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LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. Heanel, of Monroe, is at the bedside of her son in this city, who is still seriously ill of pneumonia.

Manager H. W. Kaupisch of the Corvallis Creamery returned Sunday from a business trip to Portland.

T. W. Dilley has greatly improved the interior of the new addition to his repair shop, by giving it a coat of paper.

A. D. Morrison left yesterday for Portland, where he will take the medical examination for a state diploma today and tomorrow.

A. L. Porter, superintendent of the flume being built by the Benton County Lumber Company, states that one thousand feet of flume is being constructed per day.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bell, mother of Rev. J. R. N. Bell, formerly of Corvallis, died at her home at Myrtle Creek, Or., March 31st, at the advanced age of 91 years.

Don't forget to call for the Hazelwood ice cream every Saturday and Sunday at the City Restaurant; also first-class meals, 25 and 50 cents. C. W. LEDERLE, Proprietor.

Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Moses celebrated the 45th anniversary of their marriage last Sunday. They were married in Arkansas. Rev. Moses was born on the 13th of November, 1827, and at 75 years of age he is hale and hearty as a man of 60.

A. D. Hale, who formerly edited the People's Press, of Albany, has bought property in Taggart of Victor Moses, consisting of four blocks and a few acres outside of the town, and has moved his family to their new home.—Lebanon Express.

The Occidental hotel in this city, has always enjoyed a large share of the patronage of the local and traveling public, because its tables are always supplied with all that the season and markets afford, and its rooms are clean and comfortably furnished.

Miss Irene Zierolf arrived, Friday, from Pendleton to be at the bedside of her mother, who is quite ill at her home south of this city. Mrs. Zierolf, accompanied by her husband, will go to Portland, tomorrow, where she expects to undergo an operation.

Hugh Jones, of Beaver Creek, a student at the Agricultural college at Corvallis, is at home this week on his vacation. Mr. Jones is spending his first year at the college and reports himself highly pleased with the work of the institution.—Oregon City Enterprise.

Karl Lachele, formerly of this city, was in town, Friday. With his brother, Mr. Lachele recently secured control of the Capitol Soap Works at Salem, and his visit here was for the purpose of introducing the product of his factory. It is said to be a superior article of soap.

Manager Chas. Evans, of the debating team, is arranging debates with Corvallis Agricultural college and with Portland High school. No definite arrangements have been made yet concerning these events, but meets between the school debating teams will probably take place soon.—Eugene Guard.

The GAZETTE is in receipt of late copies of the Vadez News, from G. W. Smith, who went to Alaska some months ago. The News is a wide-awake paper full of local news. Its large advertising patronage indicates that Vadez is a good-sized city, and that her many business houses are conducted by progressive business men.

W. H. Malone, G. C. Peck and D. D. Longbottom are the incorporators of the Alesia Telephone Company, which has filed articles of incorporation at the office of the county clerk. The company has capital stock to the amount of \$1,000 and its object is to build and operate a telephone line from Alesia to Philomath. The principal office will be in Alesia.

It is estimated at 100 families have been added to the population of Benton county during the past twelve months. That our growth has been considerable is evidenced by the increase in the receipts of the Corvallis postoffice. For the year ending March 31, 1903, the receipts of this office were \$6,072.72, an increase over the receipts of last year for the corresponding period of \$729.33. This increase of over 13 per cent in the last year is a showing that can be accounted for only by increase of population, and consequent additional business. Although a number of rural postoffices have been established in this vicinity during the past few years, each drawing some business from the Corvallis office, the receipts of this office have gradually increased from year to year.

Order your trees and shrubs of W. F. Gray, Corvallis, O. egon.

The Benton County Citizens' League met last night to elect officers for the ensuing term.

Don't forget the Hazelwood ice cream served Saturdays and Sun days at the City Restaurant.

Mrs. A. F. Herchner and daughter, Frances, are visiting at the home of Rev. W. C. Kintner in Salem.

Pure and wholesome cream and milk in any quantity at the Clover Leaf dairy. Taylor & Curry proprietors.

Smoke the "Old Joe Wheeler" 5-cent cigar. Best on earth. W. T. and C. E. Small, agents, Corvallis, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Colvig will locate in this city, Mr. Colvig being employed at the Grants Pass Pharmacy. Mr. and Mrs. Colvig occupy apartments at the Colonial.—Observer.

Buy your milk of the Clover Leaf dairy, operated by Taylor & Curry.

Don't forget the Hazelwood ice cream served Saturdays and Sundays at the City Restaurant.

We are in the market for no. hair and are prepared to give you full value for same. S. L. KLINE.

Oregon is on the map all right. Sheley has just paid us a visit; Ella Wheeler Wilcox will be here this week; Hobson passes through on the 18th inst., and President Roosevelt will enter the state May 21st.

Mr. Zephtassa, who resides just east of Corvallis, recently sold six hogs for \$104; or an average of over \$17.33 for each hog. These animals were fed upon skim milk, and four bushels of wheat was all the grain ever given them. Mr. Zephtassa will tell you there is profit in raising hogs.

The republican county convention to name delegates from this county to the congressional convention at Eugene, will meet at the court house this morning at 11 o'clock. The convention is composed of 78 delegates, and Benton is entitled to seven representatives at the district convention which meets Thursday.

Two young gentlemen got into a dispute on the First National Bank corner early Saturday evening, and wound up by engaging in a whirlwind exhibition of the manly art. They were taken into custody and given a hearing before Police Judge Grefoz. One of them plead guilty and was fined \$10. The other stood trial.

The delinquent tax list will be extremely small in Benton county again this year. Taxpayers were allowed until yesterday to pay half the amount of their taxes, and have until October to pay the remainder and avoid the penalty of ten per cent and interest at 12 per cent. Only \$3000 or \$4000 worth of property remains upon which no payment has been made. Nearly all of this belongs to non-residents. Some of it is timber land upon which taxes are to be paid for the first time. These timber claims add considerable property to the tax list of Benton county, and with the increasing valuation of this property should contribute quite an item to our revenues in the future.

W. I. Vawter Was Here.

Hon. W. I. Vawter, of Medford, was in Corvallis, Friday, renewing acquaintances. Mr. Vawter will be a leading candidate in the republican congressional convention which meets at Eugene, Thursday. The delegation from Jackson, his home county, will support him to the last ballot and he promises to be in the running from the start.

Mr. Vawter is no stranger in this part of the valley. His parents were pioneers of Linn county, and he was born at Boston mills near Brownsville, over forty years ago. He is, therefore, not only a native of Oregon, but of this congressional district as well. In 1886, he graduated from the University of Oregon, and was principal of the public schools of Eugene for some time. Moving to Jackson county, he began the practice of law and became one of the leading attorneys of Southern Oregon. At present he is one of the prominent business men of Medford.

Mr. Vawter is a man of pleasing address and genial disposition. He impresses one with his earnestness and energy, and should the plum fall to him at Eugene, the republicans will have a candidate who will poll the full strength of his party.

Dressmaking.

To the ladies of Corvallis. I am located in your city N. W. corner Third and Van Buren Sts., and will do dressmaking at reasonable prices. Satisfaction guaranteed. Please give me a call. MRS. ETTA E. DOWNS.

Here's a Pretty Muddle.

At the last session of the Oregon legislature two acts were passed amending the law which provides for the election of district road supervisors and county roadmasters, and also passed a general road law which repeals the act amended. All three of the new acts are to go into effect at the same time. The act which contains the repealing clause also provides for the election of county roadmaster and district supervisors, but does not provide for election prior to January, 1904. Now the question arises, "Will there be any road supervisors or roadmasters in Oregon from May 20, 1903, to January 1904?" Secretary of State Dunbar has puzzled his head over the problem, and has referred it to Attorney-General Crawford for his consideration.

The matter is of much importance and concerns every one of the several hundred road districts in the state. If the amendatory acts in question do not take effect May 21st, then there will be no road supervisors or county roadmasters from that time until the county court meets in January, 1904.

The intent of the legislature is well known, though it may not be so clear from an inspection of the acts alone. It was not intended that the present incumbent of the office mentioned should be disturbed until January, 1904, when new appointments are to be made. If the amendatory acts are held effective, then the matter of selecting road supervisors will remain unchanged, and section 68 of the general road law will be rendered nugatory. If, on the other hand, the repealing clause is held to destroy the basis for the amendatory acts, then all the offices of road supervisor will become vacant on May 21, and possibly the office will not exist until January, 1904.

Will be Big Fruit Crop.

From information in the hands of Weather Observer Beals, says the Telegram, the fruit crop is somewhat backward all over the state. In the valley the prune crop is especially backward. Thus far the winter all over the western part of the state there has been a much lighter rainfall than during previous winters.

While the fruit trees are backward there is every prospect of a heavy crop. Its slow maturity may prove its salvation in many instances, as it will be less likely to be nipped by cold frosts or late cold rains in the event of the latter. On the other hand, warm weather will mature it rapidly enough to come in season as early as usual.

The winter has been a remarkable one in every respect. Except for a few squally weeks, the weather has been more like California weather than the usual Oregon mists and heavy rains. The snowfall in the mountains of Eastern, Central and Southern Oregon has been heavier than usual, yet unless the plains in these portions of the state get the benefit of a wet spring the summer will be an unusually dry one, cutting down the usual crop output.

County Business.

Commissioners court was in session last Wednesday and Thursday at which time the following business was transacted:

Cost bills, amounting to \$31.60, were allowed in the matter of State of Oregon vs. Baker, et al.

In the matter of building a bridge at Stewarts hill, on the Albany-Corvallis road, bids were opened as follows: R. M. Gilbert, \$825; W. H. Millhollen, \$999. The contract was awarded to R. M. Gilbert, his bid being the lowest.

Bids for removal of court house clock from the present position to the 3rd floor, and repairing the same, were opened and found to be as follows: C. L. Heckart, \$185; A. J. Metzger, \$185 or \$170, if the old cable could be used again. The court rejected all bids, considering them too high.

In the matter of the application of Wiley Ingram, M. D. Harpole, Wm. I. Huggins, et al; for a county road to be known as Ingram Island wagon road, in Benton county, it was ordered that James Bruce, John Whitaker and Samuel Reader be appointed as viewers of said road, and T. A. Joaze, surveyor. The viewers and surveyor will meet

at Monroe, April 27th, at 10 o'clock a. m. Their report in writing shall be made to the court on or before the first day of the next regular term.

The following scalp bounties were allowed: A. J. Erwit, \$2; E. H. Belknap, \$2; L. A. January, \$5.

The petition of Marshall C. Miller for a quit-claim deed from Benton county to lot 8, block 1, County addition to Corvallis, was granted and the deed executed.

The resignation of W. M. Childers as road supervisor of district No. 12, was accepted, and G. R. Taylor was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

The court was asked to correct an error in the assessment of 4.36 acres of land in Wells & McElroy's addition belonging to J. J. Cady. This property was assessed at \$300, when corresponding property was assessed at \$200. It was therefore ordered that Mr. Cady's assessment be lowered to \$200.

The valuation of property assessed to Fred Bouckman at \$2315, was reduced to \$1870.

J. H. Gibson's resignation as clerk of election of Corvallis precinct No. 2 was accepted, and D. A. Osborn was appointed to fill the vacancy.

M. Wilhelm and Jas Pfouts appeared before the court and presented petitions of residents and householders residing in Monroe and Bellfontain precincts, praying the court to construct a drawbridge across the Long Tom river at a point where the road, leading from what was formerly Liverpool Mills to Herron butte, crosses the river. The matter was continued for the term.

In the matter of bids for constructing one mile of road on Corvallis-Philomath wagon road, the following bids were opened: Thos. H. Cooper, to construct said road as per plans and specifications on file, \$2,375; Leroy McReynolds, to construct said road as per his plans, \$4,770. The court rejected all bids.

Roy Howard the Orator.

As a result of the contest held at the college armory Friday evening, Roy Howard will represent O A C at the state contest of the College Prohibition League, which will be held at Dallas, May 1st. Five orators competed Friday evening and every effort is said to have been most creditable.

Mr. Howard was awarded first place by the judges. His subject was "Come Let Us Reason Together." Miss Alice Wickland was given second place for her oration on "A Curse and a Remedy," while Mark McAllister stood third. "It Can Never be Legalized" was his subject. H. C. Brodie's effort, "The Arm Canteen," was given fourth place, and Miss Mary Sutherland's oration, "High Ideals and Patriotism," took fifth position.

Others who entered the contest, but did not appear were: L. W. Mack, "Prohibition; the Best Solution of the Liquor Question;" Louis Burnough, "Geo. M. Dutcher, a Hero;" Verna Kerkie, "Life's Darker Tones."

Judges on composition were: Mrs. Humbert, Rev. Reaves and Dr. Cathey; judges on delivery: Professors Cordley and Skelton and Rev. Moore. When the decision of the judges was announced, W. E. Yates presented the prizes—a gold medal to the winner from the college prohibition league; a silver medal to Miss Wickland, from the Corvallis prohibition league; and a cash prize to Mr. McAllister, from J. H. Harris.

Much credit is due Professor Shaw, of the college, for the excellent success of this contest, which is intended as the first of a series to be held in the colleges of Oregon, California and Washington once each year. Short time was given for preparation for the contest just held, but Professor Shaw who was prevailed upon to look after the details, succeeded in arousing much enthusiasm, with the result that eight students prepared to enter the contest.

Among the Roses.

I'd like to sleep among the roses
And breathe their sweet perfume,
Perhaps I'd dream of heaven,
And all the angels there.
No doubt life's toils and vexing cares
Would be anxiously waiting for me,
But I'd sleep away the sweetest sleep,
Perhaps I'd forget to wake up.
E. M. S.

Claude Riddle Disappears.

The many acquaintances of Claude Riddle in this city will be surprised when they read the following dispatch from Vancouver, Wash., under date of April 4th: "Claude A. Riddle, who suddenly disappeared Wednesday, and has not been seen since, was last seen on board the steamer Undine Wednesday morning, on the way to Portland. He had left home to go to his work at a local sawmill, and his lunch basket was found under a pile of lumber, where he had left it. Riddle did not get on the boat at the dock, but went down the river and boarded it at the drydock. He left no word of his intended movements and deserted his wife and child."

Claude attended the agricultural college for several terms, and was quite prominent in the student body. He was married about a year ago, and entered the newspaper business in Vancouver. Recently, he had a severe spell of sickness and was taken to his parent's home at Riddle. The above dispatch is the first that has been learned of him here since his recovery.

All was Harmony.

There was no contest in the republican primaries in Corvallis, Saturday, and a very light vote resulted. This held true in the various precincts throughout the county.

The following delegates were chosen in the Corvallis precincts: Corvallis No. 1.—H. H. Glassford, E. W. Strong, S. L. Shedd, J. F. Yates, Wm. Knotts and Lee Henkle.

Corvallis No. 2.—S. L. Kline, Geo. W. Denman, E. R. Lake, Geo. L. Paul, E. R. Bryson, M. S. Woodcock, R. H. Colbert and W. H. Curran.

Corvallis No. 3.—Alex Rennie, Geo. E. Lilly, J. W. Crawford, T. H. Wellsher, J. M. Cameron, J. R. Smith and R. H. Huston. Corvallis No. 4.—O. V. Hurt, August Fischer, T. H. Cooper, J. H. Wilson and J. B. Irvine.

A Good Suggestion.

MR. EDITOR.—Speaking about the free distribution of plants for cultivation by the school children reminded me that this is a feature of patriotism that ought to be encouraged by every parent and property owner in this city. Every plant grown for ornamental purposes adds a beauty to our place that will be fully appreciated by every newcomer. The spirit of wholesale rivalry that will be kindled and encouraged by these proposed awards for plant growing is to be commended, and the Improvement Association should receive the support of our whole population in its efforts to lift up the tone of our home-life and beautify our surroundings.

Encourage the children to enter into this contest with vim. Give them a piece of the garden, furnish them a few shovelfuls of loam, a little fertilizer and good results will certainly follow a little tillage, for gladiola corms are easily grown. Well planted in mellow soil, hoed a few times and they will blossom abundantly.

The corms offered by the Improvement Association are the best American grown stocks Cowee's improved strains of Graf's hybrids, and if all the corms offered are taken this city will possess a feature of floral beauty not heretofore seen in this valley, and one that will excite most favorable comment.

This work for the children ought not in the least detract but rather add to the interest in the sweet-pea. It is to be hoped that at least twice as many sweet-pea, will be grown this year as last. E. R. L.

Real Estate Transfers.

Amos Vance et al to Amanda B Renfro deed, 6 lots, Summit; \$30.

E Ryder & wf to Jasper Hayden deed, 18 a, Alesia, \$5.

C M Close & wf to Beverly Chew deed, 163 a T 14 S, R 5, W; \$1.

C M Rickard & hus to S L Kline deed, 348 a. T 13 S, R 5, W; \$5,000.

Libbie G Rothhell to A F Luther deed, 296 a, near Albany; \$9,000.

Benton County to M C Miller Q C D, lot 8, B 1, Co Add; \$1.

Mary Vanlaricum & hus to C M Dexter deed, 30 a, near Philomath; \$1,500.

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Watch Fob Found.

A fob from a watch chain was picked up on Main street last Monday. Owner may have same by calling at this office and paying for this notice.

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