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LOCAL NEWS.

"My Uncle from New York." Coming—Georgia Harper and her excellent company.

The latest thing in the poultry business—a fresh laid egg. Opera House, Oct. 14, 15 and 16, the Georgia Harper company.

A meeting of the board of regents of the O. A. C. is called for tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock.

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

J. E. Greer and daughter, Miss Birdie, intended to leave yesterday for Looster, where they will spend a few days.

Ladies! Ladies! Don't fail to see the elegant gowns worn by Miss Georgia Harper next Tuesday night in "The Lyric Queen."

Miss Alma King, of McCloud, California, arrived Sunday and is the guest of Miss Edna Garrow. Miss King was expected to arrive several days sooner.

Professor Lake reports that he has just got through digging his potatoes. He says that he had either a very small patch or a poor crop. He had three bushels.

W. H. Whaley has just completed drying his prune crop. His place is about five miles west of this city. He had 500 bushels of prunes and they were exceedingly fine. The yield was about an average.

It is expected that the first number of the College Barometer for this year will make its appearance within a few days. There was talk of making this journal a weekly for the coming year, but it was finally decided to issue it monthly.

W. G. Davis, who came to this country about a year ago from Nebraska, has just received information to the effect that three or four families will arrive in Corvallis from the vicinity of his old home shortly. Some of them are personal friends of Mr. Davis.

The chicken pie dinner given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church, Friday evening in the Hemphill house, was a most successful affair in every way. It was splendidly patronized and the ladies found themselves shy on chicken long before the dinner hour was over. The proceeds amounted to between \$40 and \$50.

A pair of bantam chickens were stolen from the premises of C. A. White, in this city, Friday evening. The fowls were valued only as pets for the children and had a small box which they roosted in. They were taken box and all. Mr. White has strong suspicions regarding the identity of the party who kidnapped the chickens.

Beginning last Saturday evening, the Telegram will continue to arrive in this city every evening in the future instead of at noon the day after it leaves the press. Arrangements have been made whereby John Gault will bring it over from Albany on a railroad velocipede every evening. This arrangement is intended to be permanent.

Quite a number of Corvallisites went over to Albany, Saturday afternoon to attend the concert given by Sousa's famous band. Some eight or ten of the O. A. C. band boys attended. From all accounts Sousa's band can play most acceptably. Beyond doubt the concert was not only a musical treat for many, but a revelation as well.

Late Friday afternoon a China pheasant, as it winged its flight through this city, struck a telephone wire near the Occidental hotel and fell to the ground. It was slightly stunned by striking the wire, but not enough to keep it from giving several men and dogs a merry chase before it was picked up. Charley Bityeu caught the China.

Samuel Swanson, now proprietor of the Hotel Corvallis, was up from Portland a few days ago to look after his interests here. There is talk of a large brick building being erected between the Hotel Corvallis and the Brick stable, but as inquiry has failed to discover who is going to build it, the conclusion is that the matter is merely talk and nothing more.

The meeting of the Willamette Presbytery, which was held in Eugene last week, was exceedingly well attended. The usual business that occurs at such a meeting passed off smoothly and nothing of particular interest took place aside from the fact that Rev. H. L. Reed, pastor of the Albany church, tendered his resignation, to take effect about the first of next December. He has a position as professor in the Theological Seminary at Auburn, N. Y. The resignation was accepted and the pastoral relations dissolved.

Georgia Harper's company.

Get your umbrella ribs fixed at the Bicycle Hospital.

F. P. Sheasgreen returned, Sunday, from Victoria, B. C., where he has been attending the meeting of the fire chiefs of the Pacific coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark returned to Corvallis, Sunday, to reside, after an absence of about two years in Baker City. We welcome them home again.

Robt. Johnson and B. W. Johnson, no relation, went to Portland, yesterday, where they will represent Valley Lodge, at the meetings of the Grand Lodge, K. of P.

At the Lincoln county fair, which is being held this week, Dr. James Withycombe and Prof. Geo. Coote, of the O. A. C., will act as judges. Dr. Withycombe will be one of the judges on cattle and sheep, while Prof Coote will act in the same capacity on horticulture and floriculture.

Mr. John Whitaker and daughter, Miss Maggie, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitaker, were passengers to Portland, on Sunday's westside train. Mr. Whitaker goes to act as a jurymen in the U. S. circuit court, while the other members of the party are sight seeing, and will return home the last of this week.

Walter Virgil Mulkey died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Etta Quigley, in Pasadena, California, Oct. 3rd, after a lingering illness. The remains were interred at Mt. View cemetery, near that city. Mr. Mulkey was known in this county, where he resided many years, as an exemplary young man. His many friends will regret to learn of his death.

A nice half-tone and write-up of Mordaunt Goodnough, the newly elected Director of the School of Music at the O. A. C., appeared in Friday's Telegram. In the sketch that accompanied the half-tone, many nice things were said regarding Mr. Goodnough's musical attainments, technique and talent, and the enjoyable feature of the matter is that everything said is true.

The marriage of Clifford Kerr and Miss Minnie Morgan, occurred Sunday, Oct. 12, 1902, at 4 p. m., at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Morgan, in Job's addition. Rev. H. A. Deck performed the ceremony in the presence of a number of relatives and friends of the high contracting parties. A delicious luncheon was spread, and a merry time was enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr will reside in Job's addition.

A number of members of the Modern Woodmen, assisted by two other gentlemen, exemplified the teachings of their order last Sunday, by proceeding to the scene of the residence of David Howard, which was recently destroyed by fire, and lending that gentleman a hand in rebuilding the structure. They labored faithfully, gratis, all day and when evening came the frame work of a good sized house was completed. Thus, they may be said to have been practicing while others were preaching.

A theatrical entertainment was given last Thursday afternoon, at the home of Myrtle Spaulding, by some of the junior amateurs of the public school. A song, entitled "The Rich Girl," was sung by Miss May MacLean. The two little beggar girls pleading for mercy from the rich girl, were Miss Grace Smith and Miss Vivian Eek. Myrtle Spaulding, as the christian girl, made her appearance just in time to speak for Jesus, and kissed their tears away. Much credit is due the children. Cinderella was one of the attractions; Miss Norma Grefox as prince.

About a week ago, W. H. Wolf arrived in Corvallis from Oklahoma. The gentleman is a brother-in-law of Godfrey Stettler, who formerly resided in this city and conducted a meat market, but who at present is carrying on a similar business in Oklahoma. Mr. Wolf is out here on a tour of inspection and will spend a week or more in this section. He is favorably impressed with the country and intends to secure a small farm if he can find one that will suit him, and then he will move his family here. Mr. Wolf states that it is quite probable that Mr. Stettler will return to the coast before a great while, as he looks upon this part of the world as the acme of perfection.

The Good Roads Convention, under the direction of the office of Public Roads Inquiry, United States Department of Agriculture, will be held in Portland, three days beginning today. The convention will be attended by those publicly interested in road improvement from every county in the state. Unfortunately, it was found advisable to abandon the proposition to bring the good roads train to the coast at this time. But it is unofficially announced that the train will be brought to Oregon next spring, and demonstrations in road making will be carried on in every county seat in the state, accessible by rail. It is to be hoped that this plan may carry. The S. P. Co., through its agent, Mr. Coman, at Portland, is doing all in its power to bring this about. The train will have free transportation over the lines of this company.

NOT QUITE APROPOS.

Mr. Watters Notices an Article in the Gazette, but Leaves His Text to Deal in Personalities.

EDITOR GAZETTE: For the purpose of correcting wrong impressions conveyed by your article of the 7th inst., entitled "Present Owner Books," permit me to reply thereto.

The present owner books were prepared by J. R. Markley & Co., at a cost of about \$7,000 to the county. In 1894 the court desired the books brought down to date, segregating Benton from Lincoln property, making a new index and transcribing the book of towns. I submitted a bid at the request of the court for said work which they accepted and paid me \$350 therefor. The books have been kept up since by the recorder.

At the session of the Oregon Legislature, 1901 (See Session Laws—page 243), there was passed a law making it mandatory for the assessor of each county in the state, to provide himself with just such books as are now under discussion. Assessor Bush has at different times asked the court to provide him with such books and maps. The court always having just what the assessor asked for and needed, the court did not feel disposed to run the county uselessly in debt, hence at its last meeting after careful consideration decided unanimously that it would be for the best interest of the people to stop the continued posturing of said books and put them up only on March 1st each year for the benefit of the assessment. In examining the present owner book for which Benton county paid \$7,000 we found that pages have been so mutilated by erasures, corrections, interlineations, etc., (necessarily made in trying to keep up a book not provided for continuations) that in some cases the book is not reliable, and if once badly mixed the whole thing becomes absolutely worthless and a total loss to the county.

It was necessary to stop further posturing of the present owner book whether the court changed the plans of keeping it up or not.

The undersigned has for a number of years been satisfied that a great many people of the county were being imposed upon by unequal assessments, property escaping taxation, etc., and that the surest way of correcting the same was to use the present owner books and maps with the assessment rolls. And when the matter was brought to the attention of the commissions they became convinced that it would be for the best interest of all that said change be made. The books and maps are to remain in the recorder's office, except when in actual use in making up and checking the tax rolls therewith. They are to be posted on the 1st day of March each year instead of daily or weekly as now kept. Your statement that this will result in great inconvenience to the farmer, is overdrawn. You are not well advised or are willfully misleading your readers. I do not believe there is a farmer in Benton county who understands the present owner book and is content with it without assistance (and this is not casting any reflection upon the intelligence of the farmer either, for it is not in his line) and I feel sure that even the editor of the GAZETTE who has had more or less experience with the records cannot use it intelligently. The book is used mostly by the officers, lawyers and abstractors. The present owner books made by me for the county are consulted more, but in some cases out of ten the recorder or some competent person assists in the examination of these. Having them posted but once a year will result in this—that if any one should apply to the recorder's office to find the ownership of certain described land, the recorder referring to the present owner books or maps to save time, instead of examining the other records of his office, finds that "A. B. was the owner on March 1st," he then looks to see if "A. B." has deeded said land since March 1st, that is all. In this matter as in the matter of the water supply at the court house, which the GAZETTE criticized, the members of the court acted in entire harmony and as I believe with pure motives for the best interests of the people of Benton county, whom it is their duty to faithfully serve.

In conclusion I desire to say that the GAZETTE's attitude in this matter does not spring from many motives, but is a badly disguised effort to make capital of a personal matter against the undersigned, and will be so recognized by your readers. Yours truly, VIRGIL E. WATTERS. Corvallis, Or., October 13, 1902.

(The above article was handed to us at such a late hour, that lack of space prevented consideration of its assertions in this issue.)

Got His Money Back.

A week ago Jacob Blumberg, of this city, found himself in rather an embarrassing position. Mr. Blumberg has spent a good part of the past summer on the road with his wagon gathering up old junk, etc., and last Tuesday evening he passed at the place of M. M. Edwards, at Dundee, Polk county.

According to Mr. Blumberg's custom, when he retired for the night he took his purse out of his pocket in order to get the key to his watch, a key-winder. After winding his watch he laid the purse on a stand in his room and the following morning took his departure without securing his "sack." From Dundee Mr. Blumberg proceeded to Monmouth, where he discovered to his dismay, that he did not have his purse and consequently no money. He borrowed enough to

telephone to Corvallis friends, who came to his assistance and he got home in good shape.

He entered into telephonic communication with Mr. Edwards, but this proved unsatisfactory and a correspondence by mail resulted. Everything turned out most satisfactorily and Saturday Mr. Blumberg received his purse by express. He is very thankful to Mr. Edwards for dealing so nicely with him. The purse contained several valuable little "lectors," as well as \$35 in cash.

Will Receive Pensions

Pension payments by Uncle Sam to Indian War Veterans will begin probably in December, says the Oregonian. The amount each veteran will get is \$8 a month from June 27, 1902. It will be a survival and not a disability pension, and will be awarded to officers and enlisted men, who were in the service, or to their widows; provided, that such widows have not remarried. About 1500 claims have been filed in the Pension Office at Washington. About 60 veterans of the Cayuse War of 1847-8 are still living. Most of these survivors are in Washington. One has been heard from in Florida and another in Missouri. Since the organization of the veterans, proofs of service have been acquired, which would otherwise have been difficult to obtain. The act of the last Congress granting the pensions was an extension of the measure which gave pensions to survivors of the Black Hawk, Creek, Cherokee and Seminole wars.

Heliographers on Marys Peak.

A most successful and satisfactory demonstration in long distance heliographing was conducted by members of the corps of O. N. G. signal service men of this city, Saturday afternoon. At the last drill meeting of the corps, Major Edwards called for volunteers to go to the summit of Marys Peak and communicate by heliograph to other members who would establish a station on the roof of the O. A. C. administration building. Bushrod Wilson and Milton Morgan volunteered to make the trip. They left Corvallis, a wheel, Saturday morning at 5:30, and had established a station on the summit of the Peak at 2 p. m. Their signal flash was soon answered from the college, and communication was successfully carried on for some time, although the distance is about 15 miles, air line.

A party of about 30 young ladies and gentlemen from the college, chaperoned by Mrs. Hayward, left this city for the summit of the peak the same morning. They were joined by Messrs. Morgan and Wilson at the head of the trail leading to the peak and they continued together on the return trip to this point, which was reached at 11 p. m. Lunch was eaten at that point, and all proceeded to Corvallis, the signal corps men reaching here about 2 a. m., the others some time later.

An Ideal Home.

An example of what may be accomplished in the way of comfort and beauty of surroundings on the fertile farms nestling among the mountains between Corvallis and the coast, is furnished by Mr. D. H. Williams, who owns a fine 250-acre farm, three miles east of Toledo. J. H. Allbright has just returned from Mr. Williams' place, where he has been building a large fruit house. He says that Mr. Williams has one of the finest orchards he has ever seen. Apples, cherries, plums, pears, crabapples, in fact, all kinds of fruit trees are to be found there. They are all thrifty and well-kept; not a dead limb or piece of moss in the orchard. A beautiful flower garden surrounds the house, and the fields are in excellent state of cultivation. There is a splendid belt of timber on the place. Mr. Allbright measured one fallen monarch which scaled nine feet in diameter and 120 feet in length.

Play Salem Saturday.

The practice game between two teams composed of members of the football squad of the O. A. C., which took place on the new athletic field Saturday afternoon, served as an excellent tryout of the material for a team to represent the college in the coming contests. This, too, was the first actual practice the players have had in team work this season. Notwithstanding the sultriness of the afternoon and the

dusty condition of the field, fast, snappy ball was played and the players were in excellent condition when the final whistle was blown.

Mistakes in signals and confusion in forming for plays, were responsible for many fumbles in the first half of the game. Towards the last, however, team work began to manifest itself, and some beautiful interference was formed. The first team had the majority of experienced players, and it defeated its opponents by a score of 40 to 0.

When this season ends some new stars will have risen in the football firmament of the Northwest, and O. A. C. will furnish a number of them. The work of Pilkington, Root, Nash, Thorp, Rinehart, Williams, Laughlin, and a number of others in Saturday's game indicates that Captain Gault and Burnough will have to look to their laurels during the season, if they don't wish these aggressive players to outshine them.

The grand stand was well filled Saturday, and the rosters who crowded the side lines gave unbiased and enthusiastic support to both teams. Coach Herbold is encouraged at the outlook.

Next Saturday the O. A. C. will meet W. U. on the local field. Other games scheduled are: With Albany college, U of O, and P. U. Manager Zurcher received a telegram, Friday, from the manager of the U of W eleven, arranging for a game at Seattle, October 25th.

Will Surely Appear.

There is no need for further doubt about "Other People's Money" being seen here. The interested parties have reached an understanding and Mr. Leroy and company will surely be seen here October 28th.

Additional Local.

The "Lyric Queen."

Cotswold Ram—for sale at J. E. Wyatt's.

Benton county clover seed for sale at Zieroff's.

Oil meal for sale at Graham & Wells. Splendid feed for dairy stock.

New and elegant gowns worn by Miss Georgia Harper in her production of the "Lyric Queen."

Young's Cash Store, No. 707, Main St., have a new line of Woolen Hosiery, Ladies' and Children's Hats; Groceries, Flour, etc. Produce taken.

See our Black and Blue all wool men's suits for \$10. They are good ones. Don't spend your overcoat money before seeing us, we'll save you money. S. L. Kline.

The city council held its regular monthly meeting last night. The GAZETTE went to press too early to get its proceedings, but it was given out that the local water company would submit an entirely new proposition to the city regarding water supply.

The 12th annual session of the Oregon Synod of the Presbyterian church came to a close in Grants Pass, Saturday night. The next session will be held in Corvallis next autumn, at which time this city will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its organization.

The attention of our readers is called to the card of E. A. Mack, which appears in another column. Mr. Mack is a shoemaker of long experience. He comes to Corvallis with the intention of making this city his home, and we bespeak for him the liberal patronage we are certain he deserves.

Claude Wiley, aged about nine, and another little chap about the same age, were dumped off a pony they were riding Sunday morning, and pretty well shaken up. The accident occurred in front of Mrs. J. B. Lee's residence. Claude was rendered unconscious by his fall, but no serious results are expected to follow.

Wood Wanted.

The undersigned wishes to secure 30 cords of oak wood, 4 foot length. R. L. WHITEHEAD, Cauthorn Hall, Corvallis, Or.

For Rent.

Eight-room house, with bath. Inquire of M. Jacobs.

Wood Sawing.

45 cts for fir and 50 cts for oak and ash. Leave orders at Farmers' Feed Barn. Phone 126. MARK BIRTHALL.

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We have plenty of other things to show you if this doesn't suit; they're Hart Schaffner & Marx made; quality guaranteed.

S. L. KLINE.

Advertisement for W. A. Sanders Jeweler and Optician, featuring watches, clocks, and jewelry. Includes contact information for Corvallis, Oregon.

Home-Seekers:

If you are looking for some real 'good bargains in Stock, Grain, Fruit and Poultry Ranches, write for my special list or come and see me. I shall take pleasure in giving you all the reliable information you wish—also showing you over the country.

HENRY AMBLER, Real Estate, Loan and Insurance. Philomath, Benton County, Oregon

Advertisement for Pioneer Bakery and Ice Cream Parlor, featuring fresh bread, candies, and fruits. H. W. HALL, Proprietor.

Advertisement for Portland Business College, located at Park and Washington, Portland, Oregon. A. P. ARMSTRONG, LL. B., PRINCIPAL.

Advertisement for Corvallis Opera House, featuring Miss Georgia Harper and Miss Mabel Cronise. Performances on October 14th, 15th, and 16th, 1902.