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LOCAL NEWS.

The best by all tests—Dr. Lowe's glasses.

Miss Edna Groves came home Saturday from Newport.

Glen Gillette is visiting at the home of his sister at Toledo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Spargler are enjoying an outing at Elk City.

Mrs. E. G. Garrow and Theodore left Sunday for a visit in California.

Dr. and Mrs. N. B. Avery arrived Saturday, from their outing at Newport.

Born, near Corvallis, last Friday, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cummings, a son.

J. H. Harris and family returned last week from their outing at Cascade.

Police Judge Grefvoz spent Sunday with his family at Sulphur Springs.

J. L. Caton came home from Newport, Saturday, after a week's vacation at the coast.

Mrs. H. S. Pernot was a passenger from Newport on Saturday morning's C. & E.

Mrs. E. F. Pernot and children returned Saturday from an extended visit at Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. John Horner, of Salem, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Denman in this city.

Prof. J. B. Horner took a very active part in the teachers' institute held last week at Waldport.

Born to the wife of A. M. Mann, at the family home 8 miles south of Corvallis, Friday, August 28, a son.

Superintendent Denman left for Alesia, yesterday, to spend a week among the schools of that section.

Clayton Miller has resigned his position in the Brick Stable, and returned to his home in Halsey, yesterday.

James Horning will take about thirty of his Barred Rock chickens to Salem and exhibit them at the State Fair.

Mrs. Grosbeck came up from Portland on Sunday's excursion train for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cree.

Miss Anna Maxfield left Saturday for Kings Valley. She will be absent about three weeks, and will be missed by her many friends.

Ernest Redd and Walter Wells, old O. A. C. students, visited in Corvallis, Sunday. Both have employment in Portland drugstores.

Misses Laura Chipman and Rhona Grier are spending a week in the Alesia valley at the home of the latter's grandfather, Nathan Taylor.

Miss Ella Johnson is home from California, where she attended the millinery openings in San Francisco, and visited friends in other parts of the state.

Ike Harris, a former Corvallisite, was a member of Sunday's excursion party from Portland. He spent the afternoon renewing acquaintances in this city.

A. M. Harlan, wife and son, arrived from Beatrice, Nebraska, last Saturday to make their home in Corvallis. Mr. Harlan is a brother-in-law of J. J. Cady.

Miss Mabel Matteson is visiting friends in town the past few days. She and her brother, Roy, will attend school in Corvallis this winter, says the Forest Grove Times.

George Whitesides spent Saturday and Sunday in Corvallis with friends and relatives. He has steady employment in Portland in which city he has made his home since the last of March.

Raymond Henkle has resigned his position with the Bennett drug company in San Francisco, and is now in Portland. He is arranging to enter business for himself, and may open a drug store in Idaho.

The contract for the construction of the new public school building has been awarded to J. A. Fleming for \$5,284. Bids were opened last Thursday afternoon. The building is to be completed in sixty working days.

Arthur Bier writing from Nome, Alaska, to relatives in this city, says that he now has employment in the mines at a salary of five dollars a day. The work is hard, however, and he intends returning home this fall.

G. M. Ream, proprietor of the U. S. Dying Works, will dispose of his business interests here and leave for Hageman, New Mexico, next week. Mr. Ream had the misfortune to break his left arm the shoulder, while taking some athletic exercises a couple of months ago and he is still incapacitated for work. He has a sister residing at Hageman, his old home, and he will visit with her until his arm is fully healed.

R. B. Cady has accepted a position with F. L. Miller.

Dr. Lowe, the eye sight specialist, will not return for three months. See him at once.

Dr. A. D. Morrison intended leaving our city in the near future and locating elsewhere. The doctor has made many friends during his stay with us who will regret his departure.—Prineville Journal.

Henry Allen returned last week from California, where he has been in the interest of the U. S. census bureau. He hopes to enjoy an extended vacation here with his family, but may receive orders at any time from Washington to go elsewhere.

Prof. W. J. Spillman, agronomist at Washington, D. C., and formerly agriculturist in the state agricultural college at Pullman, Washington, visited the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station last week, to make investigations and experiments in his line of work.

Farmers who sold their chittin bark early in the season are decidedly out of pocket. Walter Kisor sold 1800 pounds some weeks ago for four cents. He brought 100 pounds to Corvallis last Saturday and disposed of it for 11½ cents per pound. He lost \$135 by selling the first lot too soon.

Oiver Wicks and Miss Annie Mithollen surprised their friends by getting married Sunday. The ceremony was performed at the home of the groom's mother in this city, and the young couple took the afternoon train for Portland. They will make their home in Astoria, where Mr. Wicks recently accepted a position.

Geo. W. Smith and Mr. Boulton, who resides west of Corvallis, are preparing to enter business in this city. They have rented the building one door west of the Gazette office and will be ready for business in a few days. It is their intention to purchase poultry, calves and hogs and dress them for the Portland market.

Clifford Kantner, formerly of this city, has formed a partnership with Eugene Knox and they will go on the road early this month with the Knox-Kantner Concert Company. Mr. Kantner has had charge of the musical department of Dallas college for the past three years, and Mr. Knox was formerly impersonator with the Meneley Quarter, of Chicago.

A huge bone apparently the hip bone of a mastodon of some kind was picked up recently on the beach at Alesia. It was brought to Eugene Thursday afternoon and attracted considerable attention. No one knew what animal it came from. It is as large as a mastodon thigh bone, yet is fresh enough to excrete oil. It weighs seven pounds and is over three feet in length.—Eugene Guard.

The funeral of Mrs. Hattie Brumfield Denny occurred at Philomath Thursday. Services were conducted in the M. E. church at that place by Rev. Emerick. Interment was made in the family burying ground near that place. Mrs. Denny died at Salem August 25th, at the age of 34 years. She was widely known in this county, and had had the sympathy of many friends during her months of affliction.

A pool of 70,000 bushels of oats, made up by farmers of Marion county, was sold at Salem last week. Five large firms made offers ranging from 28 cents to 31½ cents per bushel, and the oats were sold to W. A. Westgate who bid 31½ cents for fall oats and 30½ cents for spring oats. The price paid is net to farmers, as Mr. Westgate will pay extra for the sacks. The committee representing the farmers in the pool, will receive bids on their wheat pool September 5th, when it is hoped 8 cents per bushel will be realized.

James G. Horning and W. E. Yates bought an empty small pine box at the express office last Friday. Robert Johnson went to the express office and received for an express package about fourteen inches long and ten inches wide. Some question arising as to its value, Horning and Yates twisting Johnson, that it did not amount to much, a bargain was struck, "unsight and unseen," as the purchasers used to trade when they were boys, at the price of \$1.25, Horning paying 65 cents, Yates 60 cents. Mr. Johnson delivered the package and when opened it was found to be an empty pine box for prunes, worth probably 7½ cents. Laughter by bystanders.

A telegram from Portland, Sunday morning, announced that Adam Bamberger, Sr., was seriously ill at the Old Folks Home in that city. His grandson, Clem Hodes, left for his bedside on the afternoon train, but arrived too late to find the old gentleman alive. Mr. Bamberger died Sunday evening at six o'clock, aged 84 years. He was a resident of Corvallis for many years, but has been in the Old Folks Home for some time. The body will be brought to Corvallis for burial today. Interment will be made at the Catholic cemetery. A son, Adam, and two daughters, Mrs. August Hodes, of this city, and Mrs. Germanse, of Albany, survive.

DIED SUDDENLY.

G. F. Elgin Succumbed to an Attack of Heart Disease Last Thursday Evening.

To stand, knowingly, in the shadow of death and be ever expectant of the final summons, is the severest test of mortal courage. That courage is supreme that can meet the ordeal with a smile, and conceal from daily associates a knowledge of such condition. Few of his large circle of acquaintances, who were wont to joke and laugh with "Dad" Elgin, as he was familiarly called, knew that Death stalked at his side. Yet to his most intimate friends he confided the truth. They were aware that heart disease in acute form had troubled him for years, and that his life hung by a thread. These only were prepared for the shock of his sudden demise.

Mr. Elgin returned with his family from an extended outing at Newport, about ten days ago, seemingly much improved in health. He again appeared about the streets with his cab, and cheered his familiar haunts with his presence. Last Thursday afternoon he was about as usual, and when he left Main street at the supper hour, indulged in good-natured railery with friends along the way. An hour later, he lay cold in death.

He had been engaged to take some parties to Albany to the circus, and was driving from his home near the College to the place of appointment, when his heart ceased to beat.

A number of parties saw him driving along Monroe street toward town. Just after crossing the C. & E. railroad track on 9th street, he leaned far over and appeared to be looking at the wheels on the right side of the cab. This was at 7:20 o'clock.

When seen again he was lying in the road on Monroe street just north of the Public School building. Clifford Kerr caught his team a block further east as it trotted leisurely along. He returned to where the prostrate driver lay surrounded by a number of persons who had hastened to his assistance. Mr. Kerr drove with all speed to Dr. Cathey's residence and that physician was soon at the side of the stricken man. Every effort was made to revive him, but not a heart beat responded. Dr. Cathey stated that Mr. Elgin was dead before he fell from his cab. His whip was found afterward just west of the C. & E. railroad, and it was near this point, no doubt, that death claimed him.

Prof. Holmes was one of the first to reach Mr. Elgin's side. After a hurried examination he met Grant, whom he informed of his father's condition. To this son fell the sad duty of apprising the family, whom he brought in his father's cab to the scene of his death.

A carriage was secured, the body placed therein and conveyed to the family home, while kind friends offered sympathy and assistance to the grief-stricken family.

Funeral services were conducted at the family residence Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. After a hymn by the choir, Rev. Humbert of Eugene, spoke of the deceased and uttered words of consolation to the bereaved ones about the bier. Many friends followed the hearse to Odd Fellows cemetery, where interment was made.

G. F. Elgin was born at Independence, Mo., May 21, 1842. When he was ten years of age, his family crossed the plains to Oregon, and took up a homestead in Marion county, eight miles south of Salem. Here Mr. Elgin grew to manhood. After his marriage, thirty years ago, he continued to reside on the old homestead, only leaving it a few years ago. In 1895, he moved with his family to Benton county. The widow and eight children survive him. Other relatives are: A brother, J. H. Elgin, of Salem; and two sisters, Mrs. Sol Durbin, of Salem, and Mrs. W. R. Sewell, of Portland.

The Crowd Was Orderly.

The excursionists who came to Corvallis from Portland last Sunday, were of a different element from the band of rowdies that visited us from that city last spring. There were a few hilarious youngsters in the party, but the committee of Foresters, who had charge of the excursion, were quite as anxious to have these fellows disciplined as were the local officers. So when Mr. Burns, brother of that celebrity of the metropolis who answers to the euphonious appellation of

"Rough House" Burns, gave an imitation of the "missing link" at the depot just before the train left for Portland, the committee asked the local officers to cage the animal. The city jail served as a menagerie until Monday, when Police Judge Grefvoz fined and released its occupant.

The excursion train of eleven coaches arrived over the C. & E. from Portland at 1:50 o'clock p. m., and switched to the S. P. depot, where the visitors were met by two hundred of our citizens. They spent the afternoon strolling about the city and visiting the College and other points of interest. A number of special officers had been deputized to preserve order, but they were never called upon to exercise their authority.

Two Trains a Day.

Citizens of Corvallis will be greatly pleased to learn that prospects of a twice-a-day service over the Westside from Corvallis to Portland are growing brighter. Assurances that the project is shortly to be consummated are especially gratifying to the GAZETTE, for it is fast advocated in these columns. While the business men of Corvallis have been quick to give what encouragement they could to the enterprise, the greater share of the credit for the service, if it is established, will belong to the Improvement League of Independence.

A dispatch from Independence, under date of August 26th, contains the following:

Mr. Conan, Mr. Jones and party, in the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad company, were through Independence a few days ago, and stated that they were of the opinion that another train would be put on the run from Corvallis to Portland in the morning and return at night. They stated they were trying to improve the efficiency of the road on the west side as rapidly as the travel would justify. The people of Independence are well pleased with the treatment of the Southern Pacific in almost all cases, and feel much elated over the prospect of the new morning service.

Little Girl Missing.

The little fourteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Casterline has been missing since yesterday morning about 4 o'clock. She arose at that hour, and replied to an inquiry by her father, who heard her moving about, that she wanted a drink. Nothing has been seen of her by the family since. When they rose at the usual hour, the little Miss was gone, and so were her best hat and dress.

Mr. Casterline believes she has gone to the home of her uncle at Bellfountain, where the family visited a short time ago. Casper Zierolf passed a girl answering her description near Mack Porter's place on the Monroe road about eight o'clock yesterday morning as he was driving to town. She carried a small bundle and seemed to be desirous of concealing her identity. Amy Cameron and Rev. Wilson have gone to Bellfountain in search of the missing girl, and it is believed that she will be found at her uncle's. Mr. Casterline left on his wheel for Albany, immediately after breakfast to intercept his daughter if she went in that direction. No fears are felt for her safety. She is a quiet, well-behaved child and it is believed that she decided to walk out to Bellfountain for a visit with her relatives.

Council Notes.

At a special session of the council August 24th, the following matters were given consideration: Bids were opened for the construction of a sewer through blocks 4 and 5, O. T., as follows: Jacobsen, Babe & Co., \$870; J. R. Smith & Co., \$775. The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder.

Objection was made to the introduction of ordinances licensing billiard and pool tables, and they were laid on the table. In the drawing of lots for the short and long terms, Councilmen Avery and Taylor drew the three-year terms and Councilmen Porter and Cameron will serve for two years.

The matter of cleaning the College ditch was referred to the sewer committee, with power to act.

Additional Local.

Organs repaired and cleaned; 30 years experience. A few organs to rent. R. N. White, Corvallis.

Miles Starr is slowly recovering from the injuries he received a few weeks ago, when his team ran away while he was delivering mail along Corvallis R. F. D. No. 1.

The little town of Halsey, which was recently destroyed by fire, is being rebuilt. A few of the merchants who were burned out have opened in new locations or else in newly erected buildings which will serve until permanent buildings are erected.

After an absence of six months in Pennsylvania, Harry Wicks and family are back in Corvallis to remain. It is the same old story: When one has been a resident of Willamette valley for more than a year, he is an exception if he can leave it, except on a visit.

A DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE.

Fire on South Main Street Sunday Afternoon Consumes Two Store Buildings and Damages Others.

That the entire southern portion of the business street of Corvallis is not in ashes, thanks to the Providence and the city's efficient fire department. At five o'clock last Sunday afternoon no one who had been attracted to the scene by the wild clanging of the firebell, would have given five cents for the wooden buildings on either side of Main street between Jefferson and Adams.

A number of gentlemen were standing in front of Hall's Bakery, when they discovered a great volume of smoke rising over the building recently occupied by Young's notion store. An alarm was turned in and the department responded promptly, but the fire had gained great headway before it arrived. It originated in an old shed in the rear of Dunn's Commission Store and the barn adjoining was a mass of flames in a few minutes. A good breeze was blowing from the east, and the low wooden store buildings were soon involved. By hard work and great vigilance, Winegar's livery stable was saved. Flaming brands fell on the roofs of the buildings to the west, and these and the tower at the water works were on fire a number of times, but all escaped without damage.

Many people were on the streets, for the excursion train had left for Portland only a little while before, and a crowd gathered in a remarkably short time. Men and boys broke in the fronts of the endangered buildings and the street was soon filled with wares of all descriptions. The millinery stores of Mrs. Gould and Miss Ella Johnson, Dunn's Commission Store and Berry's repair shop were soon emptied of their contents. The loss sustained by these parties was due entirely to the rough handling their goods received while in transit from counters and shelves to the middle of the street. Mr. Dunn was insured in the Scottish, Union and National for \$1500.

The building occupied by Mrs. Gould is the property of the Hayes heirs, and it was only slightly damaged. The building just north was owned by Wm. Groves, and this together with the building, the property of Mrs. Helms, is a total loss. Each was worth \$400 or \$500. Neither was insured. Mrs. Millie Smith owns the building where Dunn conducted his commission store. It was not insured, but \$100 should repair the damage. J. K. Berry estimates his loss at \$100, and Miss Johnson's millinery goods were probably damaged in a like amount. She was insured for \$500.

The cause of the conflagration is not known. It originated in an old shed across the alley from Winegar's stables. It is thought that some of the excursionists entered the shed to take a drink, and carelessly threw down a lighted cigar stump. Mr. Dunn ordered some strangers away from this place early in the afternoon.

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