuel Reed, who has been the guest of S. E. Simpson and family during the past summer, departed for his home in Chicago, Friday. Miss Pearl Simpson accompanied him as far as Portland.

Operations are expected to be completed at the big prune orchard today. The fruit of this orchard was all dried, some little time ago and recently the dryer has been operated on the output of other orchards.

John Gault, who is to print the college yearbook during the coming school year, returned from Portland, Saturday. He went down to purchase the necessary stock for the publication of the journal.

A total eclipse of the moon, visible throughout the United States, will occur on the night of October 16th. The moon enters shadow at 11:17 p. m., October 16, and the total eclipse begins at 12:19 a. m., October 17.

The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. societies held a joint reception in the Armory, Friday. A nice program was rendered and light refreshments were served. The object of the reception was to get the students acquainted.

John McCormick and wife came over from Brownsville, Friday, for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mason. Mrs. McCormick is Mr. Mason's only sister. Mrs. Mason's mother, Mrs. Kisor, of Philomath, is also a guest at this home.

The public school at Philomath opened last week with a good attendance. Everything is running nicely under the supervision of Prof. S. I. Pratt. The assistant teachers are Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Springer and Miss Ivy Durkee.

Prof. S. I. Pratt, principal of the Philomath public schools, was in Corvallis last Saturday. He says the patrons of the school took a vote, Friday, on the question of establishing a ninth grade in this school. It was carried almost unanimously and ninth grade work will be started this week.

Robt. Johnson was the "observed of all observers" last Friday as he drove about Corvallis. He had been down at the big prune orchard and while there some practical joker changed the wheels on his buggy, putting the hind wheels in front. "Bob" appeared to be wholly unconscious of the change.

Editor R. F. Holms, of the Toledo Reporter, visited Corvallis last Saturday to attend some matters of business. Mr. Holms says that everything in Lincoln county is in splendid form and the prospects for a good future are bright. He says that during the present year something more than one hundred homesteaders will make final proof on their holdings. Next year some two or three hundred others will prove up. The land that is being proved up on lies mainly in the Siletz basin and a great part of it is heavily timbered. When the patents are granted for this land steps will be taken to market the timber and then there will be lively times in Lincoln county. The timber will have to be taken out by way of Toledo or Newport.

Get your umbrella ribs fixed at the Bicycle Hospital.

Born, Friday, Oct. 3, 1902, to the wife of L. L. Howe, a son.

Attorney E. R. Bryson went over to Toledo, Saturday, on legal business.

Miss Elma King, McCloud, California, is expected to arrive some time this week for an extended visit with Miss Edna Garrow.

Professor Chas. Johnson went to Monmouth, Saturday, to arrange for a game of football between teams from the O S N S and O A C.

Fred Oberer, owner of the Charter Oak Mill, was in Corvallis yesterday attending some business. He says everything is favorable for his business. The mill is located near Airlie and he has fourteen men employed at present. There is a steady demand for the output of this mill. At present they are sawing oak.

H. L. Holgate, now engaged in the field in the irrigation investigation now being conducted under the direction of the census bureau, paid relatives and friends in Corvallis a visit Sunday. Harry has just visited Nevada and was passing through this state on his way to California, where most of his time will be employed.

Considerable work is in progress at the college. Saturday they began filling a large silo with green corn. It is understood that they steamed the corn as they put it in. The dryer has been kept busy of late. Prunes and other fruit have been dried and some potatoes have been evaporated. The drying is nearly always conducted along experimental lines.

Rumors have been abroad during the last few days to the effect that H. Hirschberg, the Independence banker, who has been boring for oil near Independence, had struck it rich. It was stated that on Wednesday he struck oil rock—a peculiar rock always found above the oil-bearing sand, and that yesterday, after penetrating the rock, a good quality of crude petroleum was struck. The rumor is as yet unconfirmed, but should it prove true, the fact will be hailed with joy by every resident of the Willamette valley for it will mean prosperity for this state as yet undreamed of.

Pipes-Huggins Concert.

There were two reasons, probably for the small audience which greeted Susie Fennell Pipes at concert given at the Opera House Friday evening: Mismanagement, and other attractions. Had the recital been given at the college under the auspices of one of the societies of that institution, and liberally advertised, there is little doubt that Mrs. Pipes and Miss Huggins would have been accorded the patronage they deserve. That but few were out to hear them Friday evening is no reflection on the appreciation of the citizens of Corvallis.

Mrs. Pipes played but two numbers on her program—a movement of the "Fruhlings Sonate," by Beethoven, and the double number, "Serenade d'Harlequin," by Spitzner and "Gypsy Dance," by Ernst. To a prolonged encore she responded with one of Brahms' Hungarian Dances, which was delightfully rendered.

Miss Huggins proved a sympathetic and responsive accompanist, and performed as a solo, Sinding's "Fruhlings Rauschen."

Mrs. Pipes played with great delicacy and true sense of technique. While not powerful, her tones are crisp and pure, and every number was rendered with artistic finish. She excelled in the performance of the "Gypsy Dance," a style of composition especially adapted to her ability and temperament.

Peasant Politics.

At a meeting a month or two ago T. T. Vincent presented a petition for the county to provide him with a book type writer for use in the recorder's office. At this week's session, the court denied the petition on the ground that it had in the past been customary for all county officials to provide themselves with typewriting machines at their own expense.—Corvallis Times.

The records of the proceedings of the court on such reason—nor any reason, in fact—why the petition was denied. Nor has it been the custom for county officials to provide themselves with book typewriters. When Recorder Vincent entered his petition, there was a book typewriter on trial in the clerk's office. This is the only machine of this description in the court house. However, other counties provide their officers with book typewriters.

Recorder Vincent has provided himself with an ordinary typewriter, such as are in use by other officers in the court house, and paid for it out of his own pocket, so he was violating no custom, and making no unreasonable request, when he asked for a book typewriter.

For Rent.

Eight-room house, with l.a.h. Inquire of M. Jacobs.

PRESENT OWNER BOOKS.

Some interesting facts concerning their inception, cost of making and keeping them up, and whom they serve.

At its last session the county court issued the following order: "It appearing to the court that the Present Ownership Book, in the county recorder's office is in bad condition, through lack of room for continuances, etc., that the laws provide that a map showing the owners of lands on March 1st of each year shall be furnished the county assessor; that the expense of keeping up said books and map from month to month and providing the plats for the assessor on March 1st, is a double expense, it is the opinion of the court that the keeping up of said books and plats from month to month should be discontinued, and it is so ordered."

While this matter was under consideration Recorder Vincent was called before the court to give his opinion as to the necessity of keeping up the present owner books from month to month as a matter of convenience to the public. Mr. Vincent stated that the books and maps were being continually studied and inspected by farmers and the public generally and he considered the books and map of great benefit and convenience. The court held, however, that the books and maps should be kept only for the use of the assessor, and that by having them brought up once a year a great saving to the county could be effected thereby.

In connection with this matter an investigation of the records of the court, showing how and when the present method of keeping up the present owner books was instituted, is of interest.

The records of December 6th, 1893, contain the following entry:

In the matter of extending the present owner books from June 1st, 1890, to Dec. 31st, 1893: This matter came on for hearing on the bid of V. E. WATTERS to extend said present owner book in accordance with the following specifications, viz: "That the present owner book be extended from June 1st, 1890, to Dec. 31st, 1893, showing the present owner of each piece or parcel of land lying and being situated in the present county of Benton, State of Oregon, as shown by the records in the office of the county recorder of said county and state.

"That the arrangement and classification of said lands in said present owner book shall be the same as heretofore made. That there shall also be made an index of the present owners of said lands arranged in alphabetical order.

"That after said present owner book shall have been completed up to said Dec. 31st, 1893, it shall be kept and continued to July 1st, 1894, and that said work of continuing said present owner book, to said Dec. 31st, 1893, shall be completed on or before March 1st, 1894.

"That if said work shall be done in a workmanlike manner and in accordance with above specifications that said county of Benton, by its proper officers, shall accept same and issue its warrants in the sum of \$300 to be paid as follows: On the completion of said present owner book to Dec. 31st, 1893, the sum of \$250, and for the continuing of said work to said July 1st, 1894, the sum of \$50, to be paid when said work shall be completed."

It is ordered by the court that the contract for extending said present owner book be awarded to said V. E. Watters, in accordance with above specifications.

The records show that Mr. Watters, judge of the present court, was allowed \$250, March 7, 1894, and \$50, July 5, 1894, for "present owner book."

It would appear from these records, that the present county judge took the initiative, when recorder, in establishing the practice of keeping up the present owner book, which the court has just decided is unnecessary; that the charge he made for bringing the books up from June 1st, 1890, to December 31, 1893—covering a period of two and one-half years—was \$250, or \$100 a year, a sum in excess of the charge made by the present recorder and which the court says is unnecessary expense for this work. For keeping up the present owner book for the six months from December 31, 1893 to July 1st, 1894, Recorder Watters received \$50, or something over \$8 per month.

This work has been continued from month to month until this time, and Recorder Vincent has been receiving \$7 for doing it.

The question naturally arises, if it was beneficial for Recorder Watters to begin the work of keeping up the present owner book and to continue it through his terms and up to this time, why isn't it beneficial and necessary now?

If it cost the county \$250 to have Recorder Watters bring present owner book up for a period covering two and one-half

years—or \$100 for bringing the work up for a year—was the original charge exorbitant, or can the court now get some one to do it for less than the original bidder was willing to do it?

The fact is that Recorder Vincent has been doing this work for \$7 per month, and the discontinuance of the keeping up of the present owner book will prove a greater disappointment to farmers than to any other class of people in the community.

County Court.

The commissioners court met in regular session last Wednesday, October 1st. The usual accumulation of bills were audited and ordered paid and the following special business given attention:

The cost bill on inquest held on body of L. M. Mattoon, by Horace Underwood, acting coroner, was ordered paid. Said bill amounted to \$7.15. C. A. Skaggs was ordered paid \$2 as constable fees on the same case.

It was ordered that J. H. Gibson be allowed and paid \$159 for expediting county records.

H. L. Bush was allowed \$18 for his services on the board of equalization.

In the matter of rebate fees in the estate of James Marvin Applewhite, deceased, it appearing to the court that June 18th, 1902, John C. Applewhite, filed a petition in the county court asking for appointment of administrator of said estate, and paid filing fee thereon of \$7.50; that said fee was duly paid to county treasurer, by the clerk, and said petition having been denied by said court, it is ordered that the clerk draw a warrant for \$7.50 in favor of John C. Applewhite in rebate of said fee collected.

At this time was considered a communication from W. C. Langfitt, Captain of Corps Engineers, U. S. A., referring to the matter of hauling gravel from the Willamette river at or near the Albany bridge, which has a tendency to change the channel of said river at that point, which is contrary to the U. S. statutes governing the same. The supervisor of the road district was ordered to deposit from removal of gravel from said point.

The petition of Recorder T. T. Vincent asking the court to purchase a book typewriter for use in his office was refused.

In the matter of the bill of CORVALLIS GAZETTE for \$10: The bill of the CORVALLIS GAZETTE for Institute programs, amounting to \$10, is hereby rejected for the reason that same should have been paid by School Superintendent from Institute fund.

In the matter of building a bridge near residence of Frank Huggson, on Corvallis-Albany road, R. M. Gilbert was awarded the contract. There were three bids as follows: S. H. Peterson, \$874; R. M. Gilbert, \$764, and J. B. Tillotson, \$1,474.

The petition of M. L. Frantz for exemption in the matter of taxes on personal property was granted.

In the matter of windmill for court house grounds: It is ordered that this matter be continued for the term.

It appearing to the court that the Keese bridge was damaged by W. A. Gellatly, who took his traction engine across it without planking said bridge, according to law, the clerk was ordered to send a statement of cost of repairs to said bridge to Mr. Gellatly for settlement.

The report of J. H. Gibson for experting accounts of county clerk, sheriff, treasurer, and recorder appeared to the court to be correct and was accepted and their bondsmen were released from all responsibility for the term ending July 7, 1902. It appeared to the court that Sheriff Burnett had over-paid to the treasurer the sum of \$11.64 for the term ending July 7, 1902, and the clerk was instructed to draw a warrant in favor of the sheriff for said sum.

The report of J. H. Gibson for experting books of county school superintendent was presented and ordered filed.

Chicken Pie Dinner!

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a chicken pie dinner at the residence of Mrs. Hemphill, on Main street, Friday, Oct. 10, from 5 p. m. to 9 p. m. Dinner will be 25 cents.

Wanted.

By a young man who is attending college, a place where he can work nights and mornings and Saturdays for his board.—Inquire at this office.

Center of Athletic Interests.

Coach F. D. Herbold, of the Oregon Agricultural College, was in the city yesterday. Coach Herbold is confident of turning out a strong team at Corvallis this year, as he has about 40 candidates to pick from. The presence of Gault, Burnaugh and Walters, three old football veterans, has stimulated the new candidates to the hardest kind of work, and the competition for places on the team is becoming interesting. Corvallis will encounter all the college teams of the state, as well as Whitman and the University of Washington. The season will close with a Thanksgiving day game against Pacific University, on the new athletic field at Corvallis. The new field, which has just been inclosed, lies directly south of the Agricultural College campus, and is one of the best in the state. A large grandstand has just been erected, and the field will probably become the center of athletic interests in Oregon, owing to its splendid location. As the college rules forbid contests with athletic clubs, the Corvallis lads will have no opportunity to play against Multnomah.—Oregonian.

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"Other People's Troubles."

It is much pleasanter to look for "Other People's Money" than "other people's troubles," but the writer would look for trouble if "Other People's Money" company does not fill their contract as advertised. From all reports, negotiations are pending to that effect.

Philomath College Faculty.

Philomath College is a pioneer, educationally, on this coast. It enjoys the proud distinction of numbering among its graduates more of Oregon's leading educators, than any other one institution in the state.

The course of study has recently been revised and made to harmonize with the state course, and enough additions, also, have been made thereto that bring it upon a par with the best colleges of the states east of the Rocky Mountains. It has a very strong course, in each Department.

Each member of the faculty is a specialist, and it is generally conceded that the present corps of teachers stands unsurpassed, as a whole, for professional experience and ability, by any that has preceded it in the history of the school. Thorough training may be had in the Classics, Philosophy, Science, Commercial, Shorthand, Music, Oratory, Art, Typewriting, and Bible Study. Physical Training, or athletics has been reduced to a perfect system by the Director of Athletics, Prof. Caldwell.

Judging from the matriculation at the present stage of the term, the enrollment for the year will exceed that of last year by about 50 per cent.



F. S. HAROUN, D. B., L. L. D.

The small college has its place in the educational world. Following is a list of the heads of the various departments:

- B. E. Emerick, A. M., B. D., President—Language and Ethics.
- F. S. Haroun, D. B., L. L. D., Secretary—Prin. College of Commerce.
- J. M. Haskins, B. S. D.—Mathematics and Normal Work.
- O. V. White, B. S.—History and Literature.
- I. A. Caldwell, Ph. B.—Science, Mathematics and German.
- Lois A. Greene Mns. B.—Prin. of Music Department.
- Mabel Stephens.—Prin. of Art Department.
- L. S. Haroun.—Stenography and Typewriting.
- Rev. F. W. Jones, A. B.—College Pastor.

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For Sale. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Charles Herron, deceased, and that any person having claims against said estate will present them to the administrator at his office in Corvallis, Oregon, with proper vouchers, within six months from this date. Corvallis, Or., September 5, 1902. W. E. YATES, Administrator.