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LOCAL NEWS.

Commissioners' court will convene tomorrow.

Bicycle rain capes at any old price at Berry's.

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

S. L. Kline will be pleased to mail his 1903 calendar to any person sending their post office address.

Attorney W. E. Yates went to Portland, Saturday, on legal business that will detain him a few days.

After a holiday vacation of two weeks, the public schools were reopened, yesterday, with a good attendance.

Wear Ralston Health Shoes—thecure for cold and wet feet. All leathers and styles: price, \$4. S. L. Kline, sole agent.

The recent severe rains caused the Willamette river to swell considerably beyond the stage necessary for good boating.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Carter, the newly married couple, arrived in Corvallis by boat, Thursday night, from Newberg and have taken up their residence here.

If the weather man owes us any rain to date this season, we are not worrying about the matter, as we believe he can make good the shortage at any old time.

There is an old man in Corvallis, His friends believe he is ill; He writes much "verse"; That is bad and worse; In sooth he is writing them still.

Mrs. Lura Campbell, teacher in the Corvallis schools, spent the holidays at her home in Albany. Miss Bessie Irvine was her guest during a portion of the holiday season.

Don Holgate arrived home, Friday, for a visit of indefinite length. He came from Hay Creek, Eastern Oregon, where he has been employed as stenographer for a large sheep and land company.

George Horsefall came from Rock Creek, Lincoln county, Friday, and after a couple of days' sojourn in this city, departed for Lewiston, Idaho, where he intends to pass the remainder of the winter.

The portals of the O A C were set ajar, yesterday, after a two weeks' vacation. As a matter of course, some of the old students were not enrolled for the ensuing term, but their places were filled by new faces.

G. W. Henkle intends to leave, tomorrow, for San Francisco, where he will visit for about three weeks with his son, Raymond. The latter holds a splendid position in a large drug establishment in that city, and is getting along nicely.

Miss Carrie Danneman, who spent the holidays with relatives and friends in this city, departed, Saturday, for Clem, Oregon. She is teaching school at that place and began to weed the birch again yesterday morning.

The case of Mahala J. Kisor vs. Amos Kisor, for divorce, came up for a hearing at a special term of court held in Oregon City, yesterday. Mr. Kisor and his witnesses went over to Albany and took the train for Oregon City, Sunday.

Friday, Louis Zeis departed for Redding, California. It was his intention to stop over a couple of days at Gold Hill, Oregon, to visit friends. His parents live at Redding and whether he will return to Corvallis or not is a matter of conjecture.

Bert Yates has had an offer to go to Mt. Angel and study music, expenses paid, for the assistance he could render in orchestral and band work at that institution. Owing to his connection as cornetist in the O A C band and other musical organizations in this city, he declined the offer.

F. D. Sawyer, who recently came to Corvallis from Seattle, was married New Year's Day, to Miss May Erskine, of Linn county. The bride is a sister of Mrs. W. A. Parr, of this city. Mr. Sawyer has purchased a farm near Plainview, Linn county, and the young couple will reside on it for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clodfelter came up from Independence on New Year's Day for a few days' visit with relatives and friends in this city. Mrs. Clodfelter was formerly Miss Griffin, violinist of Independence, and the young couple were married last Tuesday. Mr. Clodfelter holds a position in the creamery near Independence. During the past year he was employed in the Carriage and Organ Factory, of this city, and has many friends here who hope for his success and extend congratulations to himself and bride.

Put your wheel with good tires for 75 cents.

Elmer Wills, popular O A C student, returned, Sunday, from a few days' visit in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Metzger returned Sunday evening from their wedding trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lacy arrived home, yesterday, from Suver, where they visited Mrs. Lacy's relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Porter arrived home a few days ago from a visit with Albany friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Porter have returned to Portland after a two-weeks' visit with relatives and friends.

After spending the holidays with relatives and friends in and near Corvallis, Miss Irene Zierolf left, Saturday, for Pendleton.

During the past few days, students have been returning in great numbers from their various homes where they passed the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown arrived home last Thursday, from Fossil, Or. They were over there about a month visiting Mrs. Brown's son, Luther Williams.

Last Saturday's Portland Telegram contains a number of cartoons relating to the recent Woodmen celebration in this city. The Bell-fountain band, Chairman S. L. Wilkins, Professor McLouth, and other features appear as seen through the eyes of Artist Wade.

The Modern Woodmen have elected the following officers for the ensuing term: O Healy, consul; G A Seely, banker; O J Blackledge, clerk; B D Arnold, escort; E J Malow, watchman; F F Langley, secretary; W T Rowley, physician; T W Dilley, manager.

Clifford Kerr had a very narrow escape from losing his right eye while duck hunting up on Muddy, last Friday. In taking a shot at some ducks the breach blew out of the shotgun and his right eye was powder burned. It is not thought that anything serious will result.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bane are home from a four-months' visit in California. They spent the greater portion of their time in Santa Clara valley, which Mr. Bane believes is the garden spot of the world. He and Mrs. Bane spent Christmas at Healdsburg, Sonoma county, where their son was married on the 24th of December.

During the recent Woodmen celebration in this county, Philomath camp was awarded the prize, an elegant American flag, for having secured the largest increase. J. I. Underwood and Milt Long each secured the same number of applications, and each was given a gold badge, donated by Metzger and Greffoz, for the largest number of applications.

A special election in school district No. 9, was held yesterday for the purpose of giving taxpayers an opportunity to vote on the following propositions: A five mill tax for payment of teachers' and janitor's salaries; a two mill tax for payment for sewer, water closets and plumbing; a one-half mill tax for payment for wood, and repairs on boiler furnace.

A basket social and watch party was given by the Maccabees and Ladies on the evening of December 31st. A very interesting program was rendered, the feature being an exhibition drill by the Knights in uniform. About 250 persons were present, and the proceeds of the evening amounted to nearly \$20. After the new year had been ushered in, the entertainment concluded with a social dance.

The marriage of Arthur B. Emmett and Miss Ada Shaw, both of Salem, is announced to occur, tomorrow, at the residence of the bride's parents, at Yew Park, Salem. Mr. Emmett formerly attended college in this city and is a brother of Edward Emmett, who at one time was a tutor at the O A C. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Garrow, of this city, intend going down to Salem, tomorrow, to attend the wedding.

Mrs. L. L. Porter, of Oregon City, who passed the holidays in this city at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Spangler, returned to her home Friday. She was accompanied home by her mother and sister, Miss Lulu. Mrs. Spangler will spend about a week in Oregon City, while Miss Lulu was obliged to continue on to Weston, Eastern Oregon, to resume her duties as head of the department of music in the state normal school at that place.

Mr. Henry Clemmens, a gentleman with an observing turn of mind, has kept a record of the weather conditions of each day during the past year. He has handed the GAZETTE a table which shows that there were 195 rainy, 74 cloudy and 96 clear days in this locality during 1902. August had 23 clear days, and September, 24. There were 27 rainy days in December, 24 each in March and April and 23 in May. There were perfectly clear days in every month in the year except November and December. No snow fell, according to Mr. Clemmens' record.

Coffee Club's Reception.

On New Year's Day a year ago, the Ladies' Coffee Club, of this city, entertained their many friends in a manner which eclipsed all of their former efforts. It was thought at that time that it would be impossible for the ladies to rise to greater heights, but it has been accomplished, according to the verdict of those who attended the reception given by the ladies of the Coffee Club in their apartments in the City Hall last Thursday afternoon.

Great preparation had been made for this occasion. The hall was most beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens. Wild ferns and potted plants were in evidence everywhere, while from the ceiling swung great chains of evergreens, arranged in the most tasteful manner possible. The reception tables were perfect dreams, each being beautifully decorated with flowers and set off with most elaborate and attractive service. A couple of ladies presided over each table, and were ably assisted by many other ladies of the Coffee Club. Nor was this all—the refreshments served were most dainty and delicious, and the coffee and cocoa was beyond doubt better than "our mothers made."

The reception was largely attended and everybody appeared to enjoy the occasion to the utmost. On every hand there was heard a babble of voices and rippling laughter—they seemed to be contagious. The reception proper began about 3 in the afternoon and lasted until 6 o'clock. After the electric lights were turned on the scene appeared more gorgeously beautiful than before. The event will long be remembered.

Ruthyn Turney and Mordant Goodenough furnished music for the reception, and for the dance which was given in the evening as the closing feature, the music was rendered by F. R. Overlander and Mrs. Inez Wilson.

From Eastern Oregon.

Ephraim Cameron arrived, Thursday, from Union, Eastern Oregon. He was obliged to come down to Portland to lay in stock for his harness shop which he is conducting in Union and concluded to run up to Corvallis, his old home, and see his relatives and friends. He is looking well and states that he is doing a good business in the eastern part of the state. He notices many changes in this city and they are changes for the better, too.

Eph is situated almost in the heart of the sugar beet section in this state and says that while it is a great industry, those who produce the beets do not own the land as a general thing and are not able to prosper in the business. The sugar factory is located at La Grande and is owned by Mormons. The beets are nearly all produced by Mormons. The land on which the beets are produced, in nine cases out of ten, is owned by the proprietors of the factory and they sub-let it to Mormons practically on their own terms. Where the company sells land they stipulate that a certain number of acres is to be planted in beets, for a certain term of years. According to the terms on which the company rents or sells land it is pretty hard for those who have just acquired possession to make anything.

As high as ten carloads of beets are shipped from Union to La Grande daily during the season. These beets are said to be the finest sugar beets produced in this state.

Mr. Cameron will leave for home within a day or two and it is likely that he will be accompanied as far as Portland by his brother, J. M. Cameron, of this city, who will go to the metropolis for the purpose of laying in stock for his harness business in this city.

State Tax Apportionment.

Last Saturday Governor Geer, Secretary of State Dunbar and State Treasurer Moore made the official estimate of the expenses of the state for the year 1903, placing the amount at \$760,000. No state tax levy will be made this year, as the state taxes are apportioned among the several counties at a ratio fixed by law. While the reports of assessments have not all been received yet from the several counties, it is apparent that the total valuation of property in the state will reach almost \$150,000,000. Upon this valuation a revenue of \$760,000

would be at a rate of about 5 mills on the dollar.

The average amount of revenue per year for the last 15 years has been \$656,000, so that it will be seen that the advance is about in keeping with the development of the state and the increased needs of the state institutions. The revenue needed is \$160,000 less than the amount required for last year, when the levy was 6.51 mills.

Under the new tax law, Benton county will have to raise 2 per cent of this estimated expense, which will be \$14,847 for state purposes, and \$505 for the Agricultural College, or \$15,352 in all.

A Glaring Outrage.

A week ago last Saturday, during the absence of A. A. Meeks and family from their home in the Irish Bend country, some contemptible cur entered the house and committed various depredations. Whoever the party was, he deserves a term in the "pen."

The acts committed evidence the most malicious disposition. The party entered the house and tore picture albums into shreds, silk handkerchiefs were cut into pieces with a sharp knife, two shotguns were broken and other things about the house destroyed. The perpetrator of the outrage went into the barn and cut the tugs of two sets of harness. He visited the smoke house and took his knife and slashed a number of hams. Some bacon was thrown on the ground and tramped into the dirt. A number of cans of lard had their lids removed and ashes were thrown over the contents. Anything so malicious, despicable and outrageous is not often heard of in any section. This is the second offence of the kind that Mr. Meeks has suffered and it is thought the same party is the author of both.

Beaver Creek School Notes.

Gertie, Opal and Earl Thompson, Loa Carey, Jesse Gates, Ray and Oma Davis, Joey and May Park, Theodore and Noma Ireland, Maggie and Georgie Daniels have not been absent nor tardy during the last school month.

Following are names of pupils in Beaver Creek who have not been absent nor tardy during the entire term of four months: Jesse Gates, Earl Thompson, Ray Davis, Oma Davis, Joey Park, Mary Park and Loa Carey. Noma Ireland, Theo. Ireland and Maggie Daniel have not been absent or tardy since beginning school early in the term.

After some warm contests on the last day of the term, the badges of their respective spelling classes were triumphantly born away by Earl Thompson, Maggie Daniels, Joey Park, Opal Thompson and Mary Park. Master Joey Park has won the distinction of holding his badge for nearly two months.

School in this district closed on Monday, Dec. 22, but the scholars met again on Christmas day to render a program and enjoy a Christmas tree. The entertainment was well attended despite the inclemency of the weather, and all seemed much interested in the program, especially in the fireworks, an entertaining feature which occurred just at its close.

We think we may say that our Christmas tree marked the close of a successful term of school, the pupils, interest and attendance being unusually good to the last. Our visitors for the term have numbered over one hundred.

JENNIE ROBBINS, Teacher.

Additional Local.

Miss Mary Nolan, who spent the holidays at home, returned to her studies at St. Marys Academy, Portland, Sunday.

Rehearsals for the May Festival, which were discontinued during the holidays, will be resumed. The first meeting will be held in the college chapel tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

W. W. Calkins, now of Eugene, was in Corvallis yesterday to attend the meeting of the stockholders of the Great Eastern Mining Co., which was held in this city last night.

Twelve new students were registered at the college yesterday before noon. Among old students, who missed the first term this year, but have entered for the coming term, are Misses Eva and Eves Applegate, of Riddle, and Misses Maude Marsh and Maybelle Boorman, of Hood River.

A young lady in this city, who does not wish her name mentioned, is the possessor of a curio, the history of which runs back into the remote past. It is a brass snuff box of most unique design and was evidently the property of one Richard Windon, at one time, for on the box is inscribed "Richard Windon, August 2, 1722." There are other inscriptions on the box, but they are beyond the ability of an English scholar to decipher. It is thought that the unreadable inscriptions are in Gaelic. It is a

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<p>Ladies' Wool Waists</p> <p>\$ 50c waists at . . . \$ 38c 1 00 waists at . . . 75c 2 50 waists at . . . 1 85 3 00 waists at . . . 2 12 This line will be closed out regardless of cost.</p>	<p>Capes and Jackets</p> <p>\$ 5 00 jackets at . . . \$ 3 85 6 50 jackets at . . . 4 75 10 00 jackets at . . . 7 95 12 00 jackets at . . . 9 25 15 00 jackets at . . . 11 95</p>	<p>Hats</p> <p>Our \$ 1 00 hats at . . . \$ 85c Our 1 50 hats at . . . 1 20 Our 2 00 hats at . . . 1 60 Our 2 50 hats at . . . 2 00 Our 3 00 hats at . . . 2 45</p>
<p>Overcoats and Mackintoshes</p> <p>\$ 6 50 overcoats at . . . \$ 5 00 10 00 overcoats at . . . 7 95 12 50 overcoats at . . . 10 00 18 00 overcoats at . . . 14 85 All Mackintoshes at cost.</p>	<p>Ladies' Shoes</p> <p>We have 50 pairs of fine shoes in broken lines worth \$2 50, \$3 00 and \$3 50. All go at \$2 per pair.</p>	<p>Men's Trousers</p> <p>Bought of us in money saved.</p> <p>\$ 2 00 trousers at . . . \$ 1 60 2 50 trousers at . . . 2 00 3 00 trousers at . . . 2 40 4 00 trousers at . . . 3 20 5 00 trousers at . . . 4 00</p>
<p>Ladies' Underwear</p> <p>\$ 25c garment at . . . \$ 19c 50c garments at . . . 41c 75c garments at . . . 62c 1 00 garments at . . . 79c Odds and ends at 50c on the dollar.</p>	<p>Boy's Clothing</p> <p>\$ 1 50 boy's suits at . . . \$ 1 20 2 00 boy's suits at . . . 1 60 3 00 boy's suits at . . . 2 40 4 00 boy's suits at . . . 3 20 5 00 boy's suits at . . . 4 00 The Famous Banner Brand.</p>	<p>Shirts</p> <p>The best prints. Never before have we had such nice patterns.</p> <p>\$ 50c shirts at . . . \$ 41c 1 00 shirts at . . . 85c 1 50 shirts at . . . 1 25</p>
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A Week of Prayer.

Monday, Christian church; leader, Mrs. Humbert. Subject: The Church Militant.

Tuesday, Presbyterian church; leader, Rev. F. L. Moore. Subject: Foreign Missions.

Wednesday, M. E. church; leader, Rev. T. T. Vincent. Subject: Home Missions.

Thursday, Baptist church; leader, Rev. Mark Noble. Subject: Families and Schools.

Friday, Evangelical church; leader, Rev. G. S. O. Humbert. Subject: Nations and their Rulers.

Saturday, M. E. church, South; leader, Rev. A. Carrick. Subject: Sunday School Conference.

The above program was arranged by the Ministerial Association of Corvallis. Services will begin at 7:30, and a cordial welcome will be extended to the public.

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