

PURELY PERSONAL.

Items of Interest About Corvallis People and Others.

J. H. Smith visited Albany last week.

H. W. Hall spent Friday night in Albany.

Miss Hellen Steiwer returned to Jefferson Saturday.

Horace Locke was a passenger to Portland Saturday.

R. C. Craven and wife were in Portland over Sunday.

A. W. Bowersox, of Albany, was in this city last Friday.

O. A. Dearing was in Portland from Friday until Monday.

A. Wing, of Lewisville, was in Corvallis several days last week.

Miss Mame Crawford visited Salem last week, returning home Friday.

Mrs. Edwin Stone, of Albany, was visiting in Corvallis the latter part of the week.

E. E. Wilson attended to some legal business in Salem the latter part of the week.

Mrs. A. Compton, of Roseburg, is visiting her son, J. J. Flett and family in this city.

J. L. Underwood and family went to Lebanon Saturday for a short visit with relatives.

Evert Jones, of Albany, visited in Corvallis for a few days last week. He returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whitehorn and sons Claud and Tommy returned home Friday from California.

Mrs. Ray Gilbert has been the guest of Corvallis friends for several days this week. She returned home Saturday.

M. A. Goodnough went to Portland Saturday to attend the Howard Bauer concert Saturday night. He returned Monday.

Professors Kent, Knisely and Dr. Withycombe were in attendance at the farmers institute at Haines last week and delivered several interesting addresses.

LOCAL LORE.

Recent Happenings in Corvallis and Vicinity.

Miss Crawford's class in physical culture gave a public drill in the Armory yesterday afternoon.

The bonds of James Guier, who was out on \$100 awaiting the next term of circuit court to answer the charge of a criminal assault upon a young girl of this county, have been raised to \$1000, which he furnished.

A dance will be given in the College Armory on Thursday evening of this week. The music will be furnished by the Young People's Orchestra of nine pieces.

St. Patrick's day was duly observed and judging from the "jags" the Shamrock was liberally steeped.—Newport News. Our Newport exchange come out on time, however.

A new floor and front is being put in the building adjoining Small's confectionery store. When remodelled it will make a fine location for some business.

Horace Lilly has been appointed manager of the local branch of R. M. Wade & Co's, hardware store, to fill vacancy of W. H. Currin, who is now at the head of the Mc Minnville firm.

The engagement of Miss Minnie Buxton and James C. McCaustland, both popular students of the class of 1900 at the O. A. C., has been announced. Mr. McCaustland is an enterprising business man of Wilbur, Wash.

Resolved, "That Environment has Greater Effect Upon the Formation of Character Than Heridity." Such was the subject of a very interesting debate in the college chapel last Saturday evening. The Sorosis society represented by Misses Roberts, Bonney and Raber, had the affirmative, while Selleck, Hall and Moore, of the Jeffersonians held down the negative side of the question. The decision was in favor of the Jeffersonian boys.

Vidito Bros. proprietors of the Corvallis-Albany stage line are doing a big business in the passenger line. The first trip made, they took ten passengers and on Friday night nine went to Albany on the stage. The return trips are as well patronized, and if the first few times count for anything, the proprietors will find it a paying business. Owing to the present bad condition of the roads it requires four horses, but when good weather comes on, only two will be used. The fare is 75 cents one way.

All Woodmen and Women of Woodcraft to report at Hall Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. Bring a friend along and have a good time.

The Misses Danneman entertained at their home last Saturday night. An enjoyable evening was spent with cards, music, etc. Refreshments were served.

The Democratic primaries of Benton are to be held on Tuesday, the 29th, and the county convention on Saturday, April 2. The dates were fixed at a meeting of the County Central Committee held Saturday.

James Guier, recently placed under \$100 bonds to await the action of the Circuit court on a charge of criminal assault, was rearrested Friday on a bench warrant issued by Judge James Hamilton of the Circuit court, and his bond was fixed at a \$1000. The bond was given with A. N. Lilly and C. W. Smith as sureties.

One of the heaviest wind storms that has ever occurred in this county for years was on last Friday night. Telephone wires, trees, outbuildings and fences went down before the wind. A small house in Job's addition, occupied by a family named Harris, was blown off its foundation. The shooting stand on the flat was also blown down. In Portland the loss caused by the storm was between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

The state oratorical contest of the Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Associations will be held at Philomath on Friday, April 8. There will be \$75 divided into three prizes as follows: First prize, \$40; second, \$20; and third \$15. Albany, Dallas, Monmouth, Corvallis, Forest Grove, Newberg, McMinnville, Philomath and Salem will have a representative from their college or university. The affair will be held in Keezel Chapel and the admission will be 50 cents and 25 cents.

John K. Johnson has purchased the Corvallis Steam Laundry of O. DeHaven and has taken charge. Mr. Johnson has been engaged in the steam laundry work for the past eight years and thoroughly understands the business. He has put on a wagon in Independence to gather the laundry there, which will be sent to Corvallis, and also has agencies at Dallas and Falls City. There is a fine opening in this city for a steam laundry, if run by competent hands, and under the new management no doubt will put out only first class work that will bear comparison with city laundries.

R. W. Kelsay, of Newberg, the well-known prohibition speaker, accompanied by W. Eugene Knox, the inimitable impersonator, and supported in song by Howard L. Hockett and Emmer A. Newby will hold a meeting at the court house Thursday, March 24, at 8 p. m. The object of the meeting will be to stir up sentiment in favor of prohibition and especially the proposed local option law. Every person interested in temperance work is cordially invited to be present. The county convention meets the same day. Admission will be free.

At a meeting held in the court house last Saturday afternoon between the citizens of Corvallis and farmers of Benton county toward advancing the rural telephone project, the following were appointed a board of directors: A. J. Johnson, Virgil Waters, E. F. Wiles, George Lindeman, Robert Johnson, Zeb Davis and J. R. Smith. Another meeting will be held next Friday when more definite arrangements will be made. The object is to establish, own and maintain by the farmers and business men a rural telephone route in this county.

The local teachers' institute and parents' meeting which was to have been held in Philomath March 19, and which was postponed until April 9, in order not to conflict with the closing exercises of Philomath school on March 25, will now be held April 2 instead of April 9. This change is made in order not to allow it to interfere with the State Prohibition Oratorical Contest which takes place on the evening of April 8, and also to help the Bellfountain school which closes April 8. The parents' meeting to be held at Bellfountain will occur on April 9, and the evening exercises will give way to the closing exercises of the school. The Bellfountain teachers being desirous that such an arrangement be made, the change affecting the parents' meeting at Philomath was effected. The programs will be mailed this week so that all patrons of the Philomath schools may be rightly informed as to be held with them.

Spring Millinery.

My spring display will be ready for your inspection showing the most novel effects in fine millinery goods ever exhibited in Corvallis, March 31, instead of March 25, if it rains pitchforks, points to most.

Mrs. J. MASON.

CREFFIELD A FUGITIVE.

One Hundred Dollars Offered For His Capture.

"Apostle" Creffield, of Holy Roller fame, is a much wanted man at present by the Portland police, where a warrant has been sworn out for his arrest. B. E. Starr, of Portland, is the complaining witness in the case, and says that Creffield has broken up his home. The details of the case of this low-lived Gospel imitating rascal are revolting in the extreme and if he is captured, a career in the penitentiary will probably be his end for a few years at least.

It is suspected that the fugitive is receiving assistance and shelter in Corvallis, as it is known that he came here last Thursday night. He came to Albany and started to walk to Corvallis in company with a man named Breou. When within a few miles of this city Creffield evidently suspected something wrong and suddenly jumped from the railroad track and took out across a field, and disappeared in the timber. This was the last his traveling companion saw of him. It is almost a certainty that Creffield reached Corvallis and sought shelter with some of his former subjects.

On Friday night Mrs. Creffield, who has been home for some time, slipped from her father's house and disappeared and since then nothing has been seen of her by her folks or the city officers. She no doubt received word that her husband was in hiding in Corvallis and went to him and is probably with him some where in the city.

The citizens of Corvallis have offered \$100 reward for Creffield's capture and the authorities are making a diligent search for this so-called expounder of the Gospel.

The "Apostle" has been carrying on in Portland much after the style that he did in Corvallis, his religious subjects being mostly women. Starr, who made the complaint against Creffield, is only one of the many who would like to see the Roller leader landed behind the state prison walls with a good long sentence to serve out. In fact the penitentiary is too good for a varmint of his calibre and the worst prisoner there would be degraded by having to associate with him. And yet the newspapers throughout Oregon criticised the Corvallis people when they took upon themselves the duty of getting such a thing out of the community.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Articles of general interest will be published in this department as the personal opinion of the writers. It is understood that the paper is not held responsible for any opinion here expressed.

A Suggestion.

EDITOR GAZETTE—As the time for holding the county and congressional conventions approaches it is proper that our attention should be given to the work devolving upon these bodies. In the county convention the most important will be the nomination of candidates for the several county offices, one for each branch of the legislature and the choosing of delegates to the congressional convention.

Benton is a republican county. Notwithstanding this the opposition has filled the most important and lucrative offices. The reasons for this are not difficult to find. Local democratic leaders have been permitted to foment jealousy and strife amongst republicans. They have been allowed to suggest certain men as strong and popular candidates for this and that place on the republican ticket. It is not beyond just suspicion that republican conventions have been deluded thus and have placed men in nomination for a prominent position who had already arranged to support certain democratic nominations.

In politics as in war it is safe to do the opposite of what the enemy would have done. Let the county convention turn down every candidate whose candidacy has the unfeigned support of democratic "bosses". If it will nominate men from state senator down all through the county ticket who are above suspicion of "trad-

ing off," men who will labor to elect the entire ticket the republicans voters will line up and we shall cease to have the lucrative and important offices filled by democrats.

We believe our county should send a delegation to the congressional convention composed of men whose preference is for the nomination of Mr. Hermann. There is no just and sufficient reason why he should not be named for reelection. Everything else being equal he has experience, knowledge and influence which another would not possess, and could gain only through years of service. It is time that Oregon adopted the practice of the older states. Having once secured an acceptable representative he is kept in congress by reelection from term to term through many years. However fitting that some offices may and should be "passed around" that of congressman is not such an office. If a congressman has served his constituency a number of years he has gained knowledge and influence of much value to his constituents, and they simply serve their own interests by retaining his services.

These are some of the reasons why Mr. Herman be returned to congress; others suggest themselves, but surely these, coupled with the fact there is no good reason why he should not be returned, should give him the nomination.

VERNON.

Welcome and Farewell.

Ellsworth Corps, No. 7 Womans Relief Corps, held another of their characteristic receptions at their hall on Thursday evening last. The occasion was a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Cronk, from their long trip East, and a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wilkins, who go East for a summer visit. Mrs. Cronk was a former president of the Relief Corps, and Mrs. Wilkins a member.

The first number on the program was as fine a supper as a hungry man wants to eat, served in fine style in the supper room of the Lodge. After the supper had been disposed of Mrs. Rose, President of the Corps, called the meeting to order, and proceeded with the program.

The Corps choir, led by Mr. Prichard, with Mrs. Henkle as accompanist, sang "Columbia." Mrs. Rose gave the opening address, and took advantage of the occasion to present Mrs. Cronk with a beautiful autograph album, containing autographs of most of the members of the Corps.

Mrs. Cronk made an appropriate and feeling reply. Mrs. Wilkins followed in a neat address. Mrs. Cale gave one of her characteristic recitations. Comrade Campbell sang a couple of his war songs; Comrade Dearing told a few stories. Mrs. Cale gave another laughable recitation.

The President then read a letter from Mrs. Jennie Higgings, press correspondent of the Womans Relief Corps of Eugene, Or.

The singing of "America" by the audience closed one of the most enjoyable evenings of the season.

Real Estate Transfers.

F S Stark and wife to Mary Dyer, 80 acres Kings Valley; \$100.

J C McElroy to Bettie E Humphrey, 2-15 interest in 540 acres near Monroe; \$1,000.

John Smith and wife to C C Calloway, 1-7 interest in land near Wells; \$100.

Margaret Hodes to C Hodes, lot 5, block 5, Dixon's Add; \$700.

C Hodes and wife to H E Hodes et al, lot 5, block 5, Dixon's Add; \$1.

John M Brumfield to W H Smith lot 104, block 27, Philomath; \$500.

C Thompson and wife to Almina J Robinson, 80 acres tp 12 s, r 7 w; \$1,300.

Mary E Elliott to Ada Elliott, interest in Elliott estate; \$300.

F Dinges and wife to E E Wilson, qcd 280 acres, tp 15 s, r 6 w; \$100.

W M Castle and wife to John Pimm, 109 acres near Philomath; \$3,500.

M E Church S to C E Hout, 4 lots, block 8, Co Add; \$1,250.



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