

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. E. Henkle the Philomath merchant, was in town Wednesday.

U. B. Vogle has sold his property and will leave Lompoc in the near future.

Remember Nolan & Callahan's Remnant and Furnage sale will close Wednesday evening, February 24th.

Mrs. John Allen returned this week from Portland, where she has been visiting for a month.

The Eastern Star Chapter meets next Tuesday evening, February 23d, at Masonic Hall. Work and refreshments. The arrangements for the coming special are to be completed at this meeting.

Tuesday, Record Keeper W. L. Sharp delivered a check to Mrs. Henry C. Miller for \$1000 paid by Supreme Tent of the Knights of the Maccabees. This makes two deaths for Corvallis Tent No. 11, in the past six months.

Henry Ambler, of Philomath, has sold the two farms owned by H. S. Pittman, two miles west of Wren, to Paul Truitt, of Leger, Oklahoma, consideration \$4,000. The farms compose 440 and 197 acres. Mr. Truitt takes possession in a few days.

S. A. Miles, owner of the Hotel Corvallis building, is in the city this week and is making arrangements to have new roofing put on and the third floor will also be remodeled, so that the last floor can be fitted up. This will give Landlord Hammel many more rooms which he stands in need of.

The Agricultural department has just issued a work that will be of interest to farmers, called "The Available Energy of Timothy Hay." It is expected to be followed by another work from the Department of State, called: "The Diplomatic Energy of John Hay."

A fine program was rendered at the regular meeting of the Order of Lions Monday evening by the younger members of that order. A large number of invited guests were present. A banquet was also one of the features of the evening. Several applications for membership were taken.

The continued ill health of Bay Rickard led him into a determination to make a change of climate and try the virtue of springs near Red Bluff, California. Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Rickard, he left for that place Tuesday. His father will remain with him but Mrs. Rickard will visit relatives in San Francisco.

The Albany reporter who justifies his report of a dance, where he said that the music was furnished by a "full and efficient orchestra," on the ground that the drummer was "efficient" and all the rest of the orchestra was "full," was certainly standing on his rights in the matter. We have seen them that way ourselves.

Henry Ambler concluded three sales of property last week. The Ol Felger barber shop in Philomath went to Guv Frink for \$400, also the Homer Wyatt house and lot in Philomath went to J. W. Berreman, of Southwick, Idaho, at \$450. The 50 acres of land owned by Abe Henkle near Philomath went to Mr. Berreman for \$1500.

F. L. Miller has on exhibition in his window a drawing presented to him on St. Valentine's day by a local pencil artist and which F. L. is very proud of. Mr. Miller has the chicken fever in a very advanced stage and the drawing represents one of his fancy fowls which has been carrying off prizes galore. The picture shows the rooster in a box and admiring fanciers taking in his best points, while Mr. Miller stands to one side with a handful of souvenirs and prizes and a smile of contentment and vanity extending from ear to ear. The drawing was done by Ralph Davidson, one of the boys in the Wells Fargo office. We expect to see Ralph holding down a Homer Davenport position in the course of a few years.

One of our society ladies was placed in an awkward predicament some time since, and the story has just leaked out. She had just become the possessor of a dream of a hat, all covered with the daintiest violets. She attended a funeral and wore the hat. Removing it during the service, she placed it on a table in the parlor. The sad-faced undertaker came in later to arrange the floral tokens on the coffin. After placing the bouquets, wreaths, pillows, etc., he picked up the violet-covered hat and placed it tenderly on top. Some of the mourners giggled. But the owner watched it sadly during the long ceremony, in fear and trembling, and only at the last moment was she able to march past the bier, make a successful lunge for the hat, and make her escape. Her hair is now white.

The High Water

The first high water for 1904 occurred this week when the river reached 22 feet above low water mark. It reached this point on Monday night and next day the river commenced receding and continued to fall until at the time of going to press it had fallen several feet. On Tuesday the Beach hop yard across the river was inundated as was also a great amount of land in that vicinity. If the river had continued to rise for a short time longer, it would have reached the ferry, but fortunately the water began to fall before getting up to them.

Reports from other points say they are witnessing a similar high water. In Southern Oregon the S. P. trains were delayed several hours on account of a bridge being washed out near Merlin.

The Benton County approach to the big bridge at Albany was under water, but the boats were able to pass under the bridge without trouble. The river at Albany on Tuesday night reached 21 1/2 feet.

The water in 1903 reached a point of 27 1/2 feet above low water mark and in the big flood of 1889-90 the water reached 29 feet.

For a Social Club.

A movement is on foot in this city looking to the organization of a Social club, for the development of the physical, mental and social capacities of its members.

The object is to provide an unobjectionable place where the young men of the city can spend their evenings.

The committee have formulated a constitution and set of by laws, subject to approval or change when the club is fully organized.

The present object is to ascertain the views of the citizens regarding the matter, and see how many approve of it sufficiently to attach their names to the membership roll.

We give a few of the suggested points in the constitution.

The object of this club shall be to establish, equip, keep and maintain a club house in the City of Corvallis, with the usual and other convenient appliances of a social club, and to provide ways and means for the development of the physical, mental and social capacities of its members.

The officers of this club shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and five trustees.

The board of trustees shall prescribe such rules regulating the affairs and conduct of the club as in their judgment shall be found necessary and proper.

They shall authorize all expenditures and shall constitute, with the officers, the ruling and governing power of the organization for all purposes.

MEMBERSHIP.

No person shall be eligible to membership in this club unless he be not less than eighteen years of age.

All elections of members shall be made by the board of trustees, and no such election shall be held until at least ten days shall have elapsed after the posting of the applicant's name as above required. Two adverse ballots shall reject an applicant to membership.

ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Each active member shall be not less than 21 years of age, and shall pay a membership fee of \$10. His club dues shall be \$1 per month, payable monthly in advance at the first of each month.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

All male students of the Oregon Agricultural College and of the Corvallis public schools, above the age of 15 years, and all male residents of Corvallis, between the ages of 15 and 21 years, may be elected associate members of this club upon a payment of a membership fee of \$1. The dues of associate members shall be 25 cents per month, payable in advance on the first day of each month.

The committee on membership consists of Prof. Cordley, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Cameron, Rev. Green, Rev. Moore, Rev. Carrick.

A public meeting will be called to discuss and settle the matter as soon as the plan has been made known sufficiently.

The college authorities, through Prof. Turney, have ordered a new B-flat bass instrument for the Cadet Band. The instrument is ordered of Carl Fisher, New York, and is to be finely silver plated and of the best design.

Landslide on C. & E.

About 100 yards of the C. & E. track was taken out Sunday morning near Summit, between tunnels No. 2 and 3 by a big landslide, caused by the heavy rainfall of the past week. The track was repaired so that No. 5 could get through Monday morning, and as there is no train on Sunday, the accident did not cause but an hour's delay in the regular schedule of the train. The pile driver went through Wednesday to clear the drift from the east end of the bridge over Thomas Creek.

G. A. R. Entertainment.

On Saturday evening of this week the patriotic citizens of Corvallis will be given a treat at the I. O. O. F. Hall on Second street. The Ellsworth Post of the Grand Army, and the Ellsworth Relief Corps will unite in giving a patriotic memorial service to the honor of the two great Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The committee have arranged a program of literary and musical selections, together with addresses upon interesting subjects interspersed with patriotic selections by a full and efficient orchestra.

The meeting will be an open one, and the public are invited. Show your loyalty to the country and the flag by being present at this entertainment. Admission will be free.

Registration Very Slow.

Registration still goes on at a very slow rate. There are about 2000 voters in Benton county. A third of the time for registering has expired and only about one-fourth of the electors of the county are registered.

Corvallis, No. 1.....	71
Corvallis No. 2.....	78
Corvallis No. 3.....	65
Corvallis No. 4.....	40
Fairmont.....	22
Soap Creek.....	32
Kings Valley.....	8
Summit.....	8
Blodgett.....	13
Wren.....	5
Philomath.....	104
Willamette.....	24
Alesea.....	38
Bellfountain.....	7
Monroe.....	12
Total.....	533

Will It be Dallas or Corvallis?

The trip through Oregon of the University of Washington's basket ball team and the methods they adopted in playing, has called down some pretty strong censure on the heads of the Seattle boys. From all the reports where games were played with this team, there is only one player in their line-up and he depends entirely upon his strength. This player is big Tom McDonald, who tips the scales at 198 pounds. It was through his strength that Seattle won four out of their five games in Oregon, and had they been able to win from the crack O. A. C. team, the Washington lads could have went home as conquerors of the leading basket ball aggregations in Oregon. From McDonald's football tactics on the floor during the game here, the newspaper reports from Dallas, Monmouth, Eugene and Salem must be true. The scores were all close and it was when Seattle thought she was up against a defeat that McDonald went into the game and carried his team through for a victory.

We only use the above facts to show that O. A. C. has the best basket ball team in Oregon. Dallas claims that honor, and they defeated O. A. C. in a clean well-fought game, but Seattle comes along and wins from Dallas and then comes to Corvallis and meets defeat. This leaves the basket ball championship in Oregon for 1904 boiled down to a fine point with Dallas College and O. A. C. about even for the honors, and which the coming game will decide. We have the advantage of the home floor and all we ask is that if O. A. C. will put up as good a game as the one with Seattle, we have no fears of the result. Although the last game was one of the best played in this city, we predict the coming game with Dallas will be the hardest fought battle we have ever witnessed.

There will be no delivery on the Rural Routes going out of Corvallis next Monday. Patrons of these routes can get their mail at the postoffice before 2:30. Washington's birthday is a legal holiday.

Additional Locals.

John Stevens, of Siletz, passed through on Wednesday's train en route to Albany.

Dolph Norton is attending to the C. & E. duties at Summit from Friday till Monday.

Wiley Holman, one of the pioneer farmers of Benton county, now residing in Albany, made a visit to Corvallis this week, and returned home on Wednesday.

E. H. Ingham, a prominent merchant and mine owner of Eugene, is a college visitor this week, and is having some work done in the chemical department.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shriver, of Independence are visiting their nephew W. C. Shriver. After a few days they expect to leave for Illinois where they will reside.

The death of Hanna makes a vacancy in the chairmanship of the senate committee on Inter oceanic canals. Senator Pratt, of N. Y., is the next ranking senator on the committee, and Senator Mitchell of Oregon next. It is understood that Pratt does not wish to be advanced, but that Senator Mitchell is willing to accept the place. We hope he'll get it.

The Cadet band will probably, the weather permitting, give a concert at 2 p. m. on Main street next Monday afternoon. The boys wish to show their appreciation to the citizens of Corvallis for the assistance rendered to enable them to go to Eugene last fall, and will take this means of showing the same.

Mrs. Henry C. Allen and daughter Eleanor, left yesterday for Washington, D. C. They will be joined by Mr. Allen, who will proceed with them to their home in Washington, where he is employed in the census department.

Corvallis Grange is expecting a big time on Saturday 27th at the Agricultural Hall, when they are to initiate about 20 members. A team from Willamette Grange No. 52 consisting of 15 members will confer the degrees.

New Fire Districts.

Corvallis has been divided into fire districts, Fourth street being the line dividing east from west, and Madi-on street north from south.

- Northeast division—2 taps. This will be District 2.
- Southeast division—3 taps. This will be District 3.
- Southwest division—4 taps. This will be District 4.
- Northwest division—5 taps. This will be District 5.
- One tap indicates that the fire is out.

There will be no first district. Where the four districts corner, at Fourth and Madison streets, the City Hall will be in the third district and the Methodist church in the fifth.

The advantage of this arrangement will be that the person who rings the bell can locate the fire accurately. The resolution passed at the Monday night meeting contained an unintentional error in numbering the districts that would necessarily lead to mistakes being constantly made. Anticipating the speedy correction of the error at the next meeting, we give the correct schedule above.

We congratulate the new department on their prompt action in making this radical improvement in their system, and hope they will have few occasions to test it in the coming year.



BLACK MINORCAS BROWN LEGHORNS.

My hens laid more eggs during the severe winter months than any other equal number of hens in Oregon. If you desire to fill the egg basket, I've got the chickens that were bred for that purpose. They are layers and that's what you want. Get rid of your "scrubs" and obtain thoroughbreds—it costs no more for feed. Order your eggs for hatching now. Eggs, \$1.00 per 15, at residence on north 9th st. OTTO F. L. HERSE, Corvallis, Oregon.

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.

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

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HENRY AMBLER, Real Estate, Loan and Insurance.

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