

LOCAL LORE.

Recent Happenings in Corvallis and Vicinity.

W. H. Schuette and wife, of Portland, passed through the city, on their way to Monroe.

Mrs. M. E. Vanderost, of Salem, publisher of the Oregon Searchlight, was in the city the last of the week.

Manager Merrill, of Albany telephone service, was in this city on Thursday on business connected with the telephone exchange.

P. O. England and Earl England, from Kent, England, were at the Occidental on Sunday. They are looking for a location in this county.

On Friday afternoon, April 8th, Dr. James Withycombe, of the O. A. C., went to the reform school where he lectured to the boys of that school.

Mrs. Wisecarver, of McMinnville, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gilbert in this city several days last week. She returned home yesterday.

D. W. Jones, of Kings Valley, having made the necessary arrangements will begin a four months term at the South school in Alsea, where he taught last year.

On Saturday the thermometer registered over 80 in the shade, and at places on the east side of Main street, where they were exposed to the direct rays of the afternoon sun, it climbed up to 112.

A merry party, consisting of Jack Hodges and wife, R. B. Montague and wife, Z. H. Rudel and wife, came up from Albany on a Steam Launch, and returned in the afternoon.

T. F. Horne, an old locomotive engineer, who has seen service all over the western country, came to Corvallis on Sunday. He hails from Houston, Texas.

As far as known the O. A. C. team to compete at Portland will consist of Moores, Coates, Jackson, Currin, Williamson, Rumbaugh, Smithson, Greshaw, Root, Swann, Horton and Cooper.

The Toledo Reporter is authority for the following statement: That the C. & E. management are removing the car shops from Yaquina to Albany, and in the near future trains will change the run, arriving at the Bay in the middle of the day instead of the evening.

Mrs. Elsie Irion died of consumption at Elberton, Washington, the latter part of last week and the funeral was held on Saturday. The deceased graduated from the O. A. C. in 1895 and afterwards remained in Benton county for a number of years and taught school in the vicinity of Corvallis. She has been in Washington for the past six years.

The Corvallis Brass Band is now a perfected organization. At the meeting on Friday evening, W. T. Nichols was elected president, R. C. Irvine, secretary and W. L. Sharp, treasurer. New music has been ordered and everything points to a first-class town band. The boys are practicing twice a week and will be in good condition when the campaign opens.

Seventh Day Adventists held an executive meeting on Wednesday afternoon, in Portland, to plan for the annual campmeeting which will probably be held in Corvallis. The leaders say that an unusually interesting session is anticipated this year, because of the presence of noted workers from other states. The Adventist work, evangelical, medical, missionary and educational will be fully discussed at the conferences, which will be attended by over 1000 people.

We have received an elegant souvenir of Humboldt county, Cal. the great Redwood timber country, issued from the offices of the Humboldt Times. It is a book of about 220 pages, flexible cover, elegantly printed, with hundreds of half tones illustrating the various industries of the country, and gotten up in a style that will certainly attract attention to this little-known region. Mr. Charles B. Milnes, is the manager of the Times, at Eureka, and to his enterprise and skill we are indebted for the work.

Monday the thermometer registered 84.

Mrs. Edwin Stone, of Albany, is in Corvallis today.

C. E. Hawkins, of Toledo, was in the city, on Saturday on business.

Austin & Thomas repaired the rudders of the O. R. & N. steamship Pomona yesterday.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will give a carnival in the near future.

Horace Locke, democratic candidate for recorder has resigned his position in Wade's hardware store to take effect today. He has not decided what line he will now take up.

The Benton County Sporting Club will hold its monthly meet at Philomath today. Two squads started from Vidito's livery stable at 7 o'clock this morning. The Corvallis delegation wishes to announce that they have blood in their eye and expect to win. W. E. Carlson, of Portland, expert trap shooter accompanied them.

Mr. Blanchard, of Portland, is at the College today, consulting the mining department, with a view to install an experimental smelting furnace. Mr. Blanchard has an invention by which the poisonous gas that sometimes kills all vegetation for thirty miles around, by a smelter is made perfectly harmless. A plant would cost about \$4000.

Bert M. Bower's stories in the Argonaut are always good, and the one in the issue of April 11th is unusually so. "When the Singer Cut Across" is the title of it, and the theme is a love-affair, two cowboys being enamored of one girl. Of course, only one can win her; and which one it was, and how it was done, is set forth in a very entertaining fashion by the author. The comedy vein is happily carried out, and when the affair borders on a tragedy the action is quick and dramatic.

Elbert Hollister, of Corvallis, and Hattie Anderson, of Albany, were united in marriage Saturday, April 9th, at 8 a. m. by Rev. George E. McDonald, of Eugene. The wedding took place at the home of the groom in South Corvallis. Only a few guests were present. Frank Thrasher acted as best man and Miss Merl Hollister, sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid. The decorations were very pretty. Light refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Hollister will make their future home in Albany.

A very pretty and quiet wedding occurred in the parlors of the Farmers Hotel in this city on Saturday, April 9, 11:30 a. m. when Mr. John Wilson and Miss Grace Oglesby both of Alsea were united in marriage by Rev. Green of the Congregational church. Mr. E. D. Clark of Ashcroft, Wis. was best man and Miss Bertie Grier of Alsea acted as bridesmaid. Mr. Wilson is a highly esteemed citizen and prosperous farmer of Alsea and Miss Oglesby has attained success as a teacher and stands high in the social circles of Alsea. Quite a number of guests assembled to witness the event and extend congratulations. The happy couple expect to make Alsea their future home.

It was no small compliment to Corvallis that the Western Academy of Music should choose a musician from this city to take charge of its piano department in preference to any other pianist in the Northwest. And it is a high testimonial to the ability of Mr. Goodnough that this leading institution of its kind north of San Francisco, should offer him this chair unsolicited. His worth as a musician is more highly appreciated in Portland than it is in Corvallis. This little city has contributed many stellar attractions to the world of art, and two of them, at least, Miss Hoffman and Mr. Rosebrook, stand at the very head of their profession. Mr. Goodnough has exceptional talent and indomitable energy, and in a few years Corvallisites will be speaking of his achievements with the same pride that they experience in rehearsing the successful rise of those who, while here, were considered "just pretty good." Mr. Goodnough will retain his chair at the College until the close of this term, and will remain in Corvallis until next September.

CONVENTION AT PHILOMATH.

Pacific College Wins First Place in the Contest.

(Special from Philomath.)

In the inter-collegiate prohibition oratorical contest held in Philomath last Friday night the results were as follows: W. R. Miles, Newberg, first; H. F. White, Philomath, second; A. C. Marsters, Albany, third; Chester P. Gates, Dallas, fourth; W. P. Dyke, McMinnville, fifth; Miss Alice Wicklund, Corvallis, sixth; G. M. Murdock, Monmouth, seventh.

Mr. Miles' subject, "The Spirit of Reform," was handled in an intelligent, masterful manner. His thought was excellent and his delivery did justice to the subject.

"Weighed in the Balance," was the subject spoken of by H. F. White. His manner of dealing with his subject was interesting and his delivery excellent.

Mr. Marsters spoke on the subject, "The Common Foe." His composition and delivery were very good.

While these three orations gained the highest honors, yet the others are also deserving of praise. Miss Alice Wicklund, of the O. A. C. and Chester P. Gates, of Dallas College, should be especially mentioned, because of the excellence of their productions.

The program rendered was as follows:

"The Lite Radiant," Alice Wicklund, O. A. C.

"The Spirit of Reform," W. R. Miles, Pacific University.

"The Rising Tide," Chester P. Gates, Dallas.

"A Common Foe," Mr. Marsters, Albany.

"The Emancipation of America," G. M. Murdock.

"Weighed in the Balance," Herbert White, Philomath.

"The Foe to Our Civilization," W. F. Dyke, McMinnville.

Piano solo, Mrs. White; song, ladies quartet; song, male quartet.

The judges on composition and thought were Dr. House, Portland; Pres. Penrose, Whitman College, Wash., and Dr. Thompson, of Independence. Judges on oratory were: C. E. Stone, president of the Y. M. C. A., Portland; Alfred C. Millican, traveling secretary of the League, and Thos. F. Green, of Corvallis.

The following is the standing of the colleges represented, the first figures being on thought and composition, second on delivery and the third is the general average:

Pac. University—90½; 94½; 92½.
Phil. College—85 1-6; 94; 89 7-12.
Albany—84½; 94; 89 1-8.
Dallas—80 5-6; 97; 88 11-12.
McMinnville—86 2-3; 89½; 88.
O. A. C.—81 2-3; 92; 86 5-6.
Monmouth—80½; 90; 85½.

WORK OF CONVENTION.

The Association met Thursday afternoon, April 7, organized and appointed the various committees. The program for the evening was carried out as published, with the exception of the address of C. E. Stone, who could not be present. The response to the address of welcome, by D. A. Poling, of Dallas, was earnest, sincere and interesting.

Prof. L. D. Baldwin, of the College of Philomath, gave an address, taking for his subject, "A Glance."

The music was very good. The Ladies' Chorus and College Quartet rendered some excellent pieces.

The meeting Friday afternoon was very interesting and instructive. All the colleges in the Association except Pacific University were represented. Their representatives spoke during the afternoon session. Mr. Latour-

ette, of McMinnville, gave a very interesting speech on "The Organization of Prohibition." Among those who spoke during the afternoon were Miss Lillie Hull, of O. S. N. S., Mr. Shepard, of O. A. C., Harry Talbot, of Willamette University, and C. E. Stone, of Portland.

The officers for the next year are as follows: President, Prof. F. B. Rutherford, McMinnville; vice president, Oscar P. Weed, Philomath; secretary, W. A. Pettys, treasurer, Chester P. Gates, of Dallas.

It was decided to hold the state contest at McMinnville next year.

D. A. Poling was elected delegate to the National Conference at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Miles and Mr. White, having gained highest honors will go to the interstate contest at Portland, May 27.

Rev. Poling, of Dallas, President Lee, of Albany College, Prof. Meizger, of Dallas, and Rev. Phelps, of Hillsboro, were among the visitors here.

The two colleges here met the delegations and escorted them to the college where the contest was held. Good natured rivalry was plainly noticeable in regard to college yells, but after the contest began quiet reigned supreme.

Over four hundred were comfortably seated in the building, this being the largest crowd ever present at an entertainment in Philomath.

The deportment of all was praiseworthy and the state contest at Philomath closed very pleasantly.

Philomath is glad to have had the pleasure of entertaining so many friends of such a cause.

Death of James Wilkinson.

James Wilkinson, for over 20 years a resident of Benton county and two years a citizen of Corvallis, died at Los Angeles, Saturday, April 9, at 6 a. m.

Mr. Wilkinson went to California about a year ago for his health. He spent some time in the National Soldiers' Home at Santa Monica, but failing to improve went to Los Angeles. Although in feeble health his death was not expected so soon. Mr. Wilkinson was father-in-law of Mr. Dunn, of the grocery firm of Dunn & Thatcher, this city. Mr. Dunn received a telegram this morning announcing the death.

The interment will be at Corvallis about Thursday.

Mr. Wilkinson was a highly-esteemed member of the Grand Army Post and Odd Fellows. His death removes one of Benton county's highly respected citizens.

Another Pioneer Gone.

Mrs. C. A. Wellsher, widow of J. H. Wellsher, for many years a resident of this county, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Richardson in Hoquiam, Wash., on Sunday morning, April 10, at the age of 77.

Mrs. Wellsher came across the plains to Oregon in 1852, and moved to Monroe in 1859, and the family have been well known and respected in this county for 35 years. Her sister, Mrs. Geo. Mercer, lives at Bellfountain. Mrs. Richardson, the daughter, will bring the body here from Washington, and the funeral services will be held on Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock at the residence of her son, Theodore Wellsher on 5th and Madison streets. Rev. Mark Waltz, of Monroe will officiate at the funeral. The interment will take place at the Simpson Chapel burying ground, near Monroe. In addition to the children named above, there is a daughter living in San Francisco, and another daughter, Mrs. Starr, living in Hanford, California.



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