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**LOCAL NEWS.**

Get your umbrella ribs fixed at the Bicycle Hospital.

All services at the usual hours at the Presbyterian church next Sunday. You are invited.

Although Thanksgiving is about three weeks distant, turkeys are beginning to roost higher every night.

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

Hon. R. A. Bessell, of Toledo, came out to Corvallis, Tuesday, and after attending some business returned home the following day.

Tommy Flett is confined to his home with quite a serious ailment. During the past week or so it has been necessary for someone to sit up with him at night.

Miss Kate Gerbard, who has been in Albany for the past two weeks attending her friend, Mrs. Jane Mady, who is ill, telephoned to this city Tuesday evening that the latter was not expected to live.

The pastor will preach in the United Evangelical church at 11 a. m. The evening service will be in charge of the Woman's Missionary Society. An interesting program has been prepared. Everybody invited.

In a letter to relatives in this city, Caspar Zieroff, writing from Ohio, states that it has rained almost continuously since he arrived in that state over a month ago. Corn is maturing in the field. Mr. Zieroff does not state when he will start for Oregon.

Miss Hatlie Spencer, who went to Eastern Oregon early last summer on account of her health, writes from Cove that she is feeling splendidly at present. She states that her health has so improved that she feels as strong and robust as ever she did in her life.

Henry Hammersley, who a couple of years ago ran a candy factory in this city, but who is now a resident of Alsea, has been most seriously ill lately. During the first of the week one of the Carns brothers came out to secure the services of a physician to attend the sick man.

A letter recently received in this city from Taylor Porter, who is visiting at his old home in Ohio, states that the writer is having a splendid time. He says that the weather where he is has been very good with the exception of a few days. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Porter has been away from Ohio for 30 or 40 years, he finds many people there whom he knew before he came west.

Jas. D. Zurcher, of Corvallis, manager of the O. A. C. football team, was in the city, Monday, making arrangements for an excursion to Corvallis on Saturday, Nov. 8, the date of the O. A. C. - U. of O. football game. Round trip tickets will be sold for 50 cents from this city, good going on the regular train at 12:45 returning on a special in the evening. A large crowd will go over from this city. — Albany Herald.

The rain of a week ago seemed to be pretty heavy and some predicted that navigation would be resumed at once on the Upper Willamette, but "nary" a boat has sounded her whistle in this city this fall. As a matter of fact, the ground in many places was too dry to plow and soaked up the water that fell after the manner of a sponge. Just about the right amount of rain fell to make it good for farmers who desired to put in fall grain.

Mr. Wallis Nash is at present in Chicago. Writing from that city under date of October 29th, Mr. Nash says: "The display of Hood River, Rogue River, and Lincoln county fruits and vegetables in the U. P. R. R. Immigration office attracts an unceasing string of visitors, and is of the greatest service to Oregon." Mr. Nash might have added with much truth and force, that an exhibit from Benton county, the seat of the State Agricultural College, would reflect credit upon the enterprise of citizens of this county; but he thought, possibly, that his remarks contained sufficient hint.

James F. Macdonald will be alone in the field of refined comedy this season, as his only rival, William Collier, is now a member of Weber & Field's Stock company, and will not be seen on the road. No one of the younger comedians has made such rapid strides to success as has Mr. Macdonald, and his greatest success in his entire career has been won as William Fuller in "H. H. Bill," in which character he will be seen at the Opera House next Monday evening. Mr. Macdonald is playing this character exclusively this season, and will visit all of the important cities North, East, South and West.

Miss Grace Gatch left yesterday for a visit in Seattle with her sister, Mrs. Wheeler.

Mrs. Korthauer and daughter, Mrs. Laura Ireland, left, Tuesday, for their homes in Washington, after a visit with relatives in this city.

There will be a basket social this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Healy. The social will be held under the auspices of the Baptist church and an evening of pleasure is assured.

The window cards, advertising the "Troubles of a Married Man," have attracted much attention. Nothing more artistic has ever been displayed by the best theatrical companies visiting this city.

F. P. Morgan, the enterprising real estate dealer of this city, consummated the following sales last week: Mrs. Rose Selling to Fred Blumhart, 100 acres in Linn county, the consideration being \$2000. A. E. Laws to W. P. Minor, nine lots in Job's addition; consideration \$228.

Last Monday evening, Mrs. Chas. Emerick, who lives just across the Willamette river from this city, had a most serious fainting spell. The action of her heart was so feeble that those attending her became greatly alarmed and sent for a physician. Although not feeling the best in the world, she is now able to be about and assist in her household duties.

We have yet to hear of anything in the fruit, nut or vegetable line that will not grow in Oregon. It seems that all that is necessary is to plant things and let them alone. Some eight or more years ago, O. W. Beckwith planted a couple of chestnut seeds in his door yard in this city. They sprouted, developed branches and are now sturdy trees. Wednesday, Mr. Beckwith brought into this office some chestnut burrs, grown on these trees. That looked like young porcupines. He says the nuts ripen and are of excellent quality.

A new departure in football circles will be introduced next Saturday by the ladies of the Y. W. C. A. of the college, and we believe it will prove popular. Before and during the game they will sell small souvenirs of the occasion in the shape of pennants, badges, and all manner of designs in the college colors. So that all who attend the game may be sure of having a bit of "orange" to show their loyalty to old O. A. C. and at the same time add something to the exchequer of the Y. W. C. A.

The committee appointed some time ago by the Citizens' League to solicit funds to pay for the printing of a pamphlet descriptive of Benton county and its resources, is giving signs of activity. A circular letter to business men and others has been issued, stating that the committee may be expected shortly to collect what the donor may feel able to give toward this enterprise which all believe will be of quick and lasting benefit. As the letter states: "This opportunity to get our immigration literature circulated without cost to our people should not be neglected."

All old residents will remember Nat Stewart, a Benton county boy who was raised on a farm a mile or two north of this city. At present he is sheriff of Santa Barbara county, California, and will continue in office for a few years, as he was re-elected to the office at the election held in that state last Tuesday. He must be exceedingly popular, as he ran ahead of his ticket by about a thousand votes. He is a cousin of Mrs. Cal Thrasher, of this city, and Wednesday he sent her the following telegram: "Am elected by twelve hundred majority. Run ahead of ticket one thousand. Tell Burnett and Winkle folks."

It is the opinion of prune men of this locality that the prune crop of other sections is nearly all sold. So far no sales of any magnitude are reported in Benton this fall. But this is nothing unusual, as our prune growers generally hold their crop until a later date. It may be stated that a large percentage of the crop is shipped from Corvallis by boat and attention drawn to the fact that navigation on the Upper Willamette has not been resumed yet this fall. It will be remembered that in the "dead of winter" a year ago the steamer Ruth was snagged and sunk at this city and that she had a load of prunes on board that belonged to Hugh Finley.

The Odd Fellows of this city are considering the advisability of building a hall for themselves. They own the blacksmith shop at present rented to Wm. Porter and the trustees are considering the feasibility of putting another story above the shop for use as a lodge room. It is thought that a room thirty feet wide and seventy-five or one hundred feet in length can be secured and fitted up in an attractive manner and used for the present. They contemplate building a fine hall at a later date. It is estimated that the addition of another story to the shop and fitting it up as a lodge room will cost from \$1,300 to \$1,500. Plans and specifications of the work and an estimate of cost will shortly be placed before the lodge.

Thomas Whitehorn arrived home from Portland, yesterday.

Senator Daly went to Portland, yesterday, to attend some business.

Yesterday morning, Adams Bros. set about the task of laying a floor in "Uncle Sam's" place of business.

Regular services at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Miss Rose Price came over from Albany, Wednesday, to visit for a week with her sister, Miss Portia Price.

County Court convened Wednesday morning in regular session. The usual matter of county business received attention.

A marriage license was issued, Wednesday, to W. R. Gardner and Miss Roberta Lee Sawyer. Both parties are residents of Philomath.

Frank Thrasher, who has been clerking in a store in Independence during the past two months, arrived home a few days ago. Just what he intends doing in the future he has not yet determined.

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. Teamsters are warned to be careful when they drive through certain alleys of the city, as the recent rains have caused the loose earth to cave in pretty badly in some places, where sewers were put in last summer. The earth was loose to start with and the rain caused it to settle down like feathers in places, leaving holes that are dangerous even to gaze upon.

Mrs. G. W. Smith and Mrs. C. L. Hicklin were returning from Plymouth Wednesday evening about dark, when they drove up to the residence of the latter in Wells and Aversy addition. The horse became restless and began kicking, finally throwing itself. The ladies called for assistance and J. W. Howard and M. L. Adams went to their rescue. When they detached the struggling horse from the buggy it was found that the animal had broken one hind leg, and the poor brute was shot to relieve it of its misery.

**Tomorrow Night's Play.**

The sale of seats for tomorrow night's performance, "Troubles of a Married Man," began Wednesday morning and present indications point to "standing room only."

Great care was exercised in selecting the play, and theatre-goers are assured that the vehicle of tomorrow night's performance will not be at fault if they are not given entire satisfaction. The object is to amuse and there is only the cobweb of a plot in "Troubles of a Married Man." If you feel in a serious mood, you must get over that before the curtain rises or you will miss the point of the whole performance.

The scenes are all laid at Grasse, France, but the play has been adapted to the American stage and, while it retains the French atmosphere, the characters have all the mannerisms of our own people.

Entanglement after entanglement arises in the affairs of the various characters, and there are many absurd and amusing situations, but the play is a society comedy, and while it borders the closely upon farce, it has the saving quality of presenting all the players in pretty and pleasing costumes and avoiding the horse play so common to pure farce.

Good music will be a feature.

**Simoleons Put Up.**

The recent elections did not create more interest in this city than usually attends matters of this nature, except in certain circles. One of our real estate brokers put up his simoleons against those of a householder, each backing his judgment on the matter as to governors of New York and California. W. A. Wells and Charles Blakesley are the parties above referred to and Mr. Wells put up \$30 against a like amount of Mr. Blakesley's coin of the realm that a democratic governor would be elected.

While they were in the mood they wagered \$15 on the governorship of California, Mr. Wells backing the democratic nominee and Mr. Blakesley standing by the republican colors. But this was not all. The tailor and the bootblack put up their hard-earned cash on the governorship of New York. Mr. Wragge, the tailor, and Tony, the bootblack, wagered a dollar on the result in New York, the former going democratic and the latter republican.

**Decision Against Akin.**

A decision in a case which has attracted the attention of attorneys throughout this state, because of the fact that the principal issue involved has never before been passed upon by the Oregon supreme court, was handed down by that body Monday of this week.

The case was appealed from a decree of the circuit court of Benton county, which reversed the decision of the probate court of this county, settling the final account of appellant, J. L. Akin, as executor of the last will of Peter W. and Hannah R. Mason. The respondents, M. B. Davison and the United Brethren church, were creditors holding unpaid claims.

Appellant assigned as error the ruling of circuit court disallowing in whole or in part certain credits claimed by him, and particularly in charging him with the amount of a promissory note, \$803.50, due and owing from him to Peter W. Mason.

At the time Akin was appointed executor of the Mason estate he was indebted to Peter W. Mason on account of this promissory note delivered to the latter during the latter's lifetime. Akin was insolvent at the time of his appointment and has ever since remained so. In his final account he did not charge himself with the amount of the note, and the respondents asked that the amount of the note be charged against him as executor as though it were so much money in his hands. The Circuit Court charged Akin as demanded by respondents, and Akin appealed.

The Supreme Court cites section 1117, of Hill's code, which provides that "the naming any one executor in a will shall not operate to discharge such executor from any claim which the executor had against him, . . . and if the person so named afterwards takes upon himself the administration of the estate, he shall be liable for such claim as for so much money in his hands at the time the claim became due and payable." It is held that under this statute the insolvency of the executor is immaterial and that on final settlement he is justly charged with the debt as so much cash in hand. "As an executor cannot sue himself, all resort to legal process for the collection of a debt due from him to the estate is cut off by his assuming that office. Having voluntarily taken upon himself the right and duty to demand and receive, and the corresponding duty of paying, it is but a just and legal consequence of his own act that his debt should be conclusively presumed to have been paid and discharged."

The opinion was handed down by Justice Bean, and affirmed the finding of Circuit Judge Geo. H. Burnett. E. R. Bryson was the attorney for respondents, while Weatherford & Wyatt and J. H. Wilson redressed appellant.

**Bought Road Roller.**

The county has just completed negotiations for a road roller. It was purchased of J. H. Simpson and is to be delivered to the authorities by April 1st, 1903. This roller weighs eight tons and it is calculated that six horses can draw it. The roller is peculiar unto itself; when it is desired to go back over a certain stretch of road, it is not to turn the roller around. By working a lever the team is allowed to swing around with the tongue to the other side of the roller. The base of the tongue has a sort of track on which it may revolve around the roller, so that in changing direction it is not necessary to attempt the task of swinging the eight-ton mass about. The roller is to be here in season for road work next spring and it is supposed to be especially adapted for rolling loose gravel.

**Additional Local.**

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**Proposed Changes in Tax Law.**

While the tax law passed by the last legislature has been favorably received as a whole and its practical operation has been very satisfactory, indications point to some changes by the next legislature which are quite generally conceded to be necessary. The Taxpayers' League of Portland is working on a bill to this end.

One improvement suggested is that such kinds of personal property, merchandise and stocks of goods be assessed whenever found, and another is that the taxes be

paid when the assessment is made.

It is suggested that the time of delinquency be extended to April 15 and October 15 from the first Monday in those months. These dates would be more easily remembered by taxpayers, and would give sheriffs more time for collection. As things are now sheriffs are hard rushed and a large force of clerks has to be employed, thus entailing a big expense to the county.

Another proposal is that taxes be paid in full in October or November instead of in March and early April. But this would require extensive readjustment of the fiscal system of the state. The Sweek law goes as far as it can in this direction by permitting half of the taxes to be paid as late as the first Monday in November.

One writer proposes as a way toward raising assessments nearer to real valuations that minimum values be prescribed, and another that lands be assessed when sold. One Assessor laments that he has been unable to get hold of bank stock, and urges that something be done about it.

The game on O. A. C. field tomorrow afternoon between the U. of O. and Agricultural College elevens promises to be one of the closest and most exciting gridiron contests ever seen in the Northwest. The farmer lads are in fine fettle and Coach Herbold has accomplished surprising results in developing team work. The lads from U. of O. are expected to play a great game, so that it is a toss-up to name the winner. The GAZETTE admits its confidence in the home team and looks for a 12 to 0 game in their favor.

The Eugene Register has this to say of the 'varsity team: "The varsity football team is hard at work preparing for the game with the O. A. C. next Saturday at Corvallis. The boys expect a hard game and they are working accordingly. Fred J. Zeigler is assisting Coach Dolph and the offensive play which has heretofore been weak is being strengthened. It is expected that the boys will be in good form by Saturday and that the farmer boys will not have the easy victory they anticipate. Murphy is out of the game for the season and Latourette will continue to play the quarter-back position. His great showing in Saturday's game has pleased the coaches and they expect him to do some good work in the Corvallis game. Seth Kerron is back in his old position though still suffering from blood poisoning. The team, accompanied by Coaches Dolph and Zeigler and Managers Wright and Graham and a band of rooters, will leave for Corvallis on the afternoon train Friday and will return Saturday night."

The officials for the game are Thompson, of Albany, and Judd of Salem. Coach Herbold claims that he has a full-back who is Templeton's superior but the Oregon boys are inclined to doubt this.

**Syrup from Prunes.** In an experimental way Prof. Pernot of the Oregon Agricultural College has this year manufactured syrup from Petite prunes. He has obtained one and one-fifth gallons of table syrup from a bushel of prunes. The syrup has a flavor of its own which is quite pleasing. Prof. Pernot has no suggestions to make as to whether or not it would pay to engage in the manufacture of prune syrup, but he can separate the juice from the fruit in a decidedly inexpensive and simple manner, similar to the one used by him in making prune vinegar. It is evident that there is more than one way in which prunes can be utilized which are too small to be sold at a profitable price—Oregon Agriculturist.

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