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LOCAL NEWS.

Paul Schmidt, of Albany, visited Corvallis friends during the week. All services at the usual hours at the Presbyterian church next Sunday. You are invited.

George Houck, low of Gold Hill, has been in Corvallis during the week, attending business.

A new sidewalk has been laid in front of Ed Phillips' photograph gallery on Main St. It is quite an improvement.

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

Last Saturday, Miss Kate Gerhard went to Albany to remain a week or such a matter with Mrs. James Mady, who has been quite ill.

Julius Wuestefelt is making preparations to start for San Francisco with his family, next Monday. It is their intention to be absent a month.

Miss Lillian Glass left, Wednesday, for Walla Walla, Wash. She has accepted an offer to fill the chair of ancient history in the Walla Walla College.

Baptist church: Sunday morning subject, "The Ground of True Peace," evening, "A Young Man's Worth." Meetings at usual hours. Warm welcome for all.

Mr. Haisch, formerly a partner of Jas. C. Taylor in the meat market, expects to leave for San Francisco next Monday. He is looking for a business location.

J. Wrage and H. S. Clodfelter arrived home, Monday, from a trip to Portland. They were in the metropolis several days on business relating to timber land locations.

Jas. C. Taylor left Corvallis, Wednesday, for Arizona. It is his intention to proceed to Phoenix and pass the winter there. Of late years Mr. Taylor's health has been poor and he has hopes of improving it by spending a season in the South.

Mrs. Frances Tapsot arrived from Lewiston, Idaho, last Tuesday, for a short visit with Corvallis friends. Her husband is still in the employ of the O R & N Co. and at present is purser on one of the company's boats on the Snake river.

Last Tuesday the father, mother and sister of W. J. Kent arrived in Corvallis from Wisconsin. They intend to spend the winter in this county and it is possible that they will spend a year in this section. W. J. Kent is foreman of the college farm.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney E. R. Bryson and George W. Smith arrived home the first of the week from a trip to Alesia. Attorney Bryson was called over there to take testimony bearing on some trouble that had arisen between stockmen of that section.

C. M. Cady and wife arrived in this city from Ashland, Tuesday. Mr. Cady is a son of J. J. Cady, who holds a position at the college farm. The young man holds a responsible position with the S. P. Co. as a telegraph operator and is enjoying a ten-days' lay-off.

In response to a telephone message, Bruce Burnett left, Tuesday, for Monmouth to act as coach for the Monmouth football team. Bruce is a good man and if he could have had charge of the team earlier in the season he would have had a better opportunity to show his capabilities, but surprises may be in store as it is.

Arthur Hawley, now residing in Corvallis, but who owns a fine farm near Dusty, "rounded up" his sheep last week. On counting them he was shocked to discover that he was about 200 head shy. Mr. Hawley believes that the sheep have been stolen, although there is a possibility that something may have caused the animals to stray from the fold.

E. J. Garrow left, Monday, for McCloud, California. He came up a couple of weeks ago to enjoy a visit with his family and to rest up. He was not feeling very well on his arrival. Mr. Garrow and his sons, Joseph and Wilbur, the latter of whom are employed with Mr. Garrow at McCloud, are expected to arrive home in about two months.

The Chinamen who had the N. S. Lilly hop yard leased have sold their hops. They are reported to have received 22 cents per pound for their crop, and to have made \$10,000 clear this year. There were three Chinamen interested and they will have something more than \$3,000 each as the result of the sale. One of the Celestials was so well pleased with the state of affairs that he presented Mr. Lilly with a \$20 piece a few days ago to show his appreciation of Mr. Lilly's many kindnesses to them during the term of their lease.

Take in your laundry—tonight is All Hallows' eve.

Get your umbrella ribs fixed at the Bicycle Hospital.

It is reported that Ivan Daniel will be home from San Francisco today.

Mrs. Fred Nelson and daughter left, yesterday, for McMinnville to visit with friends.

Wednesday, Senator Daly arrived home from a sojourn of several days in Portland.

F. P. Morgan returned, Wednesday, from Oregon City, where he has been at the bedside of a sick friend.

The Y P S C E of the Presbyterian church will give a free social at the Manse Friday evening, Oct. 31. All Endeavorers and their friends are cordially invited.

We acknowledge a pleasant call yesterday from Mr. Wilson, who came to Oregon recently with his family from Indiana. Mr. Wilson is now occupying a house on Mr. W. D. Armstrong's place some eight miles west of this city.

Mrs. Ella M. Humbert will preach at the Christian church next Sunday. Subject at 11 a. m., "Hospitality," at 7:30 p. m., "How shall we work the work of God? or, the vital question." Bible school at 10 a. m.; C. E. 6:30 p. m.

The Right Reverend, the Bishop of Oregon (B. Wistar Morris, D. D.), will officiate in the church of the Good Samaritan, this city, next Sunday at 11 a. m., and at Trinity church, Wellsdale, at 2 p. m. The public are cordially invited to hear this able and venerable prelate.

Capt. Campbell, a friend of Thos. Whitehorn, arrived in this city, Wednesday and made the latter a short visit. Capt. Campbell's home is in Astoria and he will return to that city shortly. He has just made a tour of the eastern part of the state.

"Nancy Brown" is all the rage in New York now. Everybody is singing it, the street gamins are whistling it, and every wheezy hand-organ makes it the feature of its repertoire. "Nancy Brown" is easily the biggest hit in the shape of a song since "After the Ball." It will be sung here for the first time by Miss Mildred Claire in "Hello Bill," November 10th.

A few days ago a party passed along the street carrying an Alesea salmon. Thomas Bell chanced to see the fish and asked where it was caught. The party replied that it was taken out of Marys river. It is said that Tom lost no time in getting to Marys river, but up to date we have not heard of him catching any salmon there.

At present the enrollment at the public schools of this city is approximately 460. It is thought that this is about as large, if not the largest, enrollment of pupils ever known in Corvallis. In the first grade there are 63 little ones and they are quite a task. An effort will be made to advance about a dozen of the most advanced pupils to the next grade above.

Frank Seits arrived in Corvallis, Monday, from Portland. He was subpoenaed from Lincoln county as a member of the grand jury of the United States circuit court. In some manner he managed to get himself excused at the expiration of two week's session. While in Portland, he visited Victor Spencer, who holds a situation in a drug establishment in Albina. Mr. Seits states that the lad is getting along nicely.

Smith-Cauthorn.

The marriage of Judson G. Smith and Miss Laura B. Cauthorn was solemnized at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. Evans, at Parker yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. E. J. Thompson performed the ceremony. Besides immediate relatives, only Miss Edna Finley, who played the wedding march, and Miss Esther Purdy, were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith took the afternoon train for Portland, where they will visit for a few days. They will make their home on the farm of the groom, some eight miles south of Corvallis.

Mr. Smith is a son of Mr. T. W. B. Smith, one of Benton's most prominent farmers. He is an exemplary young man, whose friends are limited only by the number of his acquaintances. His bride is the daughter of Mr. W. L. Cauthorn. She is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College, and is held in high esteem.

Additional Local.

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

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.

A DIRTY MATTER

The Publication of Which We Have Been Compelled by Circumstances to Place Before Our Readers.

ED GAZETTE: I herewith very reluctantly hand you the documentary evidence previously referred to as a further proof of the truth of my statement, "that you will knowingly misstate facts," and since you have challenged me to produce such evidence, I herewith challenge you to publish it. This controversy will end, so far as I am concerned and I leave it with the public with apologies for being forced to carry it even this far.

Yours Truly,
VIRGIL E. WATTERS.

STATE OF OREGON, }
COUNTY OF BENTON, } ss.

I, F. L. Miller, being first duly sworn depose and say, that on Wednesday, June 20, 1900, V. E. Watters and I were standing on the walk in front of my store in the City of Corvallis, Oregon, engaged in general conversation; that said V. E. Watters asked me to step up to the corner with him (meaning the corner of the block in front of the Drug Store of Allen & Woodward) that I consented and before we reached the said corner said Watters called to Mr. Geo. L. Paul Editor and publisher of the CORVALLIS GAZETTE, who was then turning down the side street toward the GAZETTE Office to "come here George, I want to see you." The conversation which then took place between the said V. E. Watters and the said Geo. L. Paul was to the best of my remembrance as follows:

Watters: I understand that you have been saying that Glass & Prudhomme put \$500 into my campaign fund, and that the bills of the Clerk with said firm amounted to over \$1,200 per year.

Paul: Well now I'll tell you how that was, I know where you got your information, let me explain.

Watters: (interrupting) Well you said it?

Paul: Well now let me explain how the matter came up.

Watters: Well go ahead.

Mr. Paul then proceeded to explain that in a general conversation at Hodes & Hall's with Mr. Dick Smith and others he had made some such remark.

Watters: You said that, You dirty little liar.

Paul: Yes, yes, I guess I did.

Watters: You said it knowing at the time it was a lie.

Paul: Yes.

Watters: You also said that I was going into the Saloons by way of the back door for the Saloon vote and going to Church on Sundays for the church vote.

Paul: I guess I did make some such statement.

Watters: You said just what I said you did, didn't you, you dirty little lying puppy, and knew it was a lie when you said it?

Paul: Yes, yes.

Watters: Paul there is but one word in the English language that expresses my estimation of you, and that is the word "little." You dirty little contemptible liar, I don't want to talk to you.

Watters then turned and walked down the street a dozen paces or more, then came back and said, "See here Paul, I do not want to hear of you talking any more about me for if I do, I will attend to you, you dirty, little, lying puppy."

Paul: I, I assure you sir I shall say nothing more, you'll hear nothing more from me, I'm sorry. That when Mr. Watters asked me to walk to the corner with him I was not aware that he intended to speak to Mr. Paul. We had been in general conversation for about a half hour and during that time Mr. Watters had not mentioned or referred to Mr. Paul in any manner. That Mr. Paul had previously offered to wager money with me that Mr. Watters had been visiting the Saloons in Corvallis recently.

F. L. MILLER,
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of June, A. D. 1900.
(Seal.) W. S. McFADDEN,
Notary Public.

Here, good people, is the "Billingsgate" that adorns the archives of the County Judge's office of Benton county. And you, the public, have been invited by the man you have elevated to that position of dignity and justice, to come and edify yourselves with its pursuit. Mr. Watters need not have alarmed himself about my accepting his beligerent challenge to publish it, for I have no apologies to make for my conduct on the occasion to which he points with so much apparent pride. I realized at the time of its occurrence that I stood to get the worst of it, no matter what happened. And when Mr. Watters handed in his article for publication in the GAZETTE of the 21st, and I learned for the first time that he had considered the event of so much moment that it must be preserved on parchment, I determined that the public should know the whole truth of the affair. Had Mr. Watters failed to hand the matter in for publication, it was my intention to secure a copy and publish it, that he might have a full hearing, backed by the documentary evidence of his witness, which he made sure to have for the occasion, while I was taken un-awares and given no opportunity for fair treatment. He claims that the GAZETTE has misrepresented him in this recent controversy, yet we have given him every opportunity to testify in his own behalf, and have given him courteous consideration, notwithstanding the fact that his whole argument has been personal and abusive.

He states above, that he "very reluctantly" hands the document in for publication. We have Mr. Miller's word, which has just as much legality back of it, as his sworn statement before any notary public—that Mr. Watters approached him before the issue of the GAZETTE

of the 21st inst., and asked permission to publish this affidavit, and Mr. Miller refused to give his consent. So here is a bit of conflicting testimony.

Following, as nearly as my memory serves me, are the details of a matter, which Mr. Watters has carried to a point which does not reflect credit on his reputation as a gentleman, or his forbearance as a Christian.

In the campaign of two years ago last spring, a matter openly talked on the streets and quite generally discussed—so generally, in fact, that I doubt if any one who takes any part in local politics failed to hear of it—concerned financial support Mr. Watters was alleged to have received from parties in Portland. There was, also an affidavit from a person in Portland, which pertained principally to an alleged deal that Mr. Watters had made at the time the Lincoln county records were transcribed and had something to do with the books furnished.

Like others, I had heard of these things, but had not used them personally nor otherwise against Mr. Watters in the campaign, as many others had done, and of which fact Mr. Watters, experienced politician as he is, must have been aware. Some time in June, after the election, I was seated one day at lunch in Hodes & Hall's restaurant with Mr. Turney and possibly someone else. We were conversing on some topic of a general nature. While we were thus engaged Richard Smith, who had been seated at another table, in leaving the dining room, passed our table and paused to joke, as is his custom. He made some reference to the late election, and as I now recall it, said something to this effect, that some of the republican candidates failed of election even if they did buy votes. I replied in the joking spirit in which I believed Mr. Smith had spoken: "Well that's nothing. I guess both parties did that; and one of your men got help from Portland." I think Mr. Smith enquired to whom I referred, and I either said "your clerk" or "Mr. Watters."

Here was one grievous and unpardonable offence. And here is the other, to which I believe Mr. Watters took such strenuous exceptions:

A gentleman and myself were conversing in private on an occasion during the campaign of 1900. Naturally, politics and the various candidates came up for discussion: Mr. Watters' name was mentioned and the other party, a minister, said he thought from what he knew of him that he was a good man. I replied that I knew nothing against his morals, but that I had heard many persons question his sincerity. He asked, in what particular. Well, said I, it was generally understood that in his first campaigns in this county he solicited and catered to the saloon vote. Since then, he had identified himself with the church and it was said that he was taking advantage of his prestige there, to influence that vote in his behalf. Now, Mr. Watters must have heard of many remarks of this kind being made by different parties, and where is the man who has courted discussion by being before the people for office as long as he has, who has not had more said of him with far less reason, and that too, by the fairest-minded people in the community. Can Mr. Watters truthfully say that he has refrained from questioning the motives and reflecting upon the character of his opponents? Has he not done so, when the evidence he had for his assertions was most flimsy.

But to a consideration of this "documentary evidence."

Some few days after my conversation with Mr. Smith, and the matter having entirely passed from my mind, I was coming from the post office with an armful of papers and other mail. As I reached the corner near Allen & Woodward's store, Mr. Watters, who was standing in front of Mr. Miller's establishment, beckoned to me, and said as he approached: "Come here, George, I want to see you." I turned to meet him and Mr. Miller, who came with him. Mr. Watters asked me if I had ever said that he had received help from Portland during his campaign. Immediately, I thought of my little dialogue with Mr. Smith, and I said "Why yes, Dick Smith told you that. I'll tell you about it." Mr. Watters interrupted with the remark that "there were others present besides Mr. Smith," giving me the impression that some one else was his informant. I told him that I was not aware that there was anyone else present besides Mr. Smith and those at my table. I then told him of the incident at Hodes & Hall's and how it came about, substantially as I have related it above.

"That is a dirty little lie," said he, referring to the story of his having received support from Portland.

He then said something about my saying that he had worked for the saloon vote and had joined the church for that vote. I told him, frankly, that I had said something of that nature. That I realized that it was not right, perhaps, to question a man's motives; that I did not absolutely know it to be true, and I was sorry that I had said it. He became very abusive, and as he finished talking he turned and walked several paces down the street. I still stood at the corner, as Mr. Miller, having remained, began a conversation. Mr. Watters came back within about twenty feet of where we were standing, and I understood him to say, "If I hear any more of this, I'll attend to it." I told him that I had no reason nor desire to repeat the matter.

As soon as Mr. Watters passed on, Mr. Miller turned to me and became very profuse in his disavowal of any responsibility for what had just transpired. He assured me that he was taken as much by surprise as I had been, and that if he had had the slightest suspicion of what Mr. Watters intended he would not have

been a witness. Not content with this assurance, he came to the office later to emphasize the fact that he had been an unwilling party to the affair, and went still further in the matter by telling my friends that he regretted the incident very much. I believed him, and told him that I bore him no ill will, and I have given him abundant evidence since of my sincerity.

When Mr. Watters referred in his article, which appeared in the GAZETTE of the 21st inst., to some difficulty he and I had had, I knew of but one occasion of this kind, and if he had any "documentary evidence" concerning the matter, Mr. Miller must have subscribed to it. I was loath to believe that he had become a willing party to it secretly when he was openly expressing so much regret at having been made an unwilling party to the incident itself, so I went to him and inquired if he remembered the particulars of what had taken place between Mr. Watters and myself at Allen & Woodward's corner some time in June, 1900. He told me that it was so long ago that he had no distinct remembrance of the affair, but that he had made affidavit to the matter as he remembered it, shortly after it happened. Here are the facts; the public can draw its own conclusion regarding Mr. Miller's conduct in the affair.

The statement in the affidavit which Mr. Miller has subscribed to, that I said I was lying and knew I was lying when I made the statements which I admitted I had made, is not true. I did not say I knew the statements were lies. I said that I did not know them to be true. The matter questioning Mr. Watters' sincerity was not susceptible of proof, and by the same logic was not subject to disproof, except as one must rely on Mr. Watters' word; and I willingly and frankly accepted Mr. Watters' statement that it was not true. It was a matter of which I could not truthfully say, "I knew it to be a lie."

The story concerning Mr. Watters' alleged assistance from Portland did not originate with me. When Mr. Watters took me to task in the matter, I might have shirked the responsibility and told him my authority, but he did not ask for it, and a tattler is a sincere friend to no one. The statements I repeated, and which Mr. Watters claimed to be outraged over, had better evidence back of them than the story Mr. Watters was circulating so industriously on the morning of last election day. Mr. Watters at that time—upon the testimony of a dissolute fellow—was using against his (Watters) opponent, Mr. Woodson, a man of unimpeachable character, a story which reflected upon Mr. Woodson's character as seriously as anything I had repeated reflected upon Mr. Watters. If Mr. Watters thought me "little" for what I had repeated, in the light of what superlative of littleness does he contemplate his conduct?

Mr. Miller has gone out of his way to include in his affidavit, the statement that I had previously offered to wager money with him that Mr. Watters had visited the saloons recently (meaning during the campaign of 1900). If I ever said such a thing to Mr. Miller, it was remarked casually in some ordinary conversation with that gentleman. Had I made it seriously and Mr. Miller thought I could not prove it, he has sufficient sporting blood to have taken the wager. However, I will say now that I was told on the authority of a man, whose word I had no reason to question, that he had seen Mr. Watters enter the side door of a certain saloon one morning about seven o'clock, during the campaign of 1900 or about that time.

Now, why did Mr. Watters undertake to make me take the brunt of all that had been said concerning him during that campaign? And why did he want an affidavit regarding what I was alleged to have said and done, when he might have approached many others for the same offence whom he undoubtedly considered of more importance than he considered me? What did he expect me to do, on the occasion in question? To deny that I had said anything regarding him, or try to shoulder it on to some one else; or did he expect me to pit my 125 pounds against his 165 or 170 pounds and three or four inches advantage in height; and his 225 pound friend standing by to make affidavit as to how the difficulty occurred? Was his conduct such as he has reason to be proud of, and did he manifest the sincere Christian spirit that comes before the throne of grace with the petition: "Forgive us our trespassers as we forgive them that trespass against us?" If so, there is hope for all of us, and heaven is not such a select place after all.

GEO. L. PAUL.

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