

LOCAL LORE.

Bishop Ford, of Eugene, was a Corvallis visitor this week.

Prof Pernot returned yesterday from Portland, where he attended a meeting of the Board of Health.

A. R. Hathaway, of the Mutual Life of New York, has arrived here from Salem.

Will McAdams, of Independence, is visiting friends in this city for a few days.

A. Blackburn has resigned his position in the Graham & Wells drug store, having accepted a similar position in Lebanon.

Sam Hartsock, the popular drug clerk in Graham & Wells will spend his vacation on his timber claim in Southern Oregon.

J. L. Underwood and family have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Underwood's brother, Neal Loftin, in Lebanon.

Guy Walker, Sam Damon and Rae Walker went to Independence yesterday to attend a concert and ball given by the Monmouth Band.

John Sweek, former O. A. C. student, came up from Forest Grove yesterday where he is attending school, to be present at the hop at the Armory.

Walter Wells, of last year's graduating class, came up yesterday to attend the hop. Mr. Wells holds a fine position in a Portland drug store.

Miss Mabel Cronise has issued invitation to a party to be given Saturday evening, in honor of the eighteenth birthday of her brother, Kratz.

Rev. Mr. Coney, of Salem, will hold services at the church of Good Samaritan on April 10. It is expected that he will be secured for the church for the coming year.

Granville Pitman, formerly of this city, died last week in Taylor, Cal., where he was at work. He was well known in this county, where he lived many years.

Among those who left for their homes yesterday to spend a short vacation were Messrs Walker, Groves, Lingads, Bradley and Miss Blegg of Portland, Messrs Barnett and Forrest of McMinnville, Darling of Oregon City, and Spagle of Hubbard. Walker and Spagle will not return to school this year.

Dr. Mac Lean, for several years pastor of the church of Good Samaritan in this city, has accepted the pastorate of the Episcopal church in Fort Morgan, Colorado, where he has been the last two months. Mrs. Mac Lean, and children left on Monday of this week to join him there. The best wishes for his long continuance in that place goes with him from his many friends in Corvallis.

Glen Gillette left yesterday for Toledo. He will be joined there by his brother-in-law Ed. Stanton, and they will proceed to their chittim claims on the Yachats. When cabins have been built and other preparations for their comfort made, Mrs. Stanton and sister Hattie, will join Glen and Mr. Stanton and the party will strip bark for several months.

S. N. Wilkins, who went to Portland on Friday to pass his examination before the State Board of Health returned on Sunday. The report will not be given out for some time. There were 47 candidates at the examination, all Undertakers and Embalmers of the state, and the range of topics discussed covered every phase of sanitation, practical embalming, disinfecting, etc. At the February examination for diploma, Mr. Wilkins' average was 99.

Regular meeting of the Coffee Club next Monday afternoon in the City Hall.

St. Mary's Chapter Order of Eastern Star meets next Tuesday evening at Masonic Hall. Members of Sister Chapters visiting the city are cordially invited.

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Improvement Society will be held at the Court House this Friday evening, at 7.30. Everybody is invited.

No skylarking at the College this week. All the boys are getting up early and paying attention to the books. Examinations are on and many anxious faces show that the results are still doubtful.

John Ingalls took his cow and horse across the river for exercise, and turned them loose in the lane. The cow swam back across the river and landed by the high bank, near the saw mill and would have drowned but for the help of some young men who helped her out.

The subject of discourse at the Congregational Church, Sunday morning, "The Feeding of the Five Thousand." Evening, "Improvvidence, Providence, the way to avoid one Phase of Perdition, and the Poor House." A cordial invitation is extended to all members of benevolent societies.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.

Commences at the Court House, Monday, March 28.

We give below a list of the cases up for adjudication at the next term of the circuit court which opens on Monday of next week.

CIVIL CASES.

A B Hammond vs W F Crosby: action on promissory note.

Wm Groves vs John M Osborn; suit. James L Lewis vs John McGee, Sr.: action.

Palmer Ayers vs E W Strong: action. G R Farra vs A Wilhelm, Admr. estate of Sam'l Rickard, deceased; appeal from county court.

Mary H Whitby vs John M Osborn, et al, suit, confirmation of real property.

Fred S Elliott and Ernest Elliott vs Ada Emmett W Elliott, Seth Elliott, Lilly M Elliott, Annie Elliott, E E Wilson and M R Elliott; suit partition of real property.

J R Fehler and E T Wertzbaugher vs School Dist No 13, Benton county, Oregon, and J E Wyatt, Geo Cooper, J A Parks, as directors of said district, and E J Newton, clerk; writ, alternative mandamus.

Wm Milton Howell vs Adam Wilhelm & Sons; suit, injunction.

Wiley Gadsby vs J C Hammel; action, motion to dismiss.

Delila Read vs Thos G Read; suit, divorce.

John B McLennan vs Elien Weises; application to register real property.

A F Peterson vs J H Read; action on promissory note.

C H Monroe vs S Y Evans; action.

Mary B Herbert, T M Coon et al vs A L Coon; suit for partition and sale of real property.

The Charter Oak Mill Co., a corporation vs F P Sheasgreen and Edw Buxton, partners doing business under the firm name of Central Planing Mills and Box Factory; action.

Carl G Hodas vs Heman W Hall and Flora Hall; action on promissory note.

CRIMINAL CASES.

State of Oregon vs Wm H Wagner; crime of assault and battery.

State of Oregon vs Chas Small; recog.

State of Oregon vs Jas Guier. Crime of rape.

The usual preliminary meeting will be held at the Court House on Saturday, at 9 o'clock a. m. to arrange the schedule, so that the business can commence promptly on Monday morning. The amount of business to come before the Court is very small, and prompt adjournment is expected.

Democratic Ticket.

The dates have been set for the Democratic primaries and convention, as usual several days after the Republican meetings for the same purpose. The primaries will be held on Tuesday, March 29, and the convention on Saturday, April 2nd. The convention will consist of 111 delegates. The representation is on a basis of one delegate for each eight votes or fraction cast in 1902 for Chamberlain. The number of delegates for each precinct will be as follows.

Corvallis, No. 1.....	9
Corvallis No. 2.....	12
Corvallis No. 3.....	11
Corvallis No. 4.....	7
Fairmount.....	7
Soap Creek.....	6
Kings Valley.....	5
Summit.....	3
Blodgett.....	3
Wren.....	3
Philomath.....	13
Willamette.....	8
Alsea.....	8
Bellfountain.....	6
Monroe.....	10

In the city the polls will open at one o'clock and remain open till five. The polling places will be the Court House for districts 1 and 2 and the City Hall for districts 3 and 4.

The Elusive Roller.

Sheriff Burnett has issued circulars offering a reward of \$100 for the arrest of Edmund Crefield, the late holy roller, who left this city with a beautiful and sticky coat of many colors donated by some of his admirers late one winter evening. He is wanted by the authorities of Portland for numerous acts peculiar to his peculiar creed, but which the uninitiated denominate as crimes. A summer home at the expense of the state, in the beautiful city of Salem, is waiting to receive him, where he can roll to his hearts content, after the labors of the day are over. It is the general wish of the good people of the state that he may soon be welcomed by Warden James to his future home.

The Chittim Question.

(Special from Alsea.)

As the sap begins to rise in the famous chittim, enthusiasm in the residents of Alsea, Lower Alsea, Lobster and Five Rivers soars in the same direction.

When farmers and ranchers meet at the country stores, politics are discussed by a few; the Russia-Japan war is passingly mentioned by others, but the topic that interests everyone is the present outlook for a good round price for chittim, we say everyone, for there is hardly a man, woman or child in these vicinities who is not directly or indirectly interested.

Since last fall when bark reached the price of 15 cents per pound, scores of ranchers have been busily engaged in roaming through the rugged mountains of the Coast Range in search of this precious bark, until now, every patch of chittim that can be profitably handled has been located and a homestead entry made on the land on which it grows. Some of our most prominent citizens have taken claims including the Haydens, Headrick, Warfields, Seits and many others.

The admirable feature of the chittim business is that it brings the money direct to the class of people who are striving to build themselves homes in these mountainous places, thereby benefiting themselves as well as the government under which they live, for Uncle Sam has thousands of acres of land in these coast mountains that will more than likely never benefit the Government in any way other to assist settlers to build homes on occasional spots that are not productive.

The man who will be injured the most by the good prices is the man who is really entitled to the most benefits; that is he who settled in the mountains a few years ago, and by peeling bark from the odd or even sections lying around him, found that he and his family were barely permitted to exist. Now that prices are better he finds himself practically cut off from supplies. The homesteader and railroad company together have surrounded his ranch and if he gets any thing out of it he must go farther back to some obscure patch that no one else has ever found, and there gather his "grub steak" for the next winter. If any unpleasantness arises it will be between the railroad company and the rancher. As we have said the settler has heretofore peeled bark wherever he could find it to peel, and consequently nearly all the bark that is of any easy access on railroad land has been peeled, therefore what is left may be so difficult to get out, that the rancher and railroad company can not agree as to the terms on which the bark shall be harvested. It is hoped that this matter can be satisfactorily adjusted so there may be no trouble.

A Golden Wedding.

On March 16th Mr. and Mrs. Abram Underhill celebrated their 50th anniversary of their marriage at their home in Philomath. The groom of 50 years was born in Cambridge, Vt., May 29, 1825, and at the age of two years moved with his parents to Burtis, Cayuga Co., New York, and twenty years later moved to Prophetstown, Ill., where he was engaged in farming. His father being a shoemaker he had the care of the farm. On March 16, 1854, he was married to Olive Marvel, a native of Genesee Co., New York, who was born July 14, 1837. At the age of 8 years she moved with parents to Prophetstown, Ill., where they were married in 1866. They moved with their family to Brooklyn, Iowa, where they lived until the spring of 1875, when they came to Albany, Oregon, to see if the western climate would be beneficial to Uncle Abram's health, which had failed him the year before. He gained his health and is now a hale and hearty old man. In 1877 he moved to Summit, Oregon, where he lived until 1886, when he moved to Philomath, Oregon, where they now reside. Five children were born to their union, four of which are living: Horace Underhill, of Summit, Oregon; Mrs. Emma Hulburt, of Albany,

Oregon; Mrs. Annie McFarland, of Summit, Oregon; Mrs. Jennie Bogue, Goldhill, Oregon. We wish this couple many more happy years.

A Benton County Case.

On March 21, the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon handed down the following opinion:

Coast Land & Livestock Company respondent, vs Oregon Pacific Colonization Company, appellants, from Benton County, J. W. Hamilton judge, affirmed; opinion by Justice Bean.

This was an appeal from an order overruling a motion to set aside a decree and to quash a return of summons. The plaintiff is an Oregon corporation with headquarters at Albany and the defendant a Minnesota corporation. This suit was brought March 11, 1903, to recover on promissory notes and service was had upon S. F. Cook, who was stated in the sheriff's return to the vice president and managing agent of the defendant. Default judgment was taken March 23, and on July 8, after execution had been issued and property advertised for sale, the defendant appeared specially without any showing of merits, moved to set aside the decree and quash the return of the summons on the ground that Cook was not either vice president or managing agent. The motion was denied and on appeal the Supreme Court affirms the ruling.

After receiving the testimony, the Supreme Court concludes that S. F. Cook was the managing agent of the company and says that the company has also been guilty of such laches and delay as to preclude it from securing relief, no defense upon the merits being shown.

This property, known as the Coe lands, is part of a wagon road grant comprising 70,000 or 80,000 acres, made many years ago. The grant took in six odd sections on each side of the road running from Philomath to Yaquina Bay. The Oregon Agricultural Company secured title to a portion of the property; part went to the Oregon development Co., and the bulk of the remainder, about 40,000 acres drifted somehow to Geo. S. Coe, as trustee. When the latter died, a New York court took charge of this property, and appointed A. H. Masten receiver, to whom the Coe heirs made a deed. On April 11, 1900, the receiver sold the property to the Astoria Company. This company, by A. B. Hammond, president, sold the lands to the Coast Land & Livestock Co.

In August, 1902, the entire holdings of the Coast Land & Livestock Co. and the Oregon Agricultural Co., comprising about 25,000 acres in Benton county and 35,000 acres in Lincoln, passed to the Oregon-Pacific Colonization Company, a Minnesota corporation.

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