

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Country canned fruit wanted at the Hotel Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Johnson and children are visiting in Seio.

Miss Elsie Dilley has gone to her parent's place near Halsey where she will remain for some time.

Misses Bessie and Ruby Dilley have just purchased a new Bailey piano.

Have Dr. Lowe cure your head and eye ache with a pair of his superior glasses.

J. C. Kaupisch and wife left this week for Clackamas County, where they have a farm.

Mrs. J. Mason went to Brownsville Monday for a week's visit with relatives and friends.

Clarence Vidito expects to make a trip into the Alsea country this week to file on his homestead.

Miss Fae Wisecarver, who has been the guest of Corvallis friends for several days, returned Sunday to her home in McMinnville.

Mrs. P. T. Hall, of Portland, and little daughter Thelma, are visiting Mrs. Hall's sister Mrs. C. Hammett, at the Hotel Corvallis.

Mrs. A. D. Morrison left Saturday for Eastern Oregon, where she will join her husband, who is in the drug business in Pendleton.

J. C. Taylor and wife left yesterday for an extended visit to California. He will visit San Jose, and from that point go where the physician in that city may decide.

Mrs. G. P. Miner and daughter Miss Crystal returned Saturday from Olex where they have been since last autumn for the benefit of Miss Miner's health.

February the 8th, 9th and 10th, Dr. Lowe the oculist-optician for the 29th time will be in Corvallis. If you value your eyes consult him in the Occidental Hotel parlor on those days.

Prof. Cordley reports that the station is carrying on a general series of experiments, and has arranged for co-operative work at Umpqua, Hood River and Walla Walla.

Miss Sophia Elgin, a nurse in the Florence Sanitarium at Salem, has been visiting her folks and friends in Corvallis for a few days. A party was given in her honor at the home of Miss Ethel Linville on last evening. Miss Elgin returned today to Salem.

The Degree of Honor will give an entertainment in their hall over Ayles' drug store, next Friday evening, February 5. A literary program will be given, which will be followed by a social time. Admission 15 cents; children 10 cents.

Corvallis residents were pulled out of their warm beds last Friday morning about one o'clock and out into the cold fog by the clanging of the fire bell. The cause proved to be the barn of Joseph Fierstein at the corner of 5th and Washington. The building contained a quantity of wood, potatoes, and other things of value nearly all of which were destroyed.

Postmaster Johnson hands us the following report of the rural routes for the month of January. Number of pieces of mail handled by R. F. D. No. 1 is 3,688; No. 2, 3,153; No. 3, 3,443; total 10,284. Pieces collected by No. 1, 681; No. 2, 566; No. 3, 580; total 1827. Stamps cancelled by carriers amounted to \$38.

Corvallis Grange No. 242 installed its officers last Saturday, Mrs. W. H. Whitby acting as installing officer and Prof. J. B. Horner as marshal. Willamette Grange will send a team to Corvallis on the last Saturday in February to initiate the candidates to be received at that time. There will be about 20 new members.

Mrs. J. H. Harris gave a reception at her home 6th and Adams street, on Saturday. About thirty ladies were present, who were served with an elegant lunch. The feature of the afternoon was a "guessing match", and the prize to the winner was an elegant souvenir spoon. Mrs. Helm carried off the prize.

The College athletic committee are arranging for a series of entertainments in the interest of the association. They have arranged for Dr. De Windt in March, on the Eastern question, he having traveled all through Russia, and for Homer Davenport in April, on "Chalk Talk as a Power in Cartoon," and probably a musical entertainment next Saturday evening.

The bids for carrying the mail from Corvallis to Albany every evening and returning next morning, will be opened today at the Postoffice department in Washington, D. C. It is known that quite a number of bids have been made for the contract, and it is hoped that a good service will be put on the route. The time set for the commencement of the service is March 18, and if any of the bids now in are satisfactory we can look for a daily coach between the two cities that will be of great advantage to traveling men, now doing business in this part of the state.

Gilbert-Wisecarver Wedding.

A very pretty home wedding took place last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cilbert of this city, when their daughter, Miss Winnifred, was married to Dr. Wisecarver, of McMinnville. The house was nicely decorated in Oregon grape and carnations. Rev. Handaker of the Christian church, officiated. The bride's bouquet was captured by Miss Florence Wicks. The ceremony was followed by a wedding supper.

The bride is an attractive young lady, while the groom is a popular dentist of McMinnville.

The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Wisecarver of McMinnville, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gilbert, Rev. and Mrs. Handsaker, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gilbert of Portland, Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Smith of Salem, Mrs. D. M. Smith, Misses Fae Wisecarver of McMinnville, Harriet Sheasgreen, Louise Gilbert, Marie Groves, Florence Wicks, Mary Elgin, Ethel Linville, Robert Gilbert and Oscar Groves.

Philomath Jottings.

Wm. Wyatt, Sr., is very ill.

Rev. Simpson, of Corvallis, and Rev. P. A. Black, of Clackamas, spent Sunday in Philomath.

Mr. Bently and wife, formerly Miss Lena Merryman of this city, left for their home at The Dalles last week.

J. C. Bryan, of Springfield, is in town visiting his father, who is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Jesse Moses, Jr., and Mr. Paul Crooks, are sick with pneumonia.

Wm. Castle and wife returned Saturday, after a week's visit with friends at Portland.

PERK-A-BOO.

Prof. George Denham, a former resident of this place, was renewing acquaintance with old friends the last of the week. Mr. Denham's disposition to do things coupled with honesty has made him superintendent of schools of Benton county, and he is liable to rise to greater heights.—Independence Enterprise.

The William Mittlestadt 38-acre tract located three miles south of Philomath has just been sold to C. H. Crabtree, consideration \$750. Mr. Crabtree intends planting the entire tract to choice winter apples and Italian prunes. Mr. Crabtree has had several years' experience in drying prunes, and care of orchards, and is a rustler. He is the owner of a dryer. The sale was made by Ben Felger.

Walter, youngest son of G. A. Waggoner, met with a painful accident on Friday morning last. While extracting the cartridges from the magazine of a twenty-two caliber rifle the gun was accidentally discharged, the ball passing through the boy's left foot between the bones of the first and second toe an inch above where the toes join the foot. No bones were broken and the wound though a painful one is not serious.

Considerable excitement was occasioned on Main Street about 3.30 P. M. Friday, by a runaway team belonging to a Mr. Rogers from across the Willamette. They ran only a few blocks when they collided with a telephone pole near the Farmers Feed Shed, breaking the wagon tongue and stunning one of the horses, so that they were caught before any further damage was done. The stump of the wagon tongue was driven into the ground with such force, could not be pulled out and had to be cut off before the wagon could be moved. The total damage done was comparatively slight.

Prof. W. O. Trine is much encouraged with the outlook for track work the coming season. He is using a graded system of general instruction so that all the young men participate in the exercises. They are organized into synods according to their strength and ability, and put under the instruction of a leader, who gives them work that builds up the body, besides preparing them for field work. There are about 100 men taking the preliminary exercises, such as runs, pole vaults, hammer and shot throwing, preparatory to the regular drill to come later.

On next Friday the GAZETTE will come out with a new dress, in the shape of a six column quarto on Tuesday, all home print, and eight pages patent inside, on Friday, thus giving our readers twelve pages of good up-to-date reading matter. Friday's paper will contain all the important Eastern news of the week, so our rural readers, by taking the GAZETTE will be able to keep in touch with the outside world. Better subscribe immediately and start with the first issue.

Will Represent O. A. C.

In the annual oratorical contest for the selection of a speaker to represent the State Inter-collegiate Oratorical contest, the place was awarded to Miss Lena Tartar, of the Utopian society, her subject being "Alexander Hamilton." The other societies represented and places awarded are as follows:

"Louis XIV and Absolution," Clay Darby, Philadelphian society.

"John Marshall, the Expounder of the Constitution," John Witty, Amicitian society.

"Fashion an Impediment to Civilization," Guy E. Moore, Jeffersonian society.

"Scotland's Sweetest Singer," Mary Southerland, Persean society.

"The Spirit of Unselfishness," Ralph Shepard, Zetegathean society.

"An Unappreciated Hero," Isabel Whitby, Pierian society.

"The Paramount Issue," Kate Daniels, Sorosis society.

Judges, E. E. Bryson, Fred Yates and W. S. McFadden.

The different societies each had numerous yells which kept the Armory resounding with encouraging shouts for their respective speakers.

Lebanon's Holy Rollers.

The three members of the Linn county Holy Rollers, who have been camping in the woods in the extreme northern part of the county for several weeks, were on Sunday visited by officers and compelled to leave the county.

Sheriff Huston and Chief of Police McClain, of Albany, were notified that refugees were camped in the woods at that place, and the supposition was that they were the robbers who have lately been committing depredations in that part of the state. A posse was organized and the camp surrounded. Great was the surprise to find instead of the expected robbers, their old friends, Brooks Levins and Campbell, of the Holy Rollers, living in a disgusting state of filth.

As people in the neighborhood were anxious to be rid of them for good, the officers insisted on their taking up their line of march for the nearest way out of the county. So they put in the rest of the day on their northward march. We are sorry for Marion county, but they have several state institutions there, and it is possible that the two may find a resting place in one of them.

Local Team Breaks Even.

The O. A. C. basketball team defeated the McMinnville team last Saturday evening in the Armory by a score of 20 to 10. The visiting teams showed a marked deficiency in team work, and in the second half the local team put in a number of substitutes to give them a trial when they had the game well in hand. Each team had three trials at the basket from the foul line, McMinnville making two goals out of three attempts, while the local team failed each time. Brewster was the best player for the visitors, making the majority of their goals. For the home team Swan threw four goals, C. Cate two, Moore 3, and Rinehart 1.

The following was the line-up in the first half:

McMinnville	Corvallis
Brewster	C. Moore
Grey	F. Swan
McKee	F. C. Cate
Wisecarver	G. Rinehart
Day	G. Steiwer

In the second half Swan and Moore played forward, Bilyeu, center and G. Cate and Rinehart were the guards. The game was witnessed by a big crowd.

In the game at Dallas on Friday evening, the Polk county boys won by a score of 13 to 4. Swan made three out of the four points for O. A. C. The game was played in the new gymnasium and was witnessed by the largest crowd ever turning out in that city at a similar contest. A return game will be played in this city in the near future.

Prudent people purchase Dr Lowe's glasses.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to those friends who so kindly assisted us during our tragic bereavement, and funeral of our husband and father.

O. C. HARTLESS,
GEORGIA HARTLESS.

For Sale.

Three and one-half tons of timothy hay, bal'd, first quality, half mile north of College.

O. S. Noyes.

Arrested for Gambling.

The Chinaman running the wash house between Monroe and Jackson streets was arrested Saturday afternoon for conducting a fan tan game in his house. Big Jim was the cause of his yellow cousin's arrest. Jim has been a good customer and always left his hard earned coin in the hands of his wily countryman. On Saturday Jim again dropped twenty more big cart wheels and then Chinatown trouble began. He notified Chief Lane of his troubles and to cinch the testimony, went back to the gambling joint and brought back the sure-thing outfit. The manipulator of the fan-tan was then arrested and placed under \$20 bonds. Upon being questioned he would neither plead guilty or not guilty, so several Chinks were brought in and upon examination confessed to having lost money at the same game. In fact, so nicely did the owner of the game work it, that most of them have lost their money and are in debt to him.

On Monday morning Judge Greffoz fined the accused \$40. This is the second time this Chinaman has been before the police court on the charge of gambling in the last two or three months.

Penny Postage or Parcels Post.

Corvallis merchants are circulating petitions and receiving signatures for the purpose of inducing Congress to pass a law reducing letter postage to one cent, if in the wisdom of the country's legislators the condition of the public revenues will warrant it.

The carrying of letters in the mails is the smallest part of the expense of this department, and is now done at an enormous profit. The excess of this branch of the service is, however, entirely absorbed in paying the losses sustained in the transportation of advertising matter for private concerns. There is a new bill now before Congress for the establishing of a Parcels Post system for carrying merchandise at a low rate. This is a benefit principally to the various large mail-order houses doing business in the larger cities, and works a disadvantage to every country merchant.

There would be no objection to this bill if it could be made to pay the expenses of carriage. But it will not—and the losses can only be met by continuing letter postage at two cents. This makes all the people of the country pay for the benefit of a few, and is considered unjust. It is also claimed that the reduction of letter postage would enormously increase the number of letters sent, and more than make up the expense, and that the profit would still be very large. This is a reasonable statement and capable of proof.

Just 37 signatures were obtained to the petition circulated here on Saturday, representing the bulk of local merchants.

By all means give us the penny postage for out letters, and the parcels post when it can be done without loss to the department.

The Misses Jacobs gave a whist party on Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Rosenberg of Seattle who is visiting at the Jacob's Home on Third St.

Corvallis has had leap year parties and socials galore, but, as yet, we have not been able to chronicle any weddings. Ladies you have only eleven more months of grace.

B. J. Thatcher, of the grocery firm of Dunn & Thatcher, has resigned his position as agent for the O. C. T. Co., and will hereafter give his whole attention to the business of his own firm. The company have sent down an old employee, Mr. Ralph Reed, who will take up his residence here, and work up more business for the boats.

The Ladies' Coffee Club gave a social dance at their hall last Thursday evening. The affair was carried out in genuine leap year style, the ladies calling for the gentlemen and escorting them home. At the hall the gentlemen were escorted to seats and there they sat until the ladies asked them to dance. If a gentleman walked across the floor without a partner, he was promptly fin'd. One accommodating young man voluntarily carried a bucket of water and it cost him 25 cents for so doing. The dance was a success in every particular, but some of the younger gentlemen think they were imposed upon by being forced to go the entire evening without a smoke.

A new line of Wall Paper, Matings and Go-Carts at O. J. BLACKBIDGE'S.

Bellfountain News.

J. H. Edwards attended the goat show at Dallas.

Bert Goodman, of North Yakima is visiting his brother George.

A literary society under the auspices of the school, meets every two weeks.

Emil Price makes regular bi-weekly trips with his cream coach, rain or shine.

Dr. Bennet is attending the family of Mr Moorlock of Monroe, who have typhoid fever.

The Gragg brothers have 40 or 50 young lambs with their fine flock of Leicester.

Crops are looking well. The farmers are temperate, industrious, contented and prosperous.

John Kiger has been improving the appearance of his ranch by the rearrangement of fences.

The nimrods of Bellfountain are shooting large numbers of birds, mostly pigeons, clay pigeons.

Justice M. M. Waltz, has been making some neat and substantial additions to his dwelling and other buildings.

James Edwards, eighty-six years old, has gone to Douglas County to spend a few weeks with his son William, of Drain.

Laurence Dyre, representing Taft, Hime & Company of Portland, spent the last week with his mother, Mrs. A. H. Buckingham.

Real estate is in good demand at good prices. Quite a number of homes have changed hands lately. There are more buyers than sellers.

Stock are wintering well, there is a greater number on hand than usual. When prices were high owners held for higher. Fat stock are in good demand.

Aunt Athalinda Starr, widow of the late Azariah Starr of California, is making a protracted visit with her niece and nephew, Mrs. Waltz and Mr. Ed. Starr, and other old friends.

L. H. Hawley is wanting a man to run his plow, there are no idle hands about here, that is, that want work. We have no labor unions, every man furnishes his own capital and works as he pleases.

George Humphrey is feeding 60 cattle, T. K. Fawcett 100, Ed. Williams 180, L. H. Hawley his fine herd of shorthorns, beside every farm is well stocked with sheep, goats, swine and poultry, altogether making a large total.

The Bellfountain school under the efficient management of Miss Dunlap and Miss Reader is doing good work; about 60 pupils in attendance. Much interest has been taken in the preparation of specimens of different kinds of wood for the St. Louis fair.

Butter Side Up.

Considerable comment has been made on the action of the new Hazelwood creamery, now being established in Portland.

On the part of the Company Mr. Brown says: "The best of feeling was shown and I don't believe that there is any ill will against us or our scheme. If anyone thinks we are trying to drive others out of the field, they are badly mistaken. We believe there is room enough for all here. I am satisfied that if we can carry out all of our plans, there will be even more creameries in the state than there are now. Oregon produces some 5,000,000 pounds of butter, whereas the output of the state should be 20,000,000 pounds. We propose to build up the industry in the state, not at the expense of any one, but for the benefit of all the state."

The other side have their version, which places the matter in a different light:

"The only way the creamery business in this state can be built up is by increasing the herds," said Thomas G. Farrell, "not by increasing the plants. The Hazelwood Company cannot build up its trade to the dimensions it promises without hurting someone else. The butter business here is demoralized and has been since the Hazelwood Company entered the field. The meeting of the creamerymen was only one of several held to protect their interests. What they intend to do I don't know. They all feel as if the Hazelwood is their common enemy and it is only to be expected that they will take steps for their own protection."

The public will await further action before deciding on the matter.

February Inventory Sale

This is cleaning-up month, stock-adjusting, cleaning the deck for Spring business. Therefore, you will find here the goods are lower in price—not because they have decreased in value, but because our policy will not permit carrying them over another season.

VALUES AND WORTH OF MATERIALS NOT ... CONSIDERED ...

Ladies Jackets.		Ladies Waists.	
\$ 3 00 Ladies Jackets at.....	\$1 50	\$1 25 Ladies Waists at.....	85
4 00 Ladies Jackets at.....	2 00	1 50 Ladies Waists at.....	1 05
5 00 Ladies Jackets at.....	2 50	2 00 Ladies Waists at.....	1 35
7 50 Ladies Jackets at.....	3 75	2 50 Ladies Waists at.....	1 70
10 00 Ladies Jackets at.....	5 00	3 00 Ladies Waists at.....	2 00
5 00 and 65 00 Children's Jackets 2 50		1-3 off on Wool Waists.	

1-3 off on Ladies Furs.	Brussels Carpet 50c. yd.
1-3 off on Ladies Wrappers.	35c. Cottage Carpet at 25c.
1-3 off on Ladies Skirts.	40c. Window Shades at 25c. each.
Corsets in broken lines, 50 cents on the dollar.	1-3 off on all small pieces of nating.
A few pieces of 50c. Dress Goods at 25c. per yard.	1-3 off on broken lines of lace curtains.

It's only how quickly we can clean up and make room for the new Spring fabrics . . .

S. L. KLINE, Regulator - of - Low - Prices

Reductions - for - February

GROCERIES

D G Sugar, 100 lbs.....	\$ 5 65
Extra C Sugar, 100 lbs.....	5 15
Padlock brand Peaches, 35c cans.....	25
Palo Alto brand Peaches, 25c cans.....	20
Extra Standard Corn, two cans.....	25
" " Tomatoes, two cans.....	25
6 Packages Yeast Foam.....	25
6 Packages Magic Yeast.....	25
4 Packages Arm & Hammer Soda.....	25
3 Cans Fancy Sardines in oil.....	25
2 lbs. Golden Sunrise Coffee.....	25
7 Bars Daisy Laundry Soap.....	25
6 Bars Silk Laundry Soap.....	25
20 Dozen Clothes Pins.....	25
10 Packages Tooth Picks.....	25
Defiance Wash Boards.....	20

When you see it in our ad it's so.

DISHES.

One set decorated Cups and Saucers.....	50
" " " Dinner Plates.....	50
" " " Soup Plates.....	50
" " " Breakfast Plates.....	40
" " " Pie Plates.....	40

For the month of February only.

F. L. Miller. We want your produce

A California Editor in Corvallis.

One of the most delicious boxes of apples ever shipped to Sison was received by Attorney Hasegawa from his father-in-law, Mr. E. W. Fisher of Corvallis Oregon.

Old settlers in this section of country will be interested in the fact that Mr. Fisher was one of their number. In the year 1851 he started with some companions from St. Joseph, Mo., with an ox cart across the plains, following the usual route of travel. This led them through the country of some hostile Indian tribes so Blackfoot Cayuses and others. They safely landed in Salem, went to what now is Corvallis and then set out for Siakiyou county, where they arrived the same year. Here Mr. Fisher lived for some time in Yreka and then attempted gold mining in Humboldt Bar. Finding this not to his liking, he engaged in his trade of saddler and harnessmaker, in which he met with great success, particularly as he was familiar with the Indian vernacular and thus able to almost monopolize their trade. After some time he started back to Corvallis and engaged in business there. In 1857 he made the trip to San Francisco and went east by the way of Panama and returned with his bride, and went by the same route back to Corvallis, where he has lived ever since, an honored and respected citizen and blessed by the smiles of fortune.

Richard Kiger, a rancher near Corvallis, Or., is the most hospitable and obliging gentleman the editor ever met in his life. Mr. Kiger owns a ranch of about 1700 acres, where good duck hunting may be had. The gentleman referred to not only gave us permission and

dom to hunt, but furnished all necessary information to bring those sporty birds within range of our shotgun, besides furnishing a boat for the purpose, which had to be hauled half a mile to the shore of the duck hunting lake. Our thanks and grateful acknowledgments are due to that courteous gentleman.

Our brothers-in-law, Charles and John Fisher, both living a little distance north of Corvallis, were generally supposed around their bailiwick to be confirmed bachelors, but we discovered in their possession evidence of matrimonial inclination in the shape of catalogues showing different styles of ladies' wedding gowns, etc., and we expected in the near future to make another trip north, unless the maidens around that neighborhood are not aware of the fact that it is leap year.

We called at the GAZETTE office and there found a gentleman who used to work for Mr. Montgomery when he published the Sisson Herald.

Mr. Stone, the barber, was inquired of by a gentleman with whom he had worked in Eugene, and also by Attorney Vessey of Portland, who also was on a visit to Corvallis, as guest of Attorney Bryson. Nothing like making a trip.—Sisson (Cal.) Mirror.

To do one thing and do it well is more to be commended and is of more benefit to humanity than to do many things and none of them equal to the best. Dr. Lowe limits his practice to fitting glasses and the cream of over 17 year's experience into them. Don't let a half-styled optician trifle with you, as Seek men of ability and experience