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LOCAL NEWS.

A fine all-wool black clay worsted suit for \$7.95, at Kline's

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

Otto Herse has moved with his family into the Blackledge residence on 9th street, between Jackson and Van Buren.

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

The approach to the Albany steel bridge which was washed out by the recent flood, has been replaced and travel has been resumed.

Children's service at the Baptist church, Sunday at 11 o'clock. Hearty invitation extended to both young and old. All welcome.

S. N. Wilkins and son, Hallie, went to Salem yesterday to observe the workings of the legislature. They will return home Saturday.

A lot of books by standard authors, regular price 25 cents. Going just now at 16 cents, at Gerhard's. Here's your opportunity.

Prof. Torbet has prepared a lecture on "Genesis and Geology," which he will soon deliver in Corvallis in response to an invitation.—Albany Herald.

Miss Grace Simpson left yesterday for her home in Portland, after a visit with her aunt, Mrs. F. L. Miller. Miss Mabel Simpson returns home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hall came up from Buena Vista, Wednesday. Mr. Hall returned home, yesterday, but his wife will remain for a few days longer to visit relatives and friends.

The Eugene Guard is informed that John M. Bloss, former president of the Oregon Agricultural College has recovered from the light stroke of paralysis he suffered recently at his home in Muncie, Ind.

United Evangelical Church—H. A. Deak, pastor. Services Sunday morning and evening. At Westminster school house at 3 p. m. The last quarterly conference for this conference year will be held over Sunday, February 15, Dr. Poling presiding.

Col. Van Cleave, who was formerly engaged in the newspaper business in Albany and Yacuna, was in Ashland Tuesday, visiting his son, who is a member of the Clara Mathes dramatic company now in the city. The Colonel was en route north from a stay in Southern California.—Tidings.

The Occidental hotel has long been the most popular caravansary in this city. The tables are always supplied with the best market affords, and rates are most reasonable. The building is large and commodious, and its many rooms are well furnished and supplied with all modern conveniences.

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.

Samuel Wilkins died at his home in Oeltha, Texas, January 9, 1903, at the age of 80 years and 6 months. Deceased was an uncle of S. N. Wilkins of this city. He was the last of a family of 13 children. His brother H. L. Wilkins, father of our fellow-townsmen, died about two years ago, at the advanced age of 81 years.

The summaries of the assessment rolls for 1902 of the several counties of the state were made public Saturday at Salem. They show that the total taxable value of the state is \$148,099,601.65, as against \$141,398,513.96 for the year 1901. Every county reports an increase in valuations except Klamath, Umatilla and Yamhill.

Mr. T. B. Potter, recently appointed a member of the Union Pacific Land and Emigration Bureau, has just returned from Chicago and Eastern points. In an interview Mr. Potter said: "My trip East was eminently satisfactory in more ways than one. As the accredited representative of the Land and Immigration Bureau of the Harriman lines, I was enabled to gain much valuable information, such information, in fact, as could not have been obtained from any other source. I am simply amazed at the number of homeseekers who are turning their gaze upon the Northwest, particularly Oregon. It is not safe to estimate how many will arrive during the next four months, but 50,000 would not surprise me in the least. The cheap rates West will be operative February 15, continuing for four months."

Mrs. J. H. Erskine is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Parr. She expects to return to her Linn county home, tomorrow.

The finest assortment of Valentines ever brought to Corvallis—second consignment—at Gerhard's. Prices from one cent up.

Rev. W. G. Eliot, Jr., state superintendent for the American Unitarian Association, will preach the second of a series of sermons at Barrett Lyceum, Sunday evening, February 8, at 7:30 o'clock. The subject will be, "What Do Unitarians Believe Concerning the Divinity of Christ?" The public is cordially invited.

The public seems to be misinformed regarding the business transaction which recently occurred between C. H. Vehr and myself, relative to my dairy business. Mr. Vehr is negotiating for my wagon, bottles, milk route in Corvallis and all the milk from my herd of cows. At present C. H. Clark will be in charge of the wagon on the route formerly controlled by the undersigned. J. D. HUKILL.

Oscar Tom writes that the Ari Cantrell wether referred to in our issue of January 1, as shearing eight pounds, was a seven-eighths grade Angora. At the time it sheared that amount it was kept as a pet and was well cared for. After it was turned out with the flock of 500 or 600 goats his clip was only 3 1/2 to 4 pounds. Mr. Tom reports that goats are doing very well this winter in the Alsea country.—Oregon Agriculturist.

The Thorp brothers, of McMinnville, who have been ill with diphtheria at the home of Wm. Sechler in this city for the past two weeks, are now convalescent and the quarantine has been raised. Students Pilkington, Auld and Rose, who have rooms at the Sechler home escaped the disease but were confined to the house during the illness of the Thorp brothers. They all return to college.

The already large mercantile establishment of J. H. Harris has outgrown its present floor space, and A. F. Peterson is just completing the task of building a large gallery in the shoe department. This gallery has a floor space of 750 square feet, and will be occupied by an extensive line of gents' furnishings goods which Mr. Harris will put in immediately. With his family, he leaves tomorrow for a two-weeks' visit to San Francisco.

For the first time in a number of years, O. A. C. is to have a trainer competent to put her track team in first-class condition. W. O. Trine, the veteran athlete, has been secured as physical instructor and director of outdoor sports. Mr. Trine occupied a similar position at U. of O. for a number of years, and to his ability is due in a great measure the splendid showing made by the university athletes. He is a past master in perfecting the physical condition of the men in his care, and he knows every move in the game of actual contest.

Acting upon orders from Adjutant-General Gantenbein, the Corvallis Signal Corps, O. N. G., disbanded last night, and sent in its uniforms and equipment to headquarters. The corps was organized a couple of years ago and its efficiency attracted much attention during the encampment last fall, and Major Edwards was the recipient of many congratulations from regimental officers. Under the new law recently passed by congress, the state militia is to be reorganized and this is responsible for the disbanding of the signal corps.

They are Favorites.

After an absence of nearly three years, Miss Jessie Shirley is again appearing at the local play house. Of the company supporting her during her first appearance here, but two are now with her—Mr. George McQuarrie and Mr. O. F. Ralston. Mr. Gilbert, also a member of the present company, was here with Sam T. Shaw.

Miss Shirley has an entirely new repertoire of plays, and general satisfaction is expressed regarding the manner of their presentation. Tangible evidence of the appreciation of the company's efforts is given in the excellent patronage each evening.

The plays are strong, the scenic effect the best we have seen here, the costumes elegant and appropriate. Lack of space prevents a critical review of the efforts of the various members of the cast in this issue, but we will consider them later.

Notice.

To my many friends and patrons: I desire to take this means of thanking you for past favors and the liberal patronage extended me in the past; and wish to inform the public that I have with me as a partner, Mr. W. H. Curry, who is an experienced man in the handling of dairy stock. Having purchased the entire herd of registered Jersey cows of M. S. Woodcock, we can furnish the best quality of milk and cream, direct from our farm, which is located in the suburbs of this city. We guarantee entire satisfaction and solicit a share of the patronage. Phone 268. CLOVER LEAF DAIRY. Walter K. Taylor & W. H. Curry, Props.

ENDED IN A TRAGEDY.

White, the Escaped Convict, Commits Suicide Near Eddyville, After Being Wounded.

Report comes from Waldport, Alsea bay, of a pitched battle near that place between Sheriff Ross, of Lincoln county, and a man supposed to be the escaped convict, White. Last Sunday, Ross and his deputy, Jim Winskill, went to Waldport in quest of White, whom they had reason to believe was in the vicinity.

When Ross and his deputy were at the landing place, about 1 o'clock, they saw a boat coming across from the north side. As the boat drew near Ross recognized the man he was looking for. He took up his position a little way back of the landing place so that he would not be seen nor recognized by the second man in the boat, whom he was acquainted with, leaving his deputy to watch the steps. As the boat neared the landing the suspect leaped ashore and started down the beach. Ross ran around to head him off, and getting close, ordered him to halt. Just as he spoke, quick as a flash, the suspect drew his gun and fired at the sheriff, who quickly returned the fire. Both men continued firing, but after the first exchange of shots both took shelter behind some logs and continued the fusillade. So soon as their weapons were empty White sprang to his feet and ran swiftly through the brush, dropping his provisions and about 30 cartridges. Neither party was hit, although the sheriff put bullet holes through the suspect's coat tail.

After his encounter with the sheriff, White recrossed Alsea bay, staying over night near Lutjens. Those who witnessed the shooting affair say White did not shoot to kill.

WHITE TAKES HIS LIFE.

Ross gave his man no rest, however, and his persistent search culminated in a tragedy on Wednesday afternoon when White committed suicide after being desperately wounded. The sheriff had reason to believe the convict was in the neighborhood of Eddyville, and he hastened to that place and asked the nearby residents to keep a lookout for White. Among others he notified Robert Warnock, who lives about two miles from Eddyville, and gave him a detailed description of the escaped prisoner. Warnock saddled his horse, intending to join in the search, and tied the animal to a fence while he secured his rifle. Having gotten this weapon, he was returning when he discovered White. He called to him to halt, and fired a couple of shots by way of emphasis, but White ran to where the horse was tied and attempted to untie the animal. Warnock then fired to kill, the ball passing through White's body. The convict ran a short distance. Then placing his revolver to his forehead, he sent a bullet through his brain, dying instantly.

The body, accompanied by Sheriff Ross, was taken through Corvallis on yesterday's C. & E. to Salem, where it will be buried at the penitentiary.

Better Local Train Service.

The GAZETTE is in receipt of the following communication, purporting that a vast improvement in the passenger service on the West Side can be made by a simple rearrangement of schedule. The plan appears feasible, and it is respectfully submitted to the above-named company for consideration:

EDITOR GAZETTE: While we are endeavoring to help and assist our city in its advancement in a business way, I believe I have a suggestion to offer that will meet the approval of every business man in our fair city, as well as over the entire Willamette valley.

In looking over the train route I find that on the West Side there are three trains daily each way, all leaving or arriving at Portland.

First: The Sheridan branch, by the way of Hillsboro, Forest Grove and McMinnville to Sheridan.

Second: The Yamhill division, leaving Jefferson street by the way of Newberg and Dayton and way points to Dallas.

Third: The Corvallis passenger by the way of Hillsboro, Forest Grove, McMinnville and Independence to Corvallis.

Now the writer suggests that the following system be adopted: First: That the Yamhill division go by way of Newberg,

Dayton and Sheridan, drop back to Sheridan Junction, a distance of only 7 miles, or near that, and run to Dallas, making a round-trip each day.

Second: That the Sheridan passenger be run as far as Whiteson, as it is now, and then put on the run to Corvallis, making one round-trip each day.

Third: That the Corvallis passenger be kept on its present run.

This would give the traveling men a service wherein they could better cover their territory. It would give Sheridan passenger connections, directly with Dallas and the southern part of the state. It would give Corvallis two regular passenger trains. It would give Dallas and Independence three regular trains each day, through the motor connections. It would give McMinnville double service south of Whiteson. It would accommodate the merchants and business men of the whole valley, by giving them an opportunity to go to Portland, transact such business as they may have there and allow them to return home the same night. Further, it would not discommode a city on the whole route; not necessitate another train on the line; be but little more expensive to the Southern Pacific, while it would be of inestimable value to the whole of the Willamette valley from Corvallis to Portland.

Now, why has this not been done? It is an easy solution to a vexing problem and I believe it would immediately be considered by the officers of the Southern Pacific, and placed in operation, as they are always anxious to put in the best service possible for the money.

Very sincerely yours,
A BUSINESS MAN.

Tonight "Camille."

"Camille" is a play that lives and thrives in its own specific atmosphere and deals with things and people in the unchangeable of life. Miss Shirley assumes the role of that noted demi-mondaine and George McQuarrie, be her Armand Duval.

Though full of false sentiment and worn threadbare by a multitude of interpreters, "Camille" has retained most enviable drawing powers over many modern plays. There is no reason why we should pity a la dame aux camelias when she shun her prototype in life. Marguerite Gauthier was but one among many who perhaps might have had the same aspirations as she—leaned toward a purer and better life. "Camille" might have gone into a convent like Louise la Valliere—but then there would have been no climax to weep over. As given by Miss Shirley, "Camille" is a most pleasing interpretation of an unpleasing part and not without suggestion about the drama and the art of acting. The play as a whole is not a character study, but a series of the most skillful climaxes ever put together. The purely theatrical effectiveness in the play is reduced by Miss Shirley. She puts into the character delicacy, taste and reserve and does not vividly overdraw its spontaneity. She gives of "Camille" her love and unhappiness only, but she gives them the touch of an artist who does not produce a discord. And to these she gives her own natural winsomeness and grace, so that when the sentiment approaches poetry the charm is true art.

The staging of the play and dressing of the parts will marvel all former presentations of Alexander Dumas' delineations of the life of the fallen.

For the matinee the company will play the romantic comedy-drama, "Among the Pines," a story of Maine. During the action of the play a real sawmill, in full action, will be operated on the stage.

The company closes the engagement, Saturday, by presenting the melo-drama, "Blue Grass of Old Kentucky." The play is full of action and strong climaxes. In the 4th act, the ways and manners of the "White Caps" will be illustrated. A real live baby adds to the naturalness of the home scene in the 1st act.

Berry is Getting Ready.

J. K. Berry returned, Tuesday, from Portland, where he spent several days inspecting the samples of this year's models in bicycles, and making arrangements for securing promptly enough wheels to meet the demand in this section. After looking over the various models sent out by the manufacturers to the wholesale houses in Portland, Mr. Berry decided to accept the agency for the following well known, high-grade wheels:

Rambler, Ideal, Bicycle and Barnes. Mr. Berry sold 97 bicycles last season. The wheels he will offer this year have all the latest improvements and are up-to-date in every particular. He will be prepared to equal, if not surpass, his record of last year.

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DE MORRISON NOT GUILTY.

Mr. C. E. Small Has Determined This Upon Investigation.

Within the past few weeks a number of articles have appeared in Portland papers reflecting upon the character and actions of "Homer De Morrison," known in Corvallis as Eugene Wirt. Last Saturday's Telegram contained what purported to be an interview with C. E. Small of this city, brother of Mrs. Wirt, in which Mr. Small is made to say unkind things about his brother-in-law, and intimate that he will assist the police of Portland to effect his capture. The GAZETTE has known of these articles, but as nothing has been proved against Wirt, it has preferred to lose a sensational item rather than do innocent persons injury.

That there is no foundation for the articles referred to, the following letter, received by Mrs. Small from her son, dated at Puyallup, Wash., February 3, 1903, would seem to prove. The letter went to Portland and up into Washington to disprove the accusations concerning Mr. Wirt. He says, referring to the Telegram's interview:

"That interview is for the greater part imagination, and the paper is not reliable anyway. Detective Snow says he knows nothing regarding Homer De Morrison. The chief says his name is not on the books, so it all came from the piece about De Armandus. Jean is in no way connected with this."

A letter from Mrs. Wirt, dated at Denver, Colorado, says that she and her husband are living happily in that city.

The Government Jetty.

The high water of last week has fairly tested the efficiency of the government work opposite Corvallis on the Linn county side. Last summer portions of the river bank were rip-rapped with stone taken from quarries on the Benton side, the rock being placed on top of brush matting, and the matting secured also by stakes driven into the ground through the brush. The high water has considerably increased the width and depth of the slough farthest east, which has no stone bank; while the most exposed place near the Sol King farm, where Mr. Parrott's house caved in, and where a good stone wall protects the bank, has not washed out so much as usual. At the east end of the rock bank is a striking object lesson, in the great hole washed away at the end of the work. The rock had been filled in up to a low bank, and this bank has been considerably washed away by the water, necessitating still further rip-rap, at that point.

This high water has demonstrated that the work placed there last summer is permanent, and the improvement and protection to that river bank should not be discontinued until the entire river bend is protected by a solid wall of rip-rap. Once built it would last forever and the sooner the work is completed the better.

Eastern Oregon Bulletin.

The first bulletin published for the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station, at Union, has just been printed at the college office. The subject is "Sugar Beet Speculation," and Prof. A. B. Leckenby, head of the branch station, is the author. By way of introduction to his discussion of the subject of sugar beets, Prof. Leckenby says:

"For the information of those who are not familiar with the methods that have been pursued by sugar beet seed raisers, we will state that the plan has been universally practiced and accepted as correct, of boring a slanting hole about one inch in diameter through the center of the mother beet, for the purpose of finding the sugar content by analyzing the core taken out. This method we claim is unwise, unnecessary and injurious to the progeny."

The following note concludes the bulletin: "The careful work and chemical analyses necessary for these conclusions were done by Robert Withycombe, and without his valuable co-operation many of the facts stated would have been only conjectures."

Office Established.

On and after February 1st, the City Transfer Company will have a business office at the store of M. T. Starr, where orders for drayage, etc., may be left. Arrangements have been made for phones at the office, and at the residences of G. A. Seeley and Floyd Lane, draymen.

Young's Cash Store.

Ladies' Goods at low prices, to close out. Full line of woolen hosiery, also fancy goods. Orders for groceries may be sent by telephone.

FEBRUARY INVENTORY SALE

During our Big January Clearance Sale we have accumulated a great many Odds and Ends from each department of Our Big Store, which we have decided to Close Out at Extra Special Prices.

THIS INVENTORY SALE WILL LAST TEN DAYS AND NO LONGER.



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NOTICE—After February 1st the Store will close at 6:30 p. m., except Saturdays.

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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.

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

Goats for Sale.

Two hundred goats for sale. Inquire of ZANN BROS. Alsea, Or.

Horses for Sale.

One span of good farm mares, bred to imported Percheron horse. Price, \$150. Inquire of J. E. DAVIS, One mile from Blodgett station, Benton county.

For Sale.

Vetch and cheat hay. Enquire of Robert Wylie, Lewisburg, 5 miles north of Corvallis.

Young's Cash Store.

Ladies' Goods at low prices, to close out. Full line of woolen hosiery, also fancy goods. Orders for groceries may be sent by telephone.

Pigs for Sale.

About 20 head of young pigs. Enquire of WALTER TAYLOR, Corvallis, Ore.

Wanted.

Girl to do housework for small family in the country. For particulars inquire at the Corvallis Creamery.

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30 head 2-year-old ewes, to sell or will trade for goats. Call on or write to I. O. THOMPSON, Fern, Or.

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