

LOCAL LORE.

Recent Happenings in Corvallis and Vicinity.

Zophar Thorp will leave this week for McMinnville, where he will remain until next term.

A. Blackburn has purchased the Perry drug store in Lebanon and will move there this week.

Mrs. Simpson and Miss Pearl Simpson are expected to arrive home this week from Washington.

St. Mary's Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will meet this Tuesday evening at Masonic Hall.

Special meeting of Corvallis Lodge A. F. & A. M. Wednesday evening March 30. Work in the M. M. degree.

There will be services at the Episcopal Church Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock p. m. A cordial welcome to all.

F. H. Stow, of the Independent telephone system, is in the city on business connected with the projected rural lines.

Mr. Frye, the Grants Bass banker, arrived yesterday for a short visit with his son, William Frye, who is a student at the O. A. C.

Good Friday comes this week on the first of April. We hope the celebrants of the holiday and the holy day will not get mixed up.

Ladies will have to rush their preparations for Spring millinery, as Easter comes next Sunday. We can only hope that the weather will be favorable and the Easter display will be satisfactory.

The new game of "500" the society fad, bids fair to supersede Fling and Pit. It is a game of skill, and ranks at the head of all the games now played.

Homer Davenport, now called America's greatest cartoonist, will give one of his characteristic lectures, illustrated, at the Opera House, Albany, on April 8th.

All music lovers will be interested in the concert to be given next Friday evening in the College Chapel by the O. A. C. Glee Club. An attractive programme of glees, quartets and solos has been prepared.

Miss Anna Thompson went to Portland Saturday. She expects to return today, bringing with her her sister, Mrs. Mary Ebner, who was recently injured by a street car in that city. Mrs. Ebner has sufficiently recovered to walk with the aid of crutches.

Ellsworth Post No. 19, G. A. R. has secured the Hon. Frank Davey to make the Memorial Day address in this city on Monday May 30. Mr. Davey is one of the representatives to the State Legislature for Marion county.

During the big windstorm on Saturday, March 16th, two wind mills were blown down in the vicinity of Oak Grove. The stock shed on the Elmer Hamilton place in Linn county about three miles from this city, was lifted off the foundation and blown down, killing two head of cattle.

Miss Olive Thompson has accepted a clerkship in the Boise Book and Music Company's new store, which opened in that city last week. It is the finest store in Boise, and was opened with a swell reception. Miss Thompson still retains her position as pianist with the Christiansen orchestra.

The regular meeting day of the Woman's Relief Corps, has been changed from Saturday to the second and fourth Friday afternoons, at 2 o'clock p. m. The meetings are held in the I. O. O. F. hall, on Second street, and sojourners in the city, in good standing are invited to attend.

Woodmen of World entertained Mary's Peak Circle and friends Wednesday evening. This evening's entertainment consisted of recitations, songs etc. The recitation of Dora Lindgren, song by Adelaide and Bernetta Sheasgreen deserving special mention. T. T. Vincent delivered an excellent address on "Fraternalism" and D. D. Berman's side degree was enjoyed by everyone.

On Friday evening, April 1st, of this week in College Chapel will be given the first annual concert of the O. A. C. Glee Club. As was previously announced in our paper the club is a new organization in the college. The music is entirely new and contains selections from the best glee composers in the country. The club has appeared from time to time during the winter and has been enthusiastically received. It is realized that this organization has to do not a little with college patriotism and spirit, and in appreciation of the faithful work and practice of the club during the winter it is hoped that they will be greeted by a large, appreciative audience.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

To be held in this city on Thursday next.

The primary elections for the choice of delegates to the county convention was held in the several precincts of the county on Saturday last. We give below the list of delegates chosen, as far as we have been able to hear from them.

CORVALLIS PRECINCT NO. 1.

- Wm. Knotts.
- S. L. Shedd.
- E. J. Harrington.
- S. Chipman.
- E. W. Strong.

CORVALLIS PRECINCT NO. 2.

- M. S. Woodcock.
- E. R. Lake.
- John Simpson.
- R. H. Colbert.
- E. R. Bryson.
- D. M. Smith.
- S. T. Kerr.
- S. L. Kline.

CORVALLIS PRECINCT NO. 3.

- GEORGE E. LELLY.
- G. W. Smith.
- J. R. Smith.
- A. C. White.
- J. M. Cameron.
- Geo. Kerr.
- G. A. Waggoner.

CORVALLIS PRECINCT NO. 4.

- J. O. Wilson.
- O. V. Hurt.
- J. B. Irvine.
- S. Whiteside.
- T. H. Cooper.

MONROE.

- Oscar Dodge.
- Dallas Harpool.
- D. B. Farley.

ALSEA.

- J. E. Bauton.
- Marion Hayden.
- W. J. Headrick.
- R. G. Myers.
- M. S. Rickard.

KINGS VALLEY.

- A. C. Millerr.
- Dick Dunn.
- C. T. Johnson.
- Louis Allen.

PHILOMATH.

- G. A. Scott.
- A. J. Williams.
- Chris Hacker.
- R. O. Loggan.
- E. Keezel.
- N. E. Newton.
- M. Burnap.
- J. A. Parks.

WREN.

- Ed. King.
- Geo. Bayne.
- Walter Read.

FAIRMOUNT.

- Williamson.
- Risley.
- Mayberry.
- Anton Luther.

BLODGETT.

- G. H. Wamsley.
- Leroy Norton.
- Warren Norton.

BELLFOUNTAIN.

- John Perrin.
- Ed. Williams.
- Geo. Humphrey.
- Walter Humphrey.
- Louis Peek.
- W. T. Bristow.
- Robert Kyle.
- Philo Gragg.

Registration for the third term at the College was in progress yesterday. There are quite a number of students not back this term, will however, return next year.

In the case of the State of Oregon vs. Chas. Small on the charge of allowing gambling in his place of business, the accused plead guilty and was fined \$100 and costs by Judge Hamilton.

Those who wish to attend the big surprising, April fool dance, at Independence given by the Rebekahs on April 1st, will see Miss Carrie Danneman who will make arrangements for a special motor if a sufficient number desire to go.

Allen Airth, a former O. A. C. boy, was badly hurt one day last week while working at Warrenton, near Astoria. He fell and broke his arm and fractured his skull. Although the accident was a serious one the injuries are not fatal.

Prof. A. C. Schmidt, teacher of German at the College has resigned his position to take effect at the end of the term. He will take a position as cashier of the First National Bank of Albany, the cashier having been appointed president.

TWO BURGLARIES IN TOWN

Houses Were Entered Early Sunday Morning.

The houses of W. E. Yates and Seymour Simpson were entered by thieves between 2 and 4 o'clock Sunday morning and Mr. Simpson is lamenting the loss of nearly \$50 worth of clothing, lace curtains, wearing apparel, etc., besides two dozen jars of canned fruit which were taken from the fruit house.

The entrance into the Simpson home was made through the front door which was left unlocked to admit two young men rooming in the house. The entire lower floor was ransacked and bureau drawers were pulled out and contents dumped on the floor. A coat was emptied of a number of letters, which were hurriedly stuffed in the sleeve of an overcoat. The coat was taken. A fine lace bedspread valued at \$20 was also stolen. The marauders evidently knew the lay of the ground pretty well, as they took the key that was hanging in the kitchen and entered the fruit house where they helped themselves to a large quantity of canned fruit.

The house of W. E. Yates was broken into about four o'clock in the morning, the entrance being made through the back door, which was also unlocked. Mr. Yates was sleeping down stairs and was awakened by the noise made by the burglar. He immediately turned on the electric light, much to the surprise of the intruder, who lost no time in getting out, bumping into the stove and table in making his exit. Nothing was taken from the house, owing to the fact that Mr. Yates awoke just after the burglar entered the house. The man was of small build and from the shoe print outside the building he wore about a No. 5 or 6 shoe.

A Great Cartoonist Coming.

Homer Davenport, the great American Cartoonist, will speak on "The Power of a Cartoon" at the College Armory on Saturday evening April 9th. Mr. Davenport has in a few years risen from a never-do-well in the little Western town of Silverton, Oregon, to the pinnacle of success, and is sought after at the present moment by half the newspapers in New York, offering the highest salary ever paid to a cartoonist, but "before going into harness again," Mr. Davenport intends touring to the Pacific Coast, getting fresh ideas and recuperating after a long spell of hard work.

His lecture, or to speak correctly, his story-telling is a recital of his adventures and experiences from the time he drew caricatures on the school blackboard when his teachers back was turned until the present day. Mr. Davenport has a fund of humor and a magnetic style, and his stories, sparkling with wit keep his audience convulsed with laughter. He illustrates his anecdotes with rapid cartoon drawings and his entertainment is one that should not be missed. Davenport loves animals and birds, and many stories are told about himself. Chickens possibly take first place and he tells about the time he was wooing and had driven his best girl some miles to a country dance. When nearly there, he discovered six of his best pet chickens were roosting on the axle of the buggy, and as he had to choose between losing his chickens by not turning back, or losing his girl by turning back he chose the latter, and lost the girl. His many stories some witty and some pathetic, go to make up a splendid evening's entertainment.

Bellfountain Republicans held their primary election on Saturday as at noted in another column. After the primaries a Roosevelt Club was organized, and several strong speeches were made. J. H. Edwards was chosen President and Clint Reese, Secretary. They purpose to make a good showing in November election.

Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that there is money in the city treasury to pay all warrants drawn on the general fund and endorsed prior to July 17, 1902. Interest will stop on the same from this date. Dated at Corvallis, Or., March 29, 1901. Wm. McLagan, City Treasurer.

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Rural Telephones and the New City System.

The rural telephone matter came up for consideration at the adjourned meeting in the county court room in this city on Friday last, and received full discussion. Propositions were presented by Mr. F. H. Stow, by Mr. DeVarney, and by the Pacific States Company, now operating the lines in this city.

The Independent Co., represented by Mr. Stow, are working to obtain a franchise in Portland, and their object in promoting these rural lines throughout the state is to have connections for a long distance system already established when the Portland office is ready to work.

The Pacific States Co. held to their former offer: Farmers to build and maintain their lines and pay to the company \$6 per year when 'phones are rented, and \$2 per year when they buy their own instruments.

Mr. Stow submitted several propositions. He is anxious to start an independent company in this city distinct from the farmers' line. He offered to furnish all the capital required; half the capital, or whatever might be needed after local shareholders had completed their stock. His proposition embraced a complete system to be built at Corvallis with the 'phone rates at \$1 per month for residence, no more than two 'phones on a party line, farmers to build and maintain their own lines, owning their own instruments, and pay \$2 per year for city and rural switching. The second offer of Mr. Stow was on a mutual basis, Mr. Stow to be manager of the company. In both the right is granted stockholders to purchase the system at its actual cost and six per cent interest at any time within ten years.

The offer of Mr. DeVarney was as follows: A company to be formed with a capital of \$7,500, of which fifty Corvallis citizens should take fifty shares of stock at \$25 per share. Mr. DeVarney's company to carry the rest of the stock. Rates for city subscribers to be the same as offered by the Pacific States people; rates to farmers not to exceed \$2 per month and not less than \$1 per month for each rural line, the cost to be pro rated equally among subscribers on said rural line; Mr. DeVarney to be manager of the company, to serve without salary.

The Eastern people whom Mr. Stow represents, and the other independent lines, including all companies outside of the Bell and Edison lines, have more than two telephones in the country to the monopolies one.

The report of Mr. De Varney, of Kansas City Company, was the one favored by the meeting, as, with four phones on a line the cost would be only 50 cents per month, and with eight on a line, the cost would be but 25 cents per month. Mr. Stow also recommended the adoption of this proposition.

The meeting decided to divide the city business from the county, making each independent, and a committee with power to act, was appointed.

As a consequence of this agitation it will be noted that the proposed advance of the local Company on all new 'phones installed, from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per month, has been dropped.

The new company go into this scheme as a pure business proposition, without any sentiment, believing that it will pay anyone to put money into it for the profit that is in it. It is stated on good authority, that notwithstanding the large number of Telephone companies in the country there have been fewer failures than in the National banks.

While these companies are willing, if necessary, to advance all the money required, they still feel that better results can be obtained where our own people are financially interested. Local capital means local pride, and local pride, in an enterprise means better results to the community in which the business is established. A canvas of the city is now being made for the sale of stock in the new company.

Have you played the new game called "500"?



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