

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

E. W. Strong, the sawmill man was in Portland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Simpson are spending the week in Portland.

Mrs. John Allen has been visiting in Portland for several days.

Lawrence Albright is reported dangerously ill at his home in this city.

Assessor Howell, of Lincoln county, was in Corvallis last week on business.

The Democratic National Convention will meet at St. Louis, July 6th, 1904.

The Prohibition National Convention will meet at Indianapolis, June 29, 1904.

Miss Ruth Vehrs was a passenger for Corvallis Thursday.—Lebanon Advertiser.

Oscar Healy and family expect to leave about March 1st for Portland where they will reside.

Mrs. Ruth Cauthorn, of this city, is visiting at the home of Evan Evans, in Parker, in Polk county.

The Republican National Convention has been called to meet in Chicago, on Tuesday, June 21, 1904.

F. A. Taylor, of Portland, agent for the Wiley B. Allen piano business made on city a brief call last week.

The Corvallis & Eastern Company are rebuilding a large portion of the Yaquina dock—Newport News.

Rev. H. N. Smith, of Portland was in the city on Sunday, and preached at the Congregational church.

Mrs. P. T. Hill returned to Portland last Thursday, after visiting several days with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Hammel, in this city.

About six inches of snow fell in this vicinity on Sunday night. The foothills west of Corvallis were well covered with snow on Sunday.

W. W. Billings, of near Foster, was a passenger for Corvallis Thursday, where he goes to be examined for an increase of pension.—Lebanon Advertiser.

Ferguson Chapter, R. A. M. meets in regular convention at Masonic Hall, on Wednesday evening of this week, Feb. 10. Work in the M. M. degree expected.

Senator John D. Dalry, U. S. Surveyor-general of Oregon, was in the city on Saturday, on business and returned to Portland on Sunday. He expresses himself pleased with the aspect of the political situation this year.

Dr. Lowe will not be here again for 6 months.

When you happen to pass a lighted residence in the evening, and you hear noises that sound like a political convention trying to drown out a boiler shop working overtime, don't get frightened—they are only playing "pit".

Dr. Lowe the optician does not go from house to house. No first class optician does.

A meeting of the ladies of the Episcopal church has been called at the residence of Mrs. C. E. Hout, tomorrow afternoon. The object of the meeting is to reorganize the Guild, and to discuss several business matters connected with the church.

Dr. Lowe's superior glasses cost no more than others and you have the benefit of his 18 years experience.

The Sorosis Literary Society of the O. A. C. entertained the Feronian Society at their hall on Friday afternoon. The exercises consisted of music and recitation, followed by a dainty lunch. The tables were elegantly decorated with violets, and the souvenirs were exquisite hand-painted cards, of violets, with the society name.

Don't wait till the last moment to see Dr. Lowe about your eyes as he is always rushed the last day.

Look in the window of the Zieroff building opposite the Post Office, and see the fine show of prizes for the shooting matches on the 22nd of this month. The Gun Club is making every effort to bring about a successful shoot. Also remember this is a strictly local shoot, and that professionals from other towns cannot compete.

Dr. Lowe the well known oculo-optician is now in Corvallis at the Occidental Hotel. He goes to Albany Thursday morning.

The O. A. C. basket ball team defeated the U. of O. squad at Eugene last Friday night by a score of 25 to 22. This game was very close and interesting and was witnessed by 400 spectators. The O. A. C. boys were given a reception in the evening. The next game for the local college is next Thursday night, when they will meet the University of Washington team.

The regular examinations of teachers begins in Corvallis at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning and continues until Saturday.

Dr. Lowe the oculo optician, arrived in town yesterday, and is domiciled for two more days at the Occidental. He will remain Wednesday.

Meetings still continue at the M. E. church. Rev. Fosse, a man recently from the East spoke last night and will remain over next Sunday. Come and hear him.

The Benton County Lumber Co's mill and planer at Philomath resumed operations last week, after a two month's lay off during which time numerous repairs to the plant were made.

H. V. Gates, the first Constructing Chief Engineer of the C. & E. Railroad, of which he was afterwards Superintendent, was in the city on Saturday and Sunday. He stopped at the Occidental.

The ladies of the Congregational church will give a social tea at the residence of Mrs. E. Perrot, on 4th Street, between Madison and Monroe, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 10. A general invitation is extended to gentlemen as well as ladies.

The meeting nights of the Eastern Star for the balance of the year are as follows: February 23, March 29, April 26, May 24, June 21, July 26, August 23, October 18, November 22, December 20. The meetings are to be held in Masonic Hall, on Second St., north of Madison street. Sojourning members in good standing are invited to be present.

About fifteen young people gathered at the home of Mrs. S. E. Moore on last Saturday evening to celebrate the 18th birthday of Miss Gladys Moore. Orchestra music, songs, impromptu speeches, and games made up a most delightful evening. Dainty refreshments were served. Miss Moore was the recipient of many pretty presents. The party dispersed at midnight after extending their well wishes to the fair hostess.

Local politicians are watching the trend of events in national politics, and looking rather down in the mouth as the almost certainty of Hearst's nomination becomes more apparent. Certainly nothing could be more farcial than such a consumation, but the unterrified must walk up and take their medicine like little men. Don't worry too much, friends. There is no possibility of his election if he does get the nomination.

A telephone message on Sunday to County Recorder T. T. Vincent, announced the severe illness of his wife, at Centralia, Washington, where she went a few days ago to visit her daughter who resides in that city. Mr. Vincent left yesterday for the above named place to be at the bed side of his wife. During the absence of County Recorder Vincent, J. W. Crawford will have charge of the Recorder's office.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Wilkins entertained a select party at their residence on Saturday evening last. The visitors consisted of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Kline, Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Rennie, and Zach Taylor. Whist and Pit were the games of the evening, interspersed with some fine musical selections. A dainty, but substantial lunch was served at 11 o'clock, and the party broke up reluctantly at midnight.

If you have head and eye ache Dr. Lowe's "Repression" glasses will cure you.

The Oregon Historical Society is compiling a Directory of Pioneers, and wants the name and a large number of particulars concerning every person who came to the Oregon country previous to February 14, 1859—the date when Oregon became a state. Secretary Himes is sending out cards and circulars regarding the matter to all those he can hear of, whose records have not already been secured, but if there are any here who think they have not been recorded, they can get particulars by addressing him at Portland.

The taxpayers should not forget that to get the rebate that the law allows, and to avoid the 10 percent penalty and the 12 percent interest, the taxes must be paid before April 4th. A rebate of three percent is allowed on all taxes paid before April 4th, and if only half is paid at that time the tax payer has until October 30 to pay the balance, without incurring the penalty. Remember that the county has this year the lowest tax levy of any county in the state. This is the proud boast of the present administration of county affairs. So, naturally, every taxpayer has the right to expect his taxes will be lower than ever before. If it isn't, ask why?

SHIPPED TO ST. LOUIS.

School Exhibit Now Enroute to Big Fair.

The work of the schools of the county prepared for the St. Louis Exposition, under the County Supt. Denman was placed in the show windows of S. L. Kline, F. L. Miller and Nolan & Callahan stores last Saturday. The work on exhibition was indeed a surprise to our most enthusiastic admirers of our public schools. Many were surprised to find out what our schools were and could do. While everyone knew that our school system was in a high state of efficiency, this impression was proven to the satisfaction of all by this excellent work.

When our public school friends consider that it was impossible for the county superintendent to secure the necessary paper for those in authority until the first of January, it shows how fast the work had to be done. This left only three or four weeks for actual work.

The Corvallis Public School more than did herself proud. Prof. Holmes and his excellent corps of teachers who helped, won some excellent laurels. This work was on display at Miller's. The needle work and number work of the first and second grades, the maps illustrating the products, commerce, ocean currents, growth of population, and maps of Mrs. Campbell's grade, the drawings and paintings of Winona Woodward and Clair Holgate, the illustrated "Bare Foot Boy" by Miss Fowell's grade, the nature study work of Lena McCormick's room, the diagram work of the 8th grade, language of 5th grade, were of special merit. In fact, all of this work was of the highest rank.

The work of Philomath College stamps that institution as one of the best in Oregon. The work in Greek, latin, astronomy, geology, Cicero and Virgil, the commercial department's work in shorthand, letter writing and bookkeeping could not be beaten anywhere in Oregon. Besides this the cartoon work illustrating members of the faculty was especially pleasing. The cartoon of Prof. Caldwell hammering mathematics into the heads of the young with maul and wedge, the one illustrating State Supt. Ackerman, leaning with his hands resting on the shoulders of County Supt. Denman, saying, "My little man, you have just done splendidly the past year," provoked many a hearty laugh. The photographs of all the college buildings were interesting. We are proud we have such an institution in our county.

The work outside of Corvallis on display at Mr. Kline's contained much work of interest. The drawings of Archie, Alter-Altrematt, Otto Karstens and Elmer Williamson showed much natural ability for such work. The cabinet of woods displayed in excellent manner what woods were native to our country. The little boxes made by children seven and eight years old from Beaver Creek school showed originality and industrial work. The maps from Blodgett, Independent and Alexander districts were well executed.

Taking all in all the exhibit as a whole will fittingly represent our educational work, and as Pres. Gatch expressed it, "the exhibit will be a credit to Benton county." This is the first time that an effort has ever been made to have a county exhibit in which both city, college and country work was prepared. By the showing made it is an honor to the county that this last effort was made. It shows what a little organizing will do. Supt. Denman has organized his work well, and deserves much credit for the work done. It is hard enough to have our city schools organized but when it comes to organizing the work out in the country it is a far more difficult task. If such an excellent exhibit can be prepared in so short a time, we can expect to see old Benton at the top of the ladder in this work at the Lewis and Clark Fair.

The photos of Corvallis were prepared with much haste by our city photographers Emery and Gardner. We understand they

did the work free of charge and deserve the thanks of all our citizens. The work is to be shipped to Portland the first of the coming week. It will then be sent to St. Louis where it will remain until the exposition closes when it will be returned to Portland for the great Northwest Fair in 1905.

"WHO STRUCK BOB?"

Did the Spirits do it or was it a Josh on Bob?

Genial Bob, the high-sachem of Tammany, is out on the war-path trying to settle the old question that has agitated the human mind for years, "Who struck Bob?" He attended a seance on Saturday night. Whether it was a genuine affair or a fake put up by the boys no one knows—but the latter seems to be the impression. They got Bob sandwiched in between two hard citizens, and the fun commenced. The spirits seemed to have it in for Bob. He soon got a resounding whack in the back. He held his breath. His breath came in short pants, and as this was not an easy job he had to hold it. Then Bob got it again. He tried to catch the hand that hit him, but it was dark and he couldn't see. Then the blows came thick and fast. Willie says he got hit several times—that's the story he told Bob—but when he says it winks a long, slow wink. And still the unsolved problem remains, "who struck Bob?"

O. A. C. Locals.

[BY BERT YATES]

Friday night the Utopian Literary Society, at Miss Etta Fuller's, held a party in honor of Miss Lena Tartar.

Members of the Feromians serenaded Miss Mary Sutherland Saturday evening and then all repaired to the home of Miss Ethel Linville for a taffy-pull and general good time.

Bert Geer, a nephew of T. T. Geer and a well remembered O. A. C. student of two years ago, now holds a position on the force of the "American," a New York paper. Bert's cousin, Homer Davenport, recently refused a Presidential salary from the same paper, and is now on the lecture platform.

Professor Coote returned Tuesday from Portland where, with Professors Withycombe and Lake, conferred with a committee of the Lewis & Clark Board, with regard to the College's taking a plot of land at the Fair Grounds. The college has selected 5 acres and has located a site for the building and greenhouse. Director General Goode accepted Professor Coote's plans for the Greenhouse etc. It is planned to set out 4000 rose trees on the O. A. C. at the Fair. At right angles to all the roads in the grounds are to be rows of rose trees, making the entire Fair Grounds a veritable "Garden of Roses."

Friday evening, in their society rooms, the Sorosis Literary Society gave an entertainment in honor of the Feronians. Among the numbers on the program were; Solo, Lulu Spangler; reading, Lucile Roberts; selection, Sorosis chorus; reading, Edna Osborn; piano solo, Jaunite Rosendorf; recitation, Belle Boonie. The final number was a vocal trio by Misses Bonnie, Garfield, and Kennison. Miss Bonnie took the part of a very operatic soprano, Miss Garfield sang bass, and Miss Kennison accompanied, when she could be persuaded to follow the music before her and not wander off on Hiawatha or some other popular air. The young ladies were awarded bouquets of cabbage leaves etc. Following the program refreshments, consisting of fruit salad, wafers, and candy were served. The remainder of the evening was spent in music and dancing. The young ladies declare that they enjoyed themselves much more than if they had "had a crowd of noisy boys along."

A large crowd attended the Degree of Honor entertainment on last Friday evening. Among the numbers on the program were two taken from a program rendered some time ago at one of the society parties at the College. One was "Young Lochinvar" with Miss Florence Wicks as Lochinvar, Myrtle Harrington, the bride, Louise Gilbert, the father, Essie Adams, the mother, Ethel Linville the bridegroom, Florence Adams, the priest, and Marie Elgin and Margaret McCormick bridesmaids. The other number was "A Little Girl's View of Life," by Miss Golda Lamar. There were many other interesting features of the program by members of the order, all of which went to make up a fine entertainment.

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.

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