

LOCAL LORE.

Recent Happenings in Corvallis and Vicinity.

B. A. Hill, of Blodgett, was in the city Wednesday on business.

J. S. Cooper, Mayor of Independence, was at the Occidental on Tuesday.

E. Rice, light-house keeper from Newport, was at the Occidental Wednesday.

Prof. D. C. Kellens, of Eugene, will preach at the Church of Christ next Sunday.

There is a project on foot to grade Jefferson street from Second to the College grounds.

Miss Belle Ranney left Tuesday for Olex, Eastern Oregon, where she will teach school.

L. G. Price, an old settler of Kings Valley, registered at the Occidental yesterday.

Mrs. Seymour Simpson who has been spending some time in Washington, returned home Tuesday.

Messrs J. C. Favy and Wallace, of Idaho, were among the arrivals at the Hotel Corvallis yesterday.

Adams Bros. were awarded the contract for the two-story house of Mrs. Mary Miller on ninth street.

Harold Strong who has been attending Leland Stanford University is expected to return to Corvallis about the 20th.

Five delegates from Lincoln county, to the Democratic Congressional and State convention passed through the city Tuesday.

G. A. Scott, proxy for M. W. Burnap, of Philomath, passed through the city Tuesday on his way to the Republican convention.

Mrs. Alexander, wife of Editor Alexander, of Stayton Oregon, spent a few days in the city this week the guest of Mrs. John Fowells.

The Rev. M. Noble was called to Portland on Wednesday, to attend the funeral of an old friend from Nebraska. He will occupy the pulpit the same as usual on Sunday.

The first shipment of mohair from this part of Oregon was made to the Massachusetts Mohair Company by S. L. Kline, who is one of the largest dealers in this line in Oregon.

Eastern people are arriving in Corvallis every day. Many of the number contemplate locating in and about the city, while others are going towards Philomath and points west. This speaks well for Benton County.

Messrs Merrill and Thatcher, representing the Bell Telephone Company have been in Corvallis the past few days looking after the interests of their company. The Independent company is also represented here with a view of putting in a rival line.

A base ball game between a nine picked from College boys and the Weidemann show company was played Wednesday afternoon on the grounds near the C. & E. depot, and resulted in a score of 15 to 7 in favor of the Weidemann team. The College boys have done no playing this season but with practice and team work would be able to put up a fine game of ball.

A special meeting of St. Mary's Chapter Order of Eastern Star, will be held in Masonic Hall, on Saturday evening of this week. Mrs. Gatch, of Salem, Grand Matron of Oregon, will make an official visit. There will be work in addition to the entertainment of the Grand Officers, and refreshments after. It is hoped the members will unite in making this an occasion long to be remembered.

Citizens who own chickens should remember that there is a city ordinance regarding chickens running at large. This is the time when a good healthy and active chicken can create a lot of damage in a garden, and it will be well to remember that your neighbor has rights as well as you. It becomes rather expensive when settling bills for damages, done by your poultry, and may be enough to discourage you in the business.

Dr. Altman made a professional visit to Harrisburg. Wednesday.

Capt. Crawford returned from Albany on the noon train Wednesday.

Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Independence, passed through the town on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. Vorhees, of Woodburn, is visiting Mrs. J. W. Crawford in this city for a few days.

Rev. Hunsaker, of McMinnville, the Prohibition candidate for governor, passed through Corvallis yesterday on his way home from Albany.

The GAZETTE will be sent to any address until after election for 25 cents. Take advantage of this offer and keep posted on the campaign by reading the GAZETTE.

Mrs. Cale's class in elocution will give their oratorical contest on next Tuesday evening at the Opera House. The program will be published in next Tuesday paper.

Prof. J. B. Horner, of the O. A. C., rode over to Albany on his wheel Wednesday, visited the Grand Council in session, and rode home at 5 o'clock on Thursday morning.

Superintendent Denman was holding 8th grade examinations at Philomath yesterday. Word comes to us that he is treating the boys and girls to ice cream. No wonder he is so popular.

A. W. Rose left yesterday for his home in Lincoln county. He expects to attend the St. Louis Fair this year and will take a carload of prunes with him. He leaves for the East as soon as the prunes are ready for shipping.

Subject at the Congregational church Sunday morning will be, "Worship;" in the evening Esther, the Jewish Queen of the Persians, in connection with the cantata to be given at the College.

John Redmond, one of the prominent citizens, and a member of the city council of McMinnville, was in Albany on Wednesday in attendance at the Grand Council of Masons, and returned home yesterday by way of Corvallis.

Mr. E. W. Fisher who owns the city block now occupied by J. D. Mann & Co. Furniture dealers and Henkle & Davis clothiers, has promised, we understand to begin improvements on this building in the near future. The second story front of this block in particular is very unsightly and is very noticeable from the Hotel Corvallis, and scarcely a day passes but some prominent man from somewhere else asks questions and makes remarks concerning it. This is one of the best office buildings in the city and if properly improved can be made to yield a handsome profit.

Wiedemann's Company played a three nights stand at the Corvallis Opera House this week. On Monday night they were greeted with a "frost," but on Tuesday and Wednesday night the house was crowded, owing to the fact that ladies were admitted free. The company carries a fine band and orchestra, the former giving a concert each day on the street, where they displayed some excellent musical ability. The engagement of the company was for a week, but were compelled to cut their stay to three nights on account of the poor patronage. It was announced Wednesday evening that they will return to Corvallis in the near future for a week's stand.

Corvallis Public Schools.

The public schools of Corvallis were never more prosperous than now. The annual spring slump has not occurred yet and indications are that the attendance will remain full until the end of the school year.

The attendance this year, up until a week ago was 538. The attendance at the same time last year was 434, showing an increase of 104. The school board are contemplating grading and fixing up the grounds of the new block, also finishing the two remaining rooms of the new building.

O. A. C. Notes.

A. D. Hill, '06, is sick with rheumatism but it is hoped he will be well in a few days.

Prof. Cordley has just returned from Oakland, Or., where he has been carrying on some experiments with fruit tree pests.

A bulletin, "Plant-food and use of Fertilizers" by Prof. Kniesly is just off the press, and contains some excellent thoughts for farmers.

Dr. Withycombe was called to Portland on business Wednesday and will probably be back on Saturday. In the meantime Prof. Kent is hearing his classes.

The O. A. C. battalion has been shot at twice this week but did not return fire either time. Tuesday, Prof. Lake lined the companies up one at a time and shot them, then Wednesday Mr. Emery came from town and took a shot at the whole battalion several times.

If you see a Cauthorn Hall boy with a hopeful look on his face do not ask him what is the cause for he will tell you that Mr. Whitehead is making garden and he is thinking of the time when he will have some vegetables to eat off of that garden.

Come to the College chapel Saturday evening and hear the question, Resolved, "That Co-Education is Detrimental to the Best Interests of Students," discussed. The Fernians have the affirmative and the Pierians the negative. It will be one of the most interesting debates of the year.

Last Tuesday morning Dr. Withycombe took his class in veterinary science out to the college barn and performed an operation on a cow that had a large swelling on the knee caused by bumping it against the manger. The operation was easily performed and the animal is progressing nicely.

Any one who passes the Agricultural Hall at the right time in the forenoon can see a class of Junior girls who are learning to make butter and cheese. If the agricultural students will keep their eyes open (as they do sometimes) they will not have to buy cheese to eat in their old age.

At Chapel Wednesday morning the President reminded the students that they came here for study and not for foolishness. He said that owing to the bad weather there had not been very much foolishness abroad yet, but the first warm day proved that it was not dead but sleeping and only needs bright sunshine to bring it to life.

Fred Hofer, '07 while working at the saw in the wood shop last Tuesday, was quite severely hurt. The block he was sawing caught on the saw and was thrown in his face knocking him down. It cut a large gash in his upper lip and a smaller one in his lower lip, and also knocked four teeth loose. He can not eat but has to be fed through a tube.

The boys at the dormitory are getting very adept at throwing horseshoes. In fact it has been the principal amusement and excitement for the last week. If you happen up around the dormitory at night be careful not to fall in any of the large holes which have been worn out of the solid earth by the pater, patter of the little (horse) shoes.

The seniors have been considerably agitated of late over the question of caps and gowns at commencement. There has been some discussion of the question off and on all winter but no action was taken until Tuesday, when a meeting was called to consider the question of caps and gowns. After many heated discussions in which several members waxed eloquent and Robert's Rules of order were tested as never before, a vote by ballot was taken which showed 14 for 13 against caps and gowns. The vote taken was found to be illegal and Wednesday the vote was taken again with an opposite result; the ballot standing the second time twenty against and fifteen for caps and gowns, and this vote is final so the senior class as a whole will not appear in caps and gowns.

THE PHILOMATH SHOOT.

Corvallis Gunners Make the Highest Averages.

The gun tournament held at Philomath Tuesday by the Philomath Gun Club was a decided success and was a lucky day for Corvallis sportsmen, who barring Carlon, the crack shot from Portland, made the highest averages.

GENERAL AVERAGE PRIZES.

First Average—\$5 by Philomath Gun Club, won by Burnett. Second Average—\$2.50 by M. P. Burnett, won by E. Newton. Third Average—\$1 by Dr. R. O. Loggan, won by W. Newton.

The following merchandise prizes were won by the Corvallis shooters.

Berry won shotgun (\$7), and \$1.50 cash; Kiger 100 shells (\$3), fishing tackle (\$1.50); Emery, rug (\$3); Kerr, feel (\$3.50); Locke, whip (\$2); Burnett, hat (\$2.50).

GENERAL AVERAGE.

Name	Broke	Shot at	Per Cent
Carlon	76	80	95
Burnett	70	82	85.3
E. Newton	70	85	83.3
W. Newton	68	83	81.9
Emery	67	83	80.7
Kiger	66	82	80.4
M. Allen	66	82	80.4
Berry	67	84	80
Hendle	67	84	80
Rickard	62	82	75.6
Honeyman	60	82	73
Frink	60	86	70
Pugh	54	84	70
Locke	60	83	72
Van Cleve	54	87	62
Kerr	48	86	55

Event No. 6 was a handicap shot. Each man was allowed as many additional targets as he missed. This accounts for the difference in the total shot as by each.

A Corvallis Citizen Honored.

The Grand Council, R. & S. M. of Oregon met in annual session in Masonic Hall, Albany, Oregon, at 2 p. m. on Wednesday, April 13, Grand Master Penumbra Kelly presiding. The routine business of the council was attended to. The following grand officers were elected for the ensuing cryptic year:

Grand Master, Seymour Chipman, Corvallis.
Deputy Grand Master, O. A. Dearing, Corvallis.
Grand P. C. W., W. A. Dempsey, Portland.
Grand Treasurer, S. Bullock, Portland.
Grand Recorder, Seth L. Pope, Portland.
Grand C. of G., Horatio H. Parker, Portland.
Grand C. of C., F. J. Miller, Albany.
Grand Steward, John Redmond, McMinnville.
Grand Marshal, D. P. Mason, Albany.
Grand Chaplain, J. H. Irvine, Tallman.
Grand Sentinel, S. N. Lilly, Corvallis.
At the evening session candidates from Eugene were given the degrees in ample form, and arrangements concluded for the organization of a new Council in that city. A very pleasant hour around the banquet table concluded the annual meeting of the Grand Council of Oregon.

Mesdames J. B. Horner, W. P. Lafferty, M. M. Davis, L. G. Altman, P. O. Wilson, A. Carrick, J. W. Crawford, and Miss McBee, all of Corvallis, were in Albany on Wednesday attending the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church, and returned on Thursday noon.

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