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LOCAL NEWS.

Keith Brown spent Sunday at Newport.

Norm Lilly's thrasher began operations at his place yesterday morning.

Mrs. John Burnett and Mrs. Cannon are home from their outing at Caecadia.

Miss Bertie Grier is home again after a very pleasant visit with friends in Albany.

Mrs. W. A. Wells went to Lyons on Sunday night's excursion train for a visit with friends.

A. W. Blackburn went to Portland, Sunday, on a business trip. He expects to return today.

Hop Tickets, consecutively numbered, can be had at the GAZETTE office for \$3.00 per thousand.

Misses Mae Mangus and Maudie Whitaker went to Newport, Saturday, for a few days at the coast.

Sixty hoppers are wanted for the Davidson hop yard. Leave orders at Starr's confectionery store.

Frank Groves arrived Sunday from Bremerton, Wash, for a short visit with his parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Craven went to Dallas Sunday for a few days visit with Mr. Craven's parents.

Prof. I. M. Glen, who has been visiting with relatives in this city, went to Newport on Saturday's C. & E.

Mrs. F. P. Sheasgreen and Misses Adelaide Greffoz and May Gerhard were passengers to Newport on the C. & E., Saturday.

The Rev. W. C. Taylor D. D., of Indianapolis, Ind., will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday, Aug. 23rd, at 11 a. m.

W. H. Leeh came up from Portland, yesterday, en route for Newport. He will visit with friends in this city for a couple of days before going to the coast.

A. L. Chitwood and family, of Lincoln county, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gray. Mr. Chitwood expects to leave for home today.

Miss Nettie Spencer is now in Boston where she is taking a course in the Harvard university summer school. She has been teaching school in a city in North Carolina.

Morril Moores, one of the crack sprinters of the track team at the O A C this season, passed through Corvallis, Saturday, en route for Newport from his home at Oregon City.

Between 800 and 900 persons enjoyed the excursion to Newport Sunday. The train carrying them ran in two sections. This was the largest excursion of the present season, but the average daily passenger list westward is much larger than any previous year.

E. H. Bennett, of Portland, visited last week with friends in Corvallis and vicinity. Mr. Bennett was formerly principal of the Corvallis public schools, and a number of his old pupils still reside in this city and hold him in fond remembrance.

Mrs. Martin and son, Harold, who left Corvallis a couple of years ago to take up their residence in Zion City, near Chicago, founded by Dowey, are still at that place. Mrs. Martin is a clerk in a large department store, and Harold has employment in a bank.

Miss Anna Stout, formerly a student at O. A. C., has completed a course in a school for trained nurses at Washington, D. C., since leaving Corvallis. She is now at her home at Lyons, Or., but will go to Salem shortly to accept a position as nurse in the sanitarium in that city.

Clarence Vidito spent a portion of last week in Aleson Valley on business. He reports the finest crop of oats and wheat in the valley this season that has ever been grown there. Oats in some instances will go 75 bushels to the acre, while wheat will yield 40 bushels.

Mr. R. Loggan died at his home at Philomath, Sunday, August 16th, at the age of 83 years. Funeral services at the Methodist church in Philomath this morning at 9:30 o'clock, and interment will be made at Mt. Union cemetery. Mr. Loggan's wife died at Philomath the 29th of last month. These good old people were the parents of Dr. R. O. Loggan.

Director H. N. Stoudemeyer and his famous Chemawa Indian band of 23 members, passed through Corvallis, Saturday, en route to Newport, where the band will discontinue music during the Indian School Institute, which will be held at that place August 17 to 24, inclusive. Mr. Stoudemeyer, or "Tex" as he is familiarly called, formerly directed the Marine Band of this city. He is a brilliant cornetist and thorough musician.

Small & Son use only filtered water in their lemonade.

Reports from Northern Benton state that harvesting is on in full blast in that section. The yield is excellent and the quality first-class.

Harry Beard, formerly leader of the Cadet band at the College, passed through Corvallis, Saturday, with the Chemawa band. He is cornetist with that organization.

Fred Herag is building a barn on the piece of property near the College he recently purchased from Mrs. M. E. Lee, and will shortly begin the erection of a neat residence.

B. Cady was in Corvallis yesterday on business. Mr. Cady has a large hop yard near Albany, and he is highly pleased with the prospects for a large yield and first-class quality of hops.

Miss Bertha Thrasher underwent a surgical operation at an Oakland, Calif. hospital, last Thursday. A letter from her nurse to her parents in this city states that the operation was altogether successful and that Miss Bertha is rapidly recovering strength.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Callahan, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lee and Professor Cordley left Saturday for their annual outing at Beaver Creek, near Newport. They will be absent until September 3rd.

The body of Mrs. W. A. Cox, who recently died at her home in Portland, was buried at Brownsville last week. Mrs. Cox resided in Corvallis for a number of years with her family, and her many friends here will be grieved to hear of her demise.

Mrs. Ainslie is very seriously ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, in this city. Drs. Pernot, Farra and Cathey have been called in for consultation, and Dr. MacKenzie was summoned from Portland. He was expected to arrive last evening at 6 o'clock.

The GAZETTE would not intentionally withhold from a man one bit of credit that is his due. For this reason we hasten to correct a local that appeared in these columns a short time ago. It should have read as follows: Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gray, in this city, August 10th, a son; weight, 11 pounds.

W. A. Dempsey, of the Oregon and Washington Lumber Co., of Portland, was in Corvallis, Sunday, on business. While here he made a contract with the local sawmill for a quantity of piling for foreign shipment. Mr. Dempsey has just returned from a business trip that took him through a number of the islands in the Philippine group and a portion of China and Japan.

A. E. Bell, who came to Corvallis recently from Nebraska, has purchased the Thomas Barnes house and 2 1/2 acres of land on College Hill for \$1,200. Mr. Bell did not intend to buy property just yet, but he was renting the Barnes place subject to sale and a buyer put in an appearance. Houses to rent are very scarce in Corvallis, and Mr. Bell saw it was a case of buy or have no place to move into.

Prof. S. I. Pratt will begin his fourth year as principal of the Philomath public school, when that institution opens the 28th of September. His assistants will be C. G. Springer, Mrs. Winnie M. Pratt, Springer and Mrs. Jennie Pratt. The successful operation of the ninth grade adopted last year and the settlement in the community of several families, insure an appreciable increase over last year's attendance, which reached 180.

N. W. Leadbetter, who graduated from the O A C in the class of '01, has just been appointed agent for the International Correspondence School of Scranton, Pa., vice G. W. Ake, of Canton, Ohio, who resigned recently at the earnest request of his parents, who reside in the last-named place. Mr. Leadbetter will be constantly on the road and he will have the Pacific Northwest for his territory. He will pay Corvallis monthly visits. After graduating from the O A C, Mr. Leadbetter took a course in the Pennsylvania school, and he showed such aptitude and ability that Asst. Supt. Hall, whose offices are in Seattle, urged him to accept the position made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Ake.

In a recent address concerning the Oregon Agricultural College and its work, Dr. James Withcombe took occasion to pay this deserved tribute to the personal pride and unselfish interest the citizens of Benton county have always taken in this splendid institution: "In dealing with the history of our Agricultural College we should not overlook the magnanimous spirit of the citizens of Benton county shown in its behalf. To place our college upon a solid foundation and to take it from under the domination of a sectarian organization, the public spirited citizens of Benton county subscribed nearly \$30,000. What other community has done so much for a public institution of this state? But while the citizens of Benton county have done so much to foster this institution of learning they fully recognize that the institution is as much the citizens of the remotest county of the state as it is theirs."

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THAT POLITICAL "REPORT."

The Times Appears As Counsel For The County Court, and Tries to Figure Its Client Out of a Hole.

In its last issue the Corvallis Times appears as counsel for the county court, defendant before the people on the charge of publishing a political document under the guise of an official report, admits its client is guilty, but urges extenuating circumstances. The Times says in effect: The "report" just published by order of the county court is intended to persuade taxpayers of Benton county that they are wrong when they say that during Judge Woodward's administration the county was practically out of debt. Taxpayers, who are of this belief and who are protesting because the county tax levy is higher than it has been for years, must be led to believe that they are mistaken, for such a condition of affairs is prejudicial to the political prospects of the present court.

In saying this the Times admits the GAZETTE's contention that "the report is of no value aside from the benefit the court hopes may accrue to it politically," and, therefore, it was issued solely for political purposes.

If, as the GAZETTE stated in its issue of August 11th, "the court feels that some explanation is necessary in order to 'square' itself with taxpayers who are not satisfied with the way matters are being conducted, and who are protesting because the county tax levy is higher than it has been for years," taxpayers have no objection so long as the court confines itself to facts and avoids misleading statements, if it pays for its political literature out of its own pocket. But objection is made when the court foists a political document onto the people, and pays for it out of the funds in the county treasury.

There was no occasion for putting the county to the expense of having the clerk compile this "report." The law requires that a statement of the county's financial condition shall be compiled semi-annually and published so that taxpayers may know the county's financial condition. Such a report is due the 30th of next September, a little more than a month hence.

Judge Woodward never found it necessary to get out a special report in order to convince taxpayers that the county was getting out of debt. Taxpayers were satisfied with his management, and they saw by the semi-annual reports of the democratic county treasurer, sheriff and clerk that the county's debt was being lowered. They also knew that the tax levy for county purposes was growing smaller.

In addition to the material and official evidence that the county was in excellent financial condition, the city papers commented upon the fact editorially as an inducement to settlers to come to this county. The Times announced "the important fact that Benton county is practically out of debt." Taxpayers knew this was true then, they know it now, and no juggling with figures can confuse them at this or any other time.

The statements made in the GAZETTE's editorial of August 11th, under the caption "A Political Document" are self-evident and need no argument to support them. The Times admits them, but offers as an excuse that the utterances of the GAZETTE—regarding the financial condition of the county just prior to the time when Judge Woodward went into office and at various periods during his administration, as shown by the semi-annual reports of the county officers—"have been widely accepted." The GAZETTE appreciates the compliment. It feels that it deserves the confidence of the people of this county, for it has always tried to be truthful and conscientious in all its utterances.

In its issue of March 18, 1903, the TIMES said: "When the present administration took up the reins of county government last July (1902), the amount of warrants outstanding was \$18,542.82. Included in these were a few warrants for which a call had been made, reducing the aggregate in a small amount." In its last issue the Times said "The amount of the debt when County Judge Watters succeeded to office (July, 1902) was \$22,966.90." Here's a discrepancy

in the Times's own figures of about \$4,000.

The Times, in its role as counsel in the matter of the Benton County Court vs. Taxpayers, indulges in a fantastic form of argument by which a man can prove a horse-chestnut to be a chestnut horse. It construes "outstanding warrant indebtedness" as "actual indebtedness," and otherwise juggles with terms in a manner calculated to confuse one not entirely familiar with the records, and the construction that has been placed upon the terms used.

It undertakes to teach the GAZETTE the meaning of the term "net indebtedness," as used by ex-County Clerk Watters in the county's financial exhibits. The GAZETTE has used the term "net indebtedness" to show the figures arrived at after subtracting "total cash resources" from "total liabilities." This was the method pursued by Clerk Watters during Judge Woodward's administration.

Let us quote from the record. In Book No. 6, page 189:

"Total Liabilities.....\$40,383 16"  
"Total Cash Resources..... 3,809 05"

"Net Indebtedness.....\$36,574 11"  
Throughout Judge Woodward's administration Clerk Watters used the term "net indebtedness" to express the figures so found. With this precedent established by Clerk Watters, what authority has the Times for saying, "the 'net indebtedness' as used in exhibits are the figures arrived at after deducting all estimated county resources from the 'outstanding indebtedness'?"

The Times pretends to be at a loss to know how the GAZETTE found the "net indebtedness" of the county to be \$51,519.83 in the April preceding Judge Woodward's entrance upon the duties of county judge. We will gladly contribute this bit of instruction in the hope that the Times may have a better understanding of this matter which it has essayed to discuss.

Let us refer to the financial exhibit for March 31, 1898, and apply the method used by Clerk Watters in computing "net indebtedness" during Judge Woodward's administration. We find:

Total Liabilities.....\$58,226 59  
Total Cash Resources..... 6,706 76  
Net Indebtedness.....\$51,519 83

It is true Clerk Watters included in his report in April preceding Judge Woodward's term, all the unpaid taxes that had been accumulating for years, and every mother's son of an item that could be construed as a resource, subtracted these from the total liabilities and called the result "net indebtedness." But he changed his method when Mr. Woodward became judge and "net indebtedness" was total liabilities minus actual cash in the hands of the treasurer and sheriff applicable to the payment of state taxes and county warrants. Was there something political in this manoeuvre on the part of Clerk Watters?

Here is an item that shows something of the improvement made in the county's financial condition in the four years from March 31, 1898, to March 31, 1902. On the former date the estimated accrued interest on outstanding county warrants was \$6,774.38. On March 31, 1902, the estimated accrued interest on outstanding county warrants was \$100.

According to this "report" compiled by Clerk Moses, for which the court ordered that he be paid \$10, the actual indebtedness at the beginning of Judge Watters administration was \$22,966.90, and the expenses of the county during his first year of office were \$27,481.50. If we accept this statement to be correct, Judge Watters must have raised revenue equal to the total of these sums in order to cancel them. That is, he must have raised \$50,448.41. Where did he get this money? His levy of 15 mills on a tax roll of \$2,507,105 would yield, allowing the court the benefit of complete collection of taxes and rebate, \$37,606.57. Taking the figures of this report and comparing them with facts, we find that the present court paid off \$12,842.14 of "indebtedness" with hot air.

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In these days of domestic infelicity and frequent recourse to the divorce courts, it is a pleasure to be able to announce that a couple have lived in wedlock for 50 years. It is doubly pleasing to state that their married life has been so happy that the fiftieth anniversary of its beginning can be made the occasion of a joyful celebration, in which hosts of friends esteem it an honor to be permitted to take part. Such a pleasure is ours, and such an occasion was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Chipman in this city last Friday night.

On August 14, 1853, Seymour Chipman led Miss Prudence Maxon to the altar at Strawberry Point, Clayton county, Iowa. He was a youth of 20, and she was two years his junior. The young couple had scarcely ended their honeymoon when the great war of the rebellion began, and Mr. Chipman went to the front in defense of the Union. Happily this dread season ended, and the couple were again united. They have met life's vicissitudes and pleasures together, and are now happy and contented, surrounded by their friends and enjoying the companionship of their children.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chipman, two sons and three daughters were born. Of these, Mrs. F. L. Miller is the youngest, her age being 41 years. Besides these children, Mr. and Mrs. Chipman have 23 grandchildren and one great-grand-child, all living. At Friday night's reception their son, Clarence, and Mrs. F. L. Miller, of this city, and Mrs. Simpson, of Portland, were present. The oldest son, Charles, is in California, and the oldest daughter resides at Gilmore City, Iowa.

During the hours of the reception, from 3 to 10 p. m., over 150 guests were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Chipman. The home was tastily decorated with plants and vines, and festoons of bunting hung from the branches of the trees on the lawn. Chinese lanterns were liberally distributed and these threw a mellow light over the many tables where lunch was served to all guests.

Mr. Chipman met his friends at the door and received them with a hearty handshake and word of welcome. They passed into the parlor, where Mrs. Chipman, as active and light of heart as a girl of sixteen, made known her pleasure at their presence. Here all registered, and after partaking of the contents of the punch bowl, presided over by Mrs. Clarence Chipman, passed out onto the lawn where they were served with lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Chipman were the recipients of many handsome presents. The Shriners, of which Masonic body Mr. Chipman is a member, presented him and his wife with a beautiful loving cup. Upon it was inscribed the names of the donors, S. L. Kline, H. W. Hall, W. E. Yates, S. L. Hayes, Rev. MacLean, S. N. Wilkins, T. H. Crawford, Capt. Harding and J. B. Horner. The presentation speech was made by Mr. Crawford. Mr. and Mrs. Chipman made fitting response and each Noble drank to their health from the loving cup.

Letter List.  
For the week ending Aug. 15, 1903. Persons calling for these letters, will please state date on which they were advertised. They will be charged at the rate of one cent each:  
Mrs. Delbert Bradstet, Mrs. J. H. McDearmid, John Duffey, A. J. Ervin, J. E. Gould, J. H. Johnson, Leopold Levy, Emma Mulkey, Burt Morrison, Mrs. Margaret Pickard, Fred Stephens, M. Stenstrom, Frances Taylor, Wm. Wade, Estel Wilson.  
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