

M. Burnap, of Philomath, was in the city Tuesday.

Ross Nelson, of Independence, is visiting Corvallis friends.

Henry Ambler and G. J. Frink were in town Tuesday from Philomath.

Miss Mary Blodgett, of Blodgett Valley, is in town this week taking the teachers' examinations.

Mrs. Gerber was summoned to Portland Wednesday on account of the sickness of her son's wife, Mrs. George Bourlin.

The Hotel Corvallis has received a number of beautiful gold fish from Woodward & Clark, of Portland. They are kept in the fountain in the hotel lobby.

Mrs. Oscar Healey received a telegram from her son Herbert Pygal in Portland, that he is very sick, and she hurried to that place by train Wednesday.

Edwin Stone, C. Sullivan and their attorney, J. K. Weatherford came over from Albany on a special car Tuesday morning and did business at the court house.

Two more embryo citizens for our county have arrived this week. To Mr. and Mrs. George Dow a son, on Monday and to Mr. and Mrs. John Goose, a son, on Tuesday.

Judge Waters was notified on Tuesday that George Latscher committed to the Insane Asylum of Oregon, from Benton County, in 1890, died, in that institution February 7th inst. of the disease, tuberculosis.

L. W. Keady, of Portland, senior member of the Graydon Finance Company, and wife, are visiting relatives and friends in Corvallis. Mr. Keady is extensively engaged in mining and is handling several good properties.

Next Saturday evening in the Armory occurs the entertainment for the benefit of athletics. The program will consist of numbers by the Ladies Chorus. Mrs. Green's Choral classes, the Male Quartet and Sextet from town, vocal and instrumental solos, duets and trios, and elocutionary numbers.

Walter G. Keady, at one time assistance printer at the College, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Keady, of this city. He is engaged in the real estate and insurance business, being in partnership with F. M. Johnson formerly of this city. They have succeeded in working up considerable business.

Edward Walden of Benton county and Mrs. S. H. Campbell of Albany were married on Saturday evening by Judge Palmer. The wedding was a quiet affair and they went at once to their Benton county home, where they will reside. The groom is about 75 years old while the bride is nearing the three score and ten mark, and they are old and respected residents of the valley.

Rev. G. H. Feese, recently from the East will succeed Dr. Driver in the evangelical work now in progress at the Methodist Episcopal church. He has been speaking every evening since Tuesday, and will continue over Sunday. A general invitation is extended to the public to be present at the meetings, and the promise is made that you will be kept awake.

The following officers were elected and recently installed for Bell-fountain Grange to serve during the coming year: W. O., Clyde C. Tharp; W. L., G. K. Hall; W. S., W. S. Humphrey; Ast. S., H. H. Hall; W. C., T. D. Hinson; W. T., S. A. Tharp; W. Sec., M. E. Tharp; G. k., A. Shough; Ceres, Mrs. Rickard; Poma, Mrs. Hall; Flora, Mrs. Clyde Tharp; L. S. S., Amy Hinton.

Mrs. Isaac Moore, of Gaston, is in the city. Mrs. Moore is a sister of C. E. Moore, and family a resident of this city. She is looking for a house to rent hoping to sell her property in Gaston and come to Corvallis to reside. Mrs. Moore, though 84 years of age is yet very spry and reads without the aid of glass. Her husband run the first ferry boat between Corvallis and Linn county, his first boat, being a canoe made out of a log.

Without a dissenting vote the Lewis and Clark Exposition bill passed the Senate at 5:30 on Monday, carrying an aggregate appropriation of \$1,775,000. Section 16 of the bill, was providing for the construction of a memorial building was stricken out; the number of national commissioners was reduced from seven to three; an amendment was attached absolutely closing the Exposition and grounds on Sunday, and the franking privilege denied to the National and State Commissions. Aside from these changes, the bill was passed in substantially the shape in which it recently came from the Senate Committee.—Oregonian.

The contract for carrying the mails between Corvallis and Albany, on the newly organized Star route has been given to Vidito Bros., of this city, for \$419 per year. The contract allows the mail to be carried by either road, that on the east side or on the west side of the river. The Vidito Bros. will put on a three seat hack for the run, and will carry passengers and baggage. The rate has not yet been fixed, but will be soon announced. As soon as the roads become settled in the spring a larger conveyance will be used, and probably four horses put on.

A round trip must be made every day in the year. The afternoon service from Corvallis will prove of great benefit to commercial travelers who can finish up their business in this city in the afternoon and go to Albany in the cool of the evening, where they will be ready for a full day's work. The run is about ten and one-half miles.

When to Pay Taxes.

In our last number we published an item calling attention to tax payments that may be slightly misleading. We give the corrected schedule.

On taxes paid before March 15, 1904, in full, a rebate of 3 per cent. is allowed. No rebate after that date.

Taxes can be paid one-half on or before April 4, and balance on or before October 3. By this method taxpayers avoid the penalty of 10 per cent. and an interest charge of 12 per cent.

When none of the tax is paid before April 4th the penalty of 10 per cent. is added, and becomes part of the payment. This cannot be avoided.

The tax levy for this year is: County tax, 5 mills.

Road tax 2 mills.

State tax 5.8 mills.

State school tax 3.6 mills.

In justice to the county court it is well to state that they have no jurisdiction over the amount of the state tax or the state school tax.

O. A. C. Locals.

[BY BERT YATES]

The Y. M. C. A. has secured the eight colored "Fiske Jubilee Singers" to appear in the Armory the night of Washington's Birthday.

Irving Miller's father, of Eastern Oregon, spent a few days of last week in this city.

The College Bowling Alleys are now running every evening from four until six, and until ten o'clock on Friday and Saturday evenings. Rinehart Brothers are managing the alleys this year and are doing very well as the room is crowded most of the time.

Wednesday morning, in place of regular Military Drill, Major Hardin gave the assembled cadets a very instructive lecture on dealing with wounds as practiced in the U. S. army. The Major explained the difference between treating a wound when an artery is ruptured, and when it is only a vein, how to treat a scald or burn, and also measures for restoring drowned persons. Mr. Hardin had a cadet on the floor with him, and illustrated using pocket handkerchiefs for bandages, guns or pieces of bark for splints, etc. These instructions apply as well to hunters and others, as to soldiers.

The College Prohibition League will give a program in the College Chapel Sunday afternoon, to discuss some phases of the temperance question. All town people are invited.

There are now 427 students enrolled on the registrar, a few more than at this time last year.

Guy Walker, who has been confined to his room with blood-poisoning of the face at the home of Mrs. Mundy, left yesterday for his home in Independence, but hopes to be able to resume his studies here next Monday.

Training for the spring events in the athletic field is now going forward at the college. The present training ground is in the Armory, which will be used until the covered track is completed at the football grounds.

Mr. Mosley, who is connected with the Lewis and Clark Journal of Portland, made an interesting address during chapel exercises Wednesday.

William Wyatt, one of the old pioneers of Benton county, who came here in 1847, died on Wednesday morning, February 10th, at 4 o'clock at his home near Philomath. Mr. Wyatt lived on one of the old Donation claims, which he took up on his first arrival in the county.

Mr. Wyatt was of English descent, and has always taken an active interest in his section of the county. With Mr. T. J. Conner he founded Philomath College, and it will be from the Kezel chapel of this institution that his funeral will take place today at 1 o'clock. About two weeks ago Saturday Mr. Wyatt was stricken with paralysis and has been quite feeble ever since, though he has been confined to his bed but a few days.

Mr. Wyatt was born in Buckinghamshire, England, Oct. 24, 1816, and came to America in 1836. He first settled in Orange Co., New York, where he married Miss Mary T. Ead. Shortly after he moved to Henderson county, Illinois, from which place he started, with his wife and three children, to cross the plains, with an ox team, for the new territory of Oregon. Entering the territory by the Applegate route they arrived in what is now Benton county on November 1, 1847. Here he passed the winter on the farm of the late Hon. Wayman St. Clair in what is now Philomath.

Mr. Wyatt was one of the principal factors in the founding of the College of Philomath. His first donation was the sum of \$1500. At another time he gave \$300 more. His wife, from her own purse contributed \$500. The eldest son is still general agent for the College.

Seven children were born to them, three having come with them over the plains, of whom five are still living. Mrs. Andrew J. Williams and Miss Eva, with the three boys John E., Frank and Samuel T. One son, the Rev. Ezra Wyatt, was accidentally killed in Linn county by his horse running away with him. One daughter, Mrs. Cynthia A. Springer, died about two years ago.

Mr. Wyatt was one of the largest individual land owners in this part of the state. He was generous, deserving and honest, liberal in his charities, and his loss will be deeply mourned by a large circle of friends.

Rev. Thos. S. Handsaker and wife, of this city have arranged with the W. C. T. U. of Portland, for a series of meetings in this city, commencing Feb. 15. The meetings will be held at the First Christian Church.

Judging from the number of applicants at the county superintendent's office this week the demand for teachers will be met in a large extent. There are 26 applicants struggling with the mysteries of the state and county examinations. Four are taking the state and twenty-two the county examination. B. E. Emerick, of Philomath, college and N. Tartar are assisting in the examinations. We will try to secure some of the questions from our superintendent and give them to our reader for consideration.

The insurance companies lose heavily by the Baltimore fire. One New York company alone figures its loss as \$60,000,000. It is probable that many companies will be swamped, and unable to pay their own indebtedness. This may effect insurance in this state, and it is well for people whose property is insured in eastern companies to watch the developments along these lines.

Two members of the company known as the Fraternal Home Builders, a corporation now on trial in Portland, were at one time in Corvallis, and may be remembered to some of our citizens. They were Co. Guy Wakefield and Ross Nicholas. The trial is nearly completed and the case looks hard for the defendants. Wakefield, who is the moving spirit of the concern, is said to have received the plan from Letson Bailett, the mine promoter of Baker City, now resting from his labors in the Iowa Penitentiary. One of the witnesses made the assertion that the scheme was a fraud. Mr. Wakefield made the reply "Well for the amount I made out of it, I am willing to serve three years." Wakefield is said to have made \$7500 out of the scheme. The case is still on trial, but the outcome is sure to be the end of the Fraternal Home Builders.

Rae Walker, Glen Goodman, Sam Damon and Thos. Richard expect to leave today for Independence for a visit until Monday.

The College Orchestra of 12 pieces has been awarded the contract for furnishing the music at Washington's Birthday Ball to be given at the Armory a week from tonight.

T. F. Mosely, agent for the Lewis & Clark Journal, the official organ of the Lewis & Clark Fair, is in town getting subscribers for that paper.

We call the attention of our readers to our correspondent corner which will appear in our Friday's issue of the GAZETTE. We have got together a corps of writers throughout the county that we are proud of. Their items will prove interesting to our readers.

Miss Etta Rueiter who has been employed in the Occidental Hotel dining room for about a year and a half, leaves on Monday for a visit to her brother in Sacramento, Cal. They expect to return to their old home in South Dakota early in the spring. Miss Etta has made many friends during her stay in this city, all of whom will regret her departure.

Church Announcements.

United Evangelical Church—H. A. Deck, pastor. Sunday School 10 a. m. K. L. C. E., Jr. 3 p. m.; Inte., 5:30 p. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

The First Spiritual Union of Corvallis will hold services on Sunday at Barrett Luceum. Doors open at 2:30. Service 3 p. m. A cordial invitation to all.

Congregational Church—Rev. Edw. F. Green, pastor. Sunday School, 10 a. m. Services 11 a. m.; Junior Christian Endeavor, 3 p. m.; Senior Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.; Services, 7:30 p. m.

Church of Christ—T. S. Handsaker, pastor. Bible School, 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Junior Endeavor, 3 p. m.; Y. P. S. O. E., 6:30 p. m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday evening; C. W. B. M. last Friday in each month.

Baptist Church—M. Noble, pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m.; Preaching Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Young People's Meeting at 6:30 p. m. each Lord's Day. Prayer Meeting on Thursday, 7:30 p. m. All made heartily welcome.

BOUND TO TASTE GOOD.



Father—You are not a success as cook—the soup tastes abominably. Daughter—I don't know why you always find fault with my cooking. The cook book expressly says that this soup tastes deliciously.—Schalk.

Not the Kind.

He ordered a saddle of mutton. The waiter brought it, of course; said he after trying to carve it: "This the saddle, no doubt, of a horse."—Chicago Daily News.

How They Grow.

Old Friends—Well, I declare, old boy, your wife is fully as tall as you are.

Mr. De Meek (in a whisper)—Y-e-s, I guess that's so.

"How came you to marry such a big woman?"

"Well—er—she didn't seem so big before marriage."—N. Y. Weekly.

Repartee Ab Ovo.

"Hello!" exclaimed the egg that was still intact, "you appear to be all broke up."

"Nevertheless," replied the one in the bowl of egg nog, "I'm in good spirits." "So I observe. I suppose you'll be drunk in a little while."—Philadelphia Press.

What He Talks Through.

Myer—What's Wyndham's telephone number?

Gyer—Six and seven-eighths.

Myer—Why, there aren't any fractional numbers in the telephone book.

Gyer—But there are in hats.—Chicago Daily News.

Courtesy.

"Willie," said the small boy's mother, "I hope you are polite to everybody."

"Yes'm, I am. I sicked the dog on a tramp, but I said 'excuse me' afterward."—Washington Star.

Conservative.

"I think," said the emphatic girl, "that the way in which she treats her husband is positively awful."

"Well," replied Willie Widdles, "to say the least, it's awfully positive."—Leslie's Weekly.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes kidneys and bladder right.

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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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.

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Corsets in broken lines, 50 cents on the dollar.
A few pieces of 50c. Dress Goods at 25c. per yard.

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