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LOCAL NEWS.

R. G. Mires, who was out from Alsea, returned home yesterday. New suits for the dressy young man in the new coronation cloth, round and square cuts, at Kline's.

Supt. Denman has been busy of late visiting the various schools. Wednesday he was out at Philomath.

Isadore Jacobs dropped into Corvallis during the week for a couple of days' visit with relatives and friends.

The first Spiritual Union of Corvallis, will hold services at Barrett Lyceum on Sunday, at 3 p. m. All friends cordially invited.

Fred Steiner, a member of the graduating class at O. A. C. last June, came up to attend the dedication exercises Wednesday and to visit friends.

Elmer Wills returned to O. A. C. Tuesday, to resume his studies. He is a very promising cornetist and will prove quite an acquisition to the college band.

William Headrick came out from Alsea, Tuesday, and laid in some things for his winter use. He reports everything in its normal condition in the little valley.

Byron Taylor arrived home, Tuesday, after an absence of several months. He was in Southern Oregon for the greater part of the time, but also visited California.

Archibald Blackburn, of Salem, has accepted a position in the Graham & Wells' drug store. He has the reputation of being a first-class pharmacist as well as a good salesman.

Representative Marion Hayden came over from his Alsea home, Tuesday, to attend the dedication exercises at the college, also to look after other matters. He returned home yesterday.

Mr. Weis, the dairyman who recently purchased Jacob Frank's lease of the William Crees dairy farm, arrived from Lebanon, Tuesday. He brought seven wagon loads of household effects and fixtures with him. Mr. Weis is reputed to be a splendid citizen and a hustler in business.

The Episcopal church, corner of Jefferson & 7th streets—Services in this church as follows: Sunday school and Rector's class every Sunday at 10 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. All, especially students, are cordially invited to each of these services.

C. MacLean, Rector.

A. W. Rose came over from Chitwood, Wednesday to attend the dedication exercises at the O. A. C. visit relatives and friends and attend some business. He returned home, yesterday. "Cap" says that he intends to remain over in Lincoln county during the coming winter, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

Colonel Geo. French, Commander of the Pacific Coast Province of the Salvation Army, and Major Dublin of Portland, will be in Corvallis, Wednesday, Oct. 22, and conduct an Army meeting at the Salvation Army Hall. This is the first visit of the Colonel, so don't fail to hear him. Look out for poster announcement.

Rev. A. Carrick, of the Presbyterian church of this city, who left about ten days ago to attend the meetings of the Willamette Presbytery in Eugene and the Synod in Grants Pass, at the conclusion of these sessions proceeded on south to Tehama county, California. He went down to attend some personal business and is expected back at any time.

Everything is on the hum at the Corvallis Furniture Factory. Six men are employed steadily in operating the plant. A large amount of finishing lumber, moulding, etc., is being turned out on special orders. Making various kinds of furniture also gives employment to several men. Everything turned out at this factory is first-class and there is a good demand for its product.

We are unable to vouch for the truth of the following, but it is a good story nevertheless: "The wife of a Methodist minister in West Virginia has been married three times. Her maiden name was Partridge, her first husband was named Robin, her second Sparrow, and the present one's name is Quayle. There are now two young Robins, one Sparrow and three little Quayles in the family. One grandfather was a Swann and another was a Jay, but he's dead and now a bird of paradise. They live on Hawk avenue, Eagleville, Canary Islands, and the fellow who wrote this article is a Lyre bird and an interesting relative of the family."—Commercial Poultry.

Get your umbrella ribs fixed at the Bicycle Hospital.

D. F. M. Carver, of Yaquina, attended the dedicatory exercises at the college, Wednesday.

Joseph Flaherty left Corvallis, Tuesday, for a trip to Nebraska. He expected to be absent about three weeks.

United Evangelical Church—Services as usual; the pastor, H. A. Deck will occupy the pulpit. Service at Mt. View at 2:30 p. m.

Walter Keady came up from Portland, Wednesday, for a few days visit in this city. He will return to the metropolis, Saturday.

Mr. Correy, a friend of W. G. Davis, arrived from Nebraska last Tuesday. He intends to make his home in Benton if he finds everything to his satisfaction.

William Dodele and Miss Estella Frantz, both of Hoskins, Or., were married at the United Evangelical church on Wednesday at 2:30 p. m.; Rev. H. A. Deck performing the ceremony.

Mr. Potter, who arrived in Oregon a few days ago from Nebraska, visited Corvallis, Wednesday. F. P. Morgan escorted him about town and we acknowledge a call. The gentleman was very favorably impressed with our city and its surrounding country and there is a possibility that he may yet take up his abode in our midst.

Those who have kept a close lookout on the river conditions at this city declare that during the past fall the water has reached a lower stage than at any other time for years. Of course the recent rains have affected it to a slight degree, but it will take considerable rain to raise the river to such a stage that steamers can reach this city.

The following sales have been negotiated, within the past few days, by Henry Ambler: The H. A. Bowman house and lot in Philomath to Nye Scott, of Corvallis, for \$350; Austin & Stevens' blacksmith shop and tools to D. M. Black, of Myrtle Point, for \$650; the Owen Thompson 21-acre home, five miles southeast of Philomath to Albert Wilson, of Elgin, Or., for \$1,000.

The first inter-collegiate game of football of the season to be played on the O. A. C. athletic field will occur tomorrow afternoon, at 2:30. The contesting teams represent Willamette University and O. A. C. A good, snappy game is promised and it is hoped that a large crowd will fill the grandstand and cheer the first "kick off" of the season lustily.

Capt. J. W. Crawford arrived home, Tuesday, from a trip to Southern Oregon. He noted many features in that part of the country that impressed him with the great industrial growth that is in progress in that part of the world. When in Grants Pass he saw Chas. Barnhart and sons, also Dennis Stovall. They were all well and appeared to be getting along nicely. The Barnharts had plenty of work at their trades.

Bert Geer, who attended the O. A. C. year ago, has been in Albany recently in the interest of the Portland Journal. His duty is to arrange a delivery route and canvass for subscribers, and also correspond for the paper he represents. Bert is a pretty bright young fellow and will be able to do business in almost any line. He was in Corvallis, Wednesday, to attend the dedication of the new Agricultural Hall at O. A. C., and to visit his many friends.

Anos Kisor has started his cider factory on south Main Street. He intends to manufacture about 20,000 gallons this season, which is about twice as much as he made a year ago. Now here is a chance to get cider at a most reasonable figure and it will furnish a splendid market for apples as well. Mr. Kisor thoroughly understands this business, but for a time he will have the assistance of George Horsfall, who has had great experience along this line.

About thirty timber seekers arrived in Corvallis, Wednesday. There was a large number of women in the party and they had all sorts of bags and baggage. They were unable to secure conveyances in this city to meet their requirements and telephoned to Albany for several teams and wagons. It is understood that they were bound for some place near the Sinslaw. The party is made up of people from various parts of the country, the majority of them are Portland people.

The Georgia Harper company has appeared at the Opera House in this city three evenings this week, and has given general satisfaction. Miss Harper appeared as "Queen," Tuesday evening, in the four-act emotional drama of that name, and gave a very acceptable interpretation of the character. Some beautiful gowns, worn by the ladies in the cast, were features. Wednesday night, the farce-comedy, "My Uncle from New York," was the bill and the company proved to be stronger as a whole in this class of play, than on the opening night. Last night "The Little Duchess" was presented. Clever specialties were introduced each evening and added to the enjoyment.

NEW HALL DEDICATED.

This Splendid Structure Cost \$47,762—Speeches by Tongue, Geer and Others.

The dedication, Wednesday, of the new Agricultural and Horticultural Hall at the Oregon Agricultural College, was an event of vast importance to this city, the state of Oregon and the entire Northwest. As was fitting, the men who took part in the exercises were men of state and national prominence and represented all sections of Oregon.

The special trains arrived over the S. P. and C. & E. railroads, bringing excursionists from all parts of the state to witness the acceptance of the splendid building, which is their property, and its dedication to the interests and development of the innumerable resources of the great Northwest.

Visitor began to arrive early in the day, and notwithstanding the canopy of rain clouds which hovered overhead, hundreds of excursionists enjoyed the exercises and inspected the new building. The large room in the basement was converted into a banquet hall and over 800 visitors partook of the hospitality of the citizens of Corvallis and those connected with the college. The luncheon was elaborate and toothsome. Twenty large tables were spread and presided over by ladies of Corvallis. The banquet room was decorated with autumn leaves under the supervision of Miss Gatch, and the effect was most beautiful and artistic.

Every detail, looking to the convenience and pleasure of guests, was provided by the entertainment committee. A committee composed of Mrs. Gatch, Mrs. Skelton, Mrs. Steiner, Miss Chamberlain, Miss Crawford and Miss Holgate, received visitors in the main hall of the new building, while Miss Snell and her assistants provided for the comfort of ladies who desired to arrange their toilet for luncheon. A similar committee composed of gentlemen looked after the wants of the male contingent.

The intention had been to have the dedicatory exercises occur on the lawn in front of Agricultural Hall, but the threatening clouds caused a change in this plan and the entire program was given in the Armory. A neat souvenir program, showing upon its cover an excellent cut of the new building, and containing a detailed description of the hall and the purposes for which its various apartments were designed, had been thoughtfully provided. The idea was an excellent one, and will be productive of good results.

The large Armory was taxed to its utmost capacity with auditors. Upon the platform were seated President Weatherford of the board of regents, and members of the board; President Gatch, of the college; Congressman Tongue and Williamson, Hon. H. B. Miller, U. S. consul to Nuchwang, China; State Senators Kuykendal and Daly; A. T. Buxton, state lecturer for the Grange, and Rev. G. S. O. Humbert.

President Weatherford presided. He stated briefly the object of this gathering, and after the invocation, pronounced by Rev. Humbert, introduced Chairman J. T. Apperson, of the building committee, who presented the building to the regents. Regent Benton Killen made a neat speech of acceptance on behalf of the board.

An enthusiastic round of applause greeted Governor Geer as he arose to make the dedicatory address. His remarks were brief and felicitous. At their conclusion the audience joined the choir in singing "America."

Governor-Elect Chamberlain, who was on the program for an address, was unavoidably absent and a telegram was received bearing his regrets.

At the conclusion of a tastefully rendered piano solo by Miss Gretta Harrington, A. T. Buxton, lecturer for the State Grange, and former student of the college, spoke briefly on the "Relation of the Grange to the Agricultural College."

The audience accorded Congressman Tongue a most enthusiastic reception. He spoke for over an hour on the theme, "Oregon Needs More and Better Industrial Education." His address was comprehensive and masterly, and a splendid tribute to industrial schools.

Owing to the lateness of the hour Consul H. B. Miller, formerly president of the Oregon Agricultural College, dispensed with his address, "Our Country," and devoted a few

moments to extending congratulations to young men and women upon the splendid opportunities offered by the college for an education.

Novelty in Photography.

"Other People's Money," which will be seen here October 23rd, will be well advertised the day of the engagement, in a most artistic manner, and at the same time a convincing way.

On arrival of the company a magnificent frame of Glassotype photos displaying various scenes and characters of the play will be on exhibition. You should see it.

LET US CONSIDER.

Something in Consideration of Mr. Watters' Contentions—A Newspaper's Duty and Privilege.

In our issue of the 7th inst. appeared an article containing a copy of the order of the county court, issued at its last session, discontinuing the keeping up of the present owner book and maps from month to month; and a statement of the testimony Recorder Vincent gave as to the necessity of keeping up the present owner book from month to month as a matter of convenience to the public, he having been called before the court to give his opinion on this subject.

In pursuance of its duty and privilege, as a newspaper, to discuss matters of public business, the GAZETTE proceeded to acquaint its readers with the manner in which the recent method of keeping up and continuing the present owner book began; the cost of bringing up the list from June 1st, 1890, to July 1st, 1894, as shown by the records; and the sum the county has been paying Recorder Vincent per month for continuing the list from month to month, according to the custom established by Mr. Watters, when recorder.

Mr. Watters took exception to our article, and handed us a communication, the purpose of which was, according to its introductory paragraph, to correct "wrong impressions conveyed by your article of the 7th inst., entitled 'Present Owner Books.'"

In Mr. Watters' letter, which appeared in our last issue, he fails to controvert the correctness or justness of one statement made in our article. True, he takes issue with the statements made by Recorder Vincent, in his testimony before the court, wherein that gentleman testified that the books and maps were continually being studied and inspected by farmers and the public generally, and that he considered the book and map of great benefit and convenience.

Touching this matter, Mr. Watters says: "Your statement that this (the discontinuance of keeping up the book and map from month to month) will result in great inconvenience to the farmer is overdrawn. You are not well advised or are willfully misleading your readers." Mr. Watters' attention is respectfully called to the fact that he was so advised by Recorder Vincent in the presence of the other members of the court. The GAZETTE so stated and Mr. Watters has denied the truth of the assertion.

What the GAZETTE said in regard to the matter was this: "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." (See GAZETTE Oct. 7th—last paragraph in article entitled "Present Owner Books.") We find after reading Mr. Watters' communication and again carefully perusing our article which he criticizes, that we made two slight errors: Mr. Watters received \$350 for the work he did for the county on the present owner books, instead of only \$300 as we stated; and Mr. Vincent has been paid \$7.50 per month for the work Mr. Watters charged the county something over \$3 per month to perform.

Since Mr. Watters has been so solicitous that the GAZETTE shall be absolutely correct in its statements—and it always strives to be—we will take the same privilege and correct a few "wrong impressions" conveyed by his article. His assertion that the present owner book, prepared by J. B. Markley & Co., cost Benton county \$7,000 is not only misleading, but it is not a fact. The records of the proceedings of the county court show that Markley & Dunstan charged the county \$700 for making the present owner list. They were paid one per cent on \$51,987.20, the assessed value of property listed by them not on the tax list for 1889, which is \$6,519.87. But the latter sum was aside from the price charged for the present owner book. If Markley & Dunstan had completed their contract of making the present owner book and had added no property to the list of 1889, they should have gotten \$700 for their work. More than this, Markley & Dunstan bid \$700 for bringing the list up from the time the county was organized, while Mr. Watters charged the county \$350 for bringing the list up for a period covering only about three years, or \$100 per year.

Mr. Watters calls our attention to page 243 of the session laws of 1901. But the only thing to be found there touching the matter in hand, is evidence that the county court has no authority to have anything to do with making assessments, listing property or collecting taxes, a function which Mr. Watters' article implies the present court is trying to assume. In this connection, the attention of the county judge is respectfully called to the fact that "it is easy," according to eminent authorities, "to drift unconsciously away from the meaning of the law giving power altogether, and establish what was never intended or even thought of."

Another misstatement made by Mr.

Watters—a subject that is entirely foreign to the matters in question—is that the GAZETTE criticized the water supply at the court house. The GAZETTE did nothing of the kind, nor is there any evidence to this effect. Reference is possibly made to our article concerning the idea of putting in a windmill at the court house. The GAZETTE reflected the sentiment of the community, when it said that such a scheme was not desirable. The court evidently is in serious doubt regarding the advisability of such a step for it has not yet acted in the matter.

We find in Mr. Watters' article this statement, that pages in the present owner book "have been so mutilated by erasures, corrections, interlineations, etc., (necessarily made in trying to keep up a book not provided for continuance) 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." Are we to understand from this that the present owner book is in the condition stated as a result of the practice, established by Mr. Watters, of keeping the book up from month to month, when it was "not intended for continuance?" Moreover, if the court has this book brought up once a year, will it be, according to Mr. Watters' logic, become worthless in time and a loss to the county because of erasures, corrections, interlineations, etc.?

Again, if the present owner book is not reliable, does Mr. Watters expect us to believe that lawyers and abstractors consult this book when they need absolutely correct information? As a matter of fact, do not these persons consult the records, direct, when they are seeking information, and has not the present owner book been more of a convenience to farmers and the public generally?

To say that the average farmer cannot intelligently understand the present owner book, is a reflection on the intelligence of that class of citizens, whether Mr. Watters so understands it or not. We submit that the average farmer is as intelligent as the average lawyer, abstractor or office holder. He may not understand the book the first time he looks at it, but when shown by the recorder he understands how to go about it the next time.

The inference one is led to draw from Mr. Watters' statement is that farmers are not qualified to fill the office of commissioner, nor any other office in the court house for that matter, "for it is not in their line." Nor are we satisfied that the judge's ideas of economy are above criticism, however conscientious he may be in the discharge of this function of his office. We believe the records will show that his administration of the office of recorder was the most expensive the county has known since that office was created.

In concluding his communication, Mr. Watters takes advantage of the courtesy extended him, to offer gratuitously the opinion that the GAZETTE intended to misrepresent and make capital against him. As evidence that he errs, we have to say that we have gladly given the gentleman space in which to correct any misstatements we may have made, and he has failed to show where we have been unjust in any particular.

Additional Local.

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

Benton county clover seed for sale at Zierolf's.

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

Hon. C. W. Fulton, of Astoria, was present at the dedicatory exercises at the college.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kirkpatrick, of San Francisco, are visiting at the home of J. F. Yates.

State School Superintendent Ackerman was among the prominent men who witnessed the exercises at the college.

The Rev. Mr. Jenkins, of Minnesota, will preach at the Congregational church next Sunday, October 19, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

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.

Mrs. L. H. Addison, formerly of this city, came up from Portland a few days ago to look after business interests in this city and renew old acquaintances. We acknowledge a pleasant call.

Mrs. Ella M. Humbert will preach at the Christian church next Sunday. Theme at 11 a. m., "The Cross and the Crown." At 7:30 p. m., "The Fact of Christ." C. E. at 6:30 p. m. You will be welcome.

C. L. Heckart and Zelia Miner were married on Tuesday at 8 p. m. at Alva Miner's house. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. A. Deck, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. After the ceremony a fine supper was served.

Gilbert Mason, of Alsea, was a visitor at this office, Wednesday. Mr. Mason is a progressive, wide-awake farmer and sees the advantage of co-operation between producers. He is quite anxious that raisers of mohair in this county and vicinity shall form a pool of this product, a plan obviously to



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Advertisement for Henry Ambler, Real Estate, Loan and Insurance, featuring 'Home-Seekers'.

Advertisement for Pioneer Bakery and Ice Cream Parlor, featuring 'THE PIONEER BAKERY and ICE CREAM PARLOR'.

Advertisement for P. A. Armstrong, LL. B., Principal, featuring 'THE PORTLAND BUSINESS COLLEGE'.

Advertisement for E. A. Mack, Shoe Shop, featuring 'SHOE SHOP' and 'Fine Work a Specialty'.

Advertisement for W. F. Gray, Agent for Albany Nurseries, featuring 'Now Is The Time to order Trees and Shrubs'.

Advertisement for W. E. Yates, Administrator, featuring 'Notice'.