

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

F. N. Allen, of Albany, was in Corvallis Tuesday.

Dr. Bennett, of Dusty, was in Corvallis Wednesday.

J. Dornisfe, of Independence, spent Wednesday in Corvallis.

Alex Rennie is confined to his room with an attack of la grippe.

Prudent people purchase Dr. Lowe's superior glasses. There's a reason.

John Sutherland, who has been in Seattle for some time, is again in this city.

About forty ladies were entertained yesterday at an afternoon tea given by Mrs. Berchtold.

Miss Kate McKenney returned Tuesday from a visit of several days duration with Albany friends.

Mrs. Warren, mother of Mrs. Carrick, arrived in Corvallis last Saturday, on a visit to her daughter.

L. E. Knapp and son T. W. prominent mill men of Polk county, were in Corvallis this week on business.

F. P. Sheasgreen went to Mill City, Tuesday, to inspect some lumber, previous to having it shipped to Corvallis.

Geo. Henkle returned Wednesday from San Jose, Cal., where he has been for several weeks visiting his son Raymond.

Clarence Ireland and wife will move to Corvallis the first of the month, where they will reside in the future. Independence Enterprise.

Ross Nichols, a former Corvallis resident, has been arrested in Portland, for the fraudulent use of the mails. Nichols lived here about five years ago.

Mrs. Young, the mother of Mrs. A. J. Johnson, of this city, died at Scio, in Linn County on Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. and was buried at that place yesterday.

The girls of the Mission Band of the Presbyterian church will give a dime social at the home of Mrs. J. W. Crawford this (Friday) evening. You can come.

H. A. Stiles, traveling salesman for the Peterson, Page Company's wholesale fruit house, of Portland, was in Corvallis Wednesday. He will visit Corvallis twice a month.

In contrast with the ice and snow of Eastern states, Corvallis has crocuses, snowdrops, cowslips and other flowers blooming in the yards. Oregon is good enough for us.

The Linn County Council meets with Tangent Grange, at Tangent, on Saturday, February 6, at 10 a. m. A special invitation is given to all Benton County Grangers to be present.

Remember Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, February 8, 9 and 10, Dr. Lowe, the optician, will be in Corvallis at the Occidental Hotel. Dr. Lowe has been coming to Corvallis for 14 years.

Corvallis Grange held a special meeting in the Agricultural Hall, Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. M. H. Whitty of Inavale, a graduate of O. A. C. and an enthusiastic granger was present and assisted in the installation of officers.

Two citizens have been added to the population of Monroe, twin children of Mr. and Mrs. E. Looney, who were born on Friday night last. The weights of these little kickers are eight and seven pounds. We wish them a long and prosperous life.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church at their annual meeting Wednesday of last week, elected the following officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. F. L. Miller, president; Mrs. J. H. Harris, vice president; Mrs. L. G. Altman, secretary; Mrs. J. H. Simpson, treasurer.

But for the timely assistance of men who were working near, the new fire department would have received a call Wednesday morning. The burning out of a flue caused the roof of Mrs. M. J. Wells' residence on Seventh street to catch on fire. The fire did not cause much damage as it was promptly extinguished and the roof soon repaired.

W. P. Lafferty showed some ability as a "woodman" a few days ago on his small tract of land a few miles from Corvallis. Assisted by a fellow "workman" he was engaged in felling trees. Desiring to all three large trees he dug around two of them and cut the roots, then they proceeded to saw off the third one which was quite large, making it fall so that it would strike the two other trees, thereby falling the three, but sawing only one, thus making his brain save his muscle.

H. W. Kaupisch went to Halsey Wednesday. Before returning he will visit Portland.

C. C. Hogue, State Past Grand Master and Grand Lecturer of A. O. U. W. will lecture in the Workman Hall in this city this evening. His subject will be one of vital importance to each member of that order, as it pertains to the new plan which is under discussion for Oregon Workmen.

The bachelor quartet, consisting of Messrs. Victor and Leonard Moses, Pruett and Fry, gave a very enjoyable party at the home of P. A. Moses on last Friday evening. Partners were selected by the young men in unique manner and invitations issued to the young ladies. The evening was spent in Flinch, Pit and other games, interspersed with music and songs, and ended with a fine lunch. The ladies present were the Misses Michael, Hays, Edwards and McDonell.

The Republican Central Committee has been called to meet in Portland, on Friday, Feb. 12, 1904, (Abraham Lincoln's Birthday,) in Room 12, Hamilton Building, at 10:30 a. m. for the purpose of selecting the time and place for holding the next State Convention, apportioning delegates to said convention recommending date for holding primaries, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the convention. It is expected that every member of the committee will be present.

Last Friday was Carnation Day. January 29 is the birthday anniversary of the late President McKinley, and after his death the suggestion was made by Secretary of State Hay that that day be known as "Carnation Day." The idea found favor in all parts of the country, and in many places the men observed the day by wearing a carnation in their button hole. The carnation was a favorite flower of the late president, and it is with the idea of paying a delicate tribute to his memory that the carnation is worn on that day.

O. A. C. Locals.

[BY BERT YATES]

Bert Pilkington returned Wednesday from a week's visit at his home in Southern Oregon.

Mrs. Green's music classes gave a very interesting recital in the College Chapel Saturday afternoon.

Charlie Lyons, a former O. A. C. student, now holds a splendid position as draughtsman with a large concern in San Francisco.

The Faculty, at their monthly meeting Tuesday evening, selected Miss Maud Cochran as salutatorian and Meigs W. Bartmess, valedictorian, of this year's graduating class.

Harold Belt, a former O. A. C. student, is visiting in this city. "Hick" last year pitched a successful season with the Aberdeen (Wash.) Baseball Club, and is now considering several flattering offers for this season.

Prof. Phillips has completed the installation of the hoods for carrying off the obnoxious gases in the new chemical laboratories, which about finishes one of the finest laboratories on the coast.

Rev. I. D. Driver, Rev. Miller and Rev. Moore visited chapel exercises Wednesday. Dr. Driver made a very entertaining and instructive talk relating to agriculture, and was followed by an interesting talk by Rev. Miller.

Mr. Peery of Lebanon, and a college student until last Monday, now wishes he had not quit his studies at that time. He was assisting in demolishing the carriage factory, and in some manner a large timber fell and badly mashed one of his feet, which will lay him up for some time to come.

The exhaust pipes from the power engine at the power house are now connected with the heating mains, thus utilizing all of the exhaust for heat. The Army was heated in this manner during the oratorical contest and there is sufficient heat to keep the conservatories warm all night.

Professors Knisely and Pernot are performing the experiment of feeding mushrooms to guinea pigs to test the poisoning properties of these fungus. A great many goats have died lately and the theory is they have been killed by eating mushrooms, toadstools, etc.

Following is the program of the Junior rhetoricals held in the chapel Wednesday afternoon: Solo, Miss Lulu Spangler; oration, "International Arbitration," Lura Flett; oration, "Heroes of the Nineteenth Century," Isabelle Wright; oration "Immigration—an Important Issue," J. W. Carlson; oration, "Our Obligation to Oregon Pioneers," Bessie Yates; piano solo, Miss Kariker.

Against Parcels Post.

The State Grocers Association of California is another body that has come out strongly in opposition to the new parcels post law. All the small merchants through the country find on investigation that their business will be affected adversely by this bill.

The movement is the work of two large catalogue houses in New York, each of which gets out a million catalogues a year. These catalogues weigh nearly four pounds each, and the new bill would save for them at least 20 cents postage on each catalogue.

This means a saving to these two firms alone of more than \$500,000 a year. How many Oregon merchants, in small towns, would it take to make up this amount in the entire profits of their business in one year?

When the United States Government, in addition to this saving, also pays the bulk of the freight on the goods sold from these catalogues, it is easy to see where the business of the country merchants will go to. Our merchants spend money in our town, and help us pay our taxes. Let us help them by denouncing the bill.

In Interest of Immigration.

C. W. Hibbard, representing the Sunset Magazine, published in San Francisco by the Southern Pacific Railroad, was in Corvallis yesterday.

The Sunset Magazine has for the past three years devoted its interests to the building up of California and during that time, was the means of bringing 139,845 settlers to that state. During that time the magazine has increased from 32 to 208 pages, and adapted as it is to the interests of the Pacific Coast it is an invaluable means of interesting prospective Eastern immigrants and turning them toward the state it advertises.

The Sunset Magazine will now turn its attention toward Oregon. The Lewis and Clark Fair next year will prove a great inducement and a big boom for our state. This is the object of Mr. Hibbard's visit through Oregon. It was his desire while in Corvallis to have a meeting with the Citizens League of Benton county, but unfortunately Mr. Hibbard was unable to meet but a few of its members.

In conversation with him, Mr. Hibbard informs us that the average newcomer into California is worth \$5000. Put the number of immigrants that have settled in California during the past three years in Oregon and with the average amount of wealth and in a short time our state will rank among the best in the Union. The colonist rate adopted by the Southern Pacific Company is also doing much toward inducing immigration. They expect to place a copy of the Sunset Magazine in the hands of every settler on the way to Oregon, and if our part of the state is advertised, so much the better for us.

Mr. Hibbard is a native Oregonian, having been born near Salem. His folks are pioneers of '47. Mr. Hibbard left Oregon 15 years ago and he says the change for the advancement of Oregon in that time is wonderful. The people are getting out of the old rut, adopting new tactics toward livelihood, the former are turning their attention into new lines and with the prevailing good prices of farm products, and with the absence of droughts, insect pests, cyclones, etc., prevalent throughout the Eastern states, those coming from the East to Oregon and by energetic efforts can do no better than settling here.

J. C. Hammel, the enterprising landlord of the Hotel Corvallis, has an ad in this GAZETTE. Mr. Hammel has been at the head of this first class hotel only a few months, but has built up an enviable business during that time.

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

W. E. Yates has purchased the old "Temple of Justice" property so long used by the pioneer worthies of the law, such as Burnett, Kelsay, Johnson, Strahan, Holgate, Thayer and Rayburn, and although he is a good lawyer he will have to labor hard to keep up the legal reputation of the building as established by its former lawyer occupants. May the shades of Blackstone assist him.

Dr. Lowe puts the cream of over eighteen years experience into his glasses.

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

Over 300 Have Registered.

Registration during the past two weeks has been moving on a good rate. The following are the precincts and number of voters registered in each:

Corvallis, No. 1.....	51
Corvallis No. 2.....	51
Corvallis No. 3.....	46
Corvallis No. 4.....	26
Fairmount.....	16
Soap Creek.....	27
Kings Valley.....	4
Summit.....	8
Blodgett.....	11
Wren.....	3
Philmath.....	28
Willamette.....	14
Aleas.....	12
Bellfountain.....	5
Monroe.....	9

Total.....348
In 1903 there were over 1800 voters registered. All naturalized citizens must present their naturalization papers to the registration officer. Children of naturalized parents must also present their father's naturalization papers. This must be done or the officer must refuse to register them.

Taxes to be Raised.

FOR SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Dist. No. 1.....	\$ 95 76
" " 3.....	665 75
" " 9.....	6,594 15
" " 14.....	167 19
" " 17.....	641 58
" " 18.....	255 55
" " 23.....	164 71
" " 24.....	107 33

FOR ROAD DISTRICTS.

Dist. No. 1.....	\$358 12
" " 2.....	33 06
" " 3.....	28 81
" " 4.....	366 57
" " 5.....	325 28
" " 6.....	353 52
" " 7.....	173 12
" " 8.....	61 74
" " 9.....	112 12
" " 10.....	149 30
" " 11.....	377 03
" " 12.....	214 97
" " 13.....	165 88
" " 14.....	288 47
" " 15.....	178 97
" " 16.....	95 00
" " 17.....	170 80
" " 18.....	66 94

FOR CITY PURPOSES.

City of Philomath.....	\$ 408 50
City of Corvallis.....	5,534 01

FOR OTHER EXPENSES.

Polls.....	\$ 593 00
Road Fund (gen'l).....	3,514 72
State Tax.....	24,745 00
State School.....	15,693 00
County.....	22,337 46

Citizens can commence paying taxes as soon as they see fit.

The New Fire Department.

At the meeting of the citizens on Monday evening last, held in the City Hall, to organize the new Fire Department, the following officers were chosen:

- Alex Rennie, Chief Engineer.
- M. P. Fruit, Asst. Engineer.
- John Zeis, Capt. Hose Cart 1.
- James Bier, Capt. Hose Cart 2.
- Harold Woodcock, Capt. Hose Cart 3.
- Lindsay Sharp, Capt. H. & L. Company.
- Robt. Johnson, Capt. "Young America Engine Reserves."
- J. K. Berry, Steward.

The executive department consists of

- E. E. Wilson, President.
- Geo. Kerr, Vice President.
- Jas. A. Harper, Treasurer.
- John Allen, Secretary.

The Executive Comm'tte consists of

- F. P. Sheasgreen.
- H. W. Hall.
- E. P. Grefoz.

Considerable business was also transacted. It seemed to be the general sentiment of the meeting that the old fire engine should be retained, and two small two-wheel chemicals purchased. The matter of the purchase was referred to the executive committee and chief, as was also the question of furnishing rubber coats and hats.

A committee was appointed to revise the constitution and by-laws, and one of the points left for consideration was the matter of fire districts, and fire alarm, as suggested by the GAZETTE a week ago.

After considerable discussion of various subjects the meeting adjourned to meet in the same place next Monday evening.

February Inventory Sale

This is cleaning-up month, stock-adjusting, cleaning the deck for Spring business. Therefore, you will find here that 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 \$6 00 Children's Jackets 2 50		1-3 off on Wool Waists.	

1-3 off on Ladies Furs.
1-3 off on Ladies Wrappers.
1-3 off on Ladies Skirts.
Corsets in broken lines, 50 cents on the dollar.
A few pieces of 50c. Dress Goods at 25c. per yard.

Brussels Carpet 50c. yd.
35c. Cottage Carpet at 25c.
40c. Window Shades at 25c. each.
1-3 off on all small pieces of matting.
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 . . .

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J. C. HAMMEL, Prop.

Leading hotel in Corvallis. Newly furnished with modern conveniences. Rates \$1, \$1.25, \$2 per day.

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The public is invited to come and see my stock of

- Bed Room Suits
- Woven Wire Mattresses,
- Extension Tables,
- Children's Rockers,
- Dining Chairs,
- Kitchen Treasures,
- Side Boards,
- Musical Instruments,
- Bed Lounges and Couches,
- Agood line of Mattresses,
- Center Tables,
- Children's High Chairs,
- Chiffoniers, Rockers,
- Kitchen Safes,
- Window Shades,
- Bamboo Furniture, just in

SECOND HAND PIANOS AND ORGANS
FOR SALE OR FOR RENT.

South Main St. **O. J. BLACKLEDGE**

Now is the Time . . .
To have your
Watch Repaired, Clock Cleaned, Spectacles Fixed.
All work is done Neatly and Promptly . . .
. . . And Satisfaction is Guaranteed.

E. W. S. PRATT, The Jeweler and Optician.
Store closes at 6 p. m. except Saturday.

Home-Seekers:
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.

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