

LOCAL LORE.

Recent Happenings in Corvallis and Vicinity.

Visit the art booth, May 26.
Be sure and talk with Sacajawea, May 25.
Ice cream and cake at the Carnival.

The grand march of "Flowers" at the Carnival.

Frank Griggs of this city, went to Albany on Friday on business.

Mrs. Wm. Cress, who has been in Portland for several weeks, returned Monday.

Rev. Father M. P. Smith, of San Francisco, registered at the Corvallis Wednesday.

An entertainment consisting of music, tableaux etc., will be given next week for the benefit of the poor. Details later.

Miss Kate Daniel left Tuesday for Grants Pass, where she will spend a couple of months with friends and relatives.

The public school boys have a track team training these fine days. They expect to meet the town boys also the Philomath College in the near future.

The Hotel Corvallis has placed on its counter one of the most unique advertising cabinets. Each advertisement is hand-painted upon a delicate slab of china.

Usual services at the Church of Christ next Sunday. Morning subject, "Opportunity and Opposition;" evening, "Where Art Thou?" Baptismal service in the evening.

J. A. White, a brother of A. C. White of this city, who has been spending the winter in California, arrived in Corvallis on the 18th and left for his home near Fargo, North Dakota on the 20th.

Mrs. W. H. Holt, who has been attending the Medical College in Salem, has returned to Corvallis for the summer, and she and her husband have taken up their residence near the electric light plant.

J. H. Montgomery and family, of South Dakota registered at the Occidental Tuesday. Mr. Montgomery is one of nearly a hundred men whose farms were sold to the Government for military purposes. Nearly all have come to Oregon to locate. Quite a number find their way to Corvallis and points on the C. & E. R. R. We assure them all a hearty welcome.

Mrs. C. C. Chipman was agreeably surprised last Monday night when about 100 friends, headed by the W. R. C. of this city remembered her on her 40th birthday. The company met on the Court House lawn about dark and then proceeded to Mrs. Chipman's home. There were fun-making, congratulations and presents ended by refreshments. The jolly crowd dispersed about 11:30 p. m.

A special meeting of Corvallis Lodge, A. F. & A. M. has been called by the master to meet in Masonic Hall on Monday evening next, April 25, at 7:30 p. m., to meet the M. W. Grand Master of the state of Oregon, S. M. Yoran, of Eugene, who will pay the lodge an official visit. The occasion will be a memorable one in the history of the lodge. All Master Masons are requested to attend.

At the United Evangelical Conference held at Hillsboro last week, Rev. J. M. Ballentyne was elected Presiding Elder of Dallas district, and H. L. Pratt, Presiding Elder of Portland district. H. A. Deck was returned to Corvallis for another year. C. C. Poling was re-elected president of Dallas College. Bishop Hartzer presided over the conference. This is the first visit of this bishop to the Coast. He expects to be in Corvallis May 7 and 8.

With the coming of spring and the melting of the snow, which this year is very heavy in the mountains mining interests are looking up. Quite a number of Corvallis citizens are interested more or less in mines in different part of western Oregon especially in the Bohemia district east of Eugene. Several are making preparations to go to Fall Creek, in the near future. The mines on Fall Creek and Blue River are owned by citizens here and are considered to be in the richest gold bearing zone on the western slope of the Cascades.

President Emerick and Prof. Sheak, of Philomath College were in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. Sarah Moore and Mrs. F. P. Sheasgreen went to Albany to attend the C. of H. Convention to be held in that city this week. A number of members of the order went down yesterday afternoon and attended the session last night, returning after the meeting.

Miss Mallow and Mrs. Campbell are preparing an Oregon program to be given in Mrs. Campbell's room May 6. All exercises will be concerning Oregon, Oregon songs, recitations everything strictly Oregonian. Parents and friends invited.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Aid Society will hold a Carnival of Nations and also a Rose Fair. All ladies are invited to bring roses and compete for three prizes to be given as follows: For the best collection of roses; best floral piece, and best single specimen. The Carnival is to be held May 25, 26, and 27.

Miss Snell, in behalf of the Village Improvement Society had several more trees planted in the public school grounds. Miss Snell is at the head of the cooking and housekeeping department at O. A. C., and has always taken a warm interest in the care and planting of trees, especially on the school grounds.

The cantata "Queen Esther," which for the past quarter of a century has been a favorite work of sacred music with those scarcely ambitious enough to essay the heavy robes of oratorio will be given in this city at the Opera House Friday and Saturday nights of this week. A pleasant time is anticipated by all who expect to attend. The arrangements are in charge of a committee representing the athletic association of the O. A. C., under whose auspices the sacred play will be given. Mr. A. H. Newton, late of a grand opera troupe in Boston, will be musical director. About 200 people will take part among them the most talented people the city can produce. One beautiful feature will be the presentation of their part by 100 school children. For three hours the audience will gaze upon royal trappings, gorgeous costumes of silk, velvet and jewels, moving in an endless procession of choral drills, dances, marches and counter-marches until the scene becomes exceedingly realistic.

Additional Locals.

M. Jacobs is lying very low at his home in this city.

Mrs. J. O. Wilson, who has been suffering with chills for some time past, went to Newport yesterday, hoping that the change may be of benefit to her.

The Rev. Mr. Caradyne, the great holiness preacher, is to be in Albany tomorrow. Quite a number of people from Corvallis and Philomath expect to go to hear him.

H. W. Strong, son of E. W. Strong, of this city, who, as previously announced, was to have been home on the 20th of this month, will not be home until the 20th of May.

Delbert Strong, while operating a small circular saw yesterday morning cut off the ends of three fingers of his left hand. He was working with hard oak wood, that required considerable pressure to put through the saw. Striking a decayed place the saw cut faster than he expected.

Services as usual at the Congregational church Sunday. In the morning, Rev. Green will speak of "Monuments That Endure," and in the evening, "Mordecai, Cousin of Queen Esther; or, The Man for the Times." Watch for him in the cantata, Cleopatra" next Sunday evening. All welcome.

Delegates to the East Willamette Association to be held at Salem April 26 and 27 from the First Congregational church of this city are Mrs. E. F. Green, Mrs. Martha Burnett, Mrs. Lucy Francisco and Miss Merle Hollister. Delegates from Plymouth church are Mrs. Huff, Miss Cora Newton and Mr. Oscar Long. Rev. Green will preach at the Associational service.

O. A. C. Notes.

P. L. Adams is again in school.

Ralph Hawley has been quite sick with quinsy and a form of rheumatism, and will not be in school any more this year.

H. V. Tartar, '02 made a short visit to O. A. C. this week. His business brings him often to the O. A. C. laboratories where he first made H2S.

J. D. Wells has moved from his country home north of town, to a house just north of the court house. The place he left is now occupied by A. N. Harlan.

The freshman class elected B. H. Greenhaw captain of the freshman track team. They are going to try to carry off the honors at the class field meet April 30. They will do it, too, if the other classes do not do better work than they have been doing.

Marion Wood, who used to be foreman on the O. A. C. farm, but who has been connected with the Idaho Experiment Station for the past year or two, visited the College farm Wednesday. He has recently arrived from Idaho and has bought a farm across the river in Linn county.

One team is busy plowing in the orchard and the other is preparing the field for spring crops, while the hired men are planting the experimental plots. One small field has been planted in vetch in hills two feet apart each way, another is being planted to long rows of different varieties of oats, wheat, and barley.

C. L. Shepard, '04, will leave today for Portland. Starting from there he will visit the colleges of the Willamette Valley, working up delegations for the students' conference to be held at Gearhart from May 28 to June 5, under direction of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A.

The plants as well as the animals are alive on the farm, for the fruit buds are bursting and the orchard is already white with bloom. The alfalfa field that did so well last year is shoe-top high already and the Turkestan which did not do much last year is already twelve or fourteen inches high. But it is far outstripped by the vetch and rye, which they will begin cutting for soiling purposes next week.

The debate on woman's suffrage, between the Amicitian and the Jeffersonian societies, which was to have taken place in the chapel Saturday night, has been postponed till next Monday night. Everyone should hear that debate as it is between two of the strongest societies in the school, and is on a subject that is before the American people for settlement.

Senator Booth, who so generously gave the freshmen class in "Breeds of Stock" a trip to six or eight of the best stock farms in Oregon last year told Dr. Withycombe last week that he wanted to give this year's class a similar trip. They are about twenty-five in the class this year and they are very jubilant over the three or four days they are to have in the latter part of May.

While Professor Cordley was in Southern Oregon he sprayed one orchard with fourteen different spray preparations. All of them were for the San Jose scale. He says that is the worst fruit tree pest we have and he is seeking a remedy for it. He also made an examination of some prune tree roots from The Dalles and found that they were infested with crown borers. They cause a large fungus growth on the roots and the fruit becomes small and worthless. People around The Dalles are very much interested in finding a remedy for this very injurious pest of fruit trees.

Everything around the O. A. C. is tingling with life and motion. The little pigs may be seen at all times of day busily chasing their shadows or tails around the straw pile or around the corner of the pigery. And if you will be patient and watch a little while you will see the earth rising in little mountains in the very places where they are not wanted. When you see this you will know that the gopher is earning his bread by the sweat of his brow. But the time will soon come, we can see it dawning now, when there will be no more gopher mountains in the country, for Guy E. Moore is

getting out a thesis entitled, "The Extermination of the Gopher," and as soon as it is out the poor gophers will begin slowly, one by one, to pass into that great beyond—that deep sleep that knows no waking.

Tuesday morning in chapel, Pres. Gatch made a proposition to the students that was hailed with delight. He said he knew from the class record books which students the teachers thought were the best and now he wanted to find out which ones the students themselves thought were best. In order to do this he said that he would give three tickets to members of the senior class, four to the juniors, five to the sophomores, six to the freshmen and two to the sub-freshmen, making twenty in all. The tickets were to be given to the students whom the class should choose as their best. In order to make their choice each class called a meeting on Wednesday and elected from their number the ones whom the majority considered the best. The electing was done without nominations, each student voted for the number his class was entitled to and the ones receiving the highest number of votes were declared elected. In the senior class, Mr. Bartmess received the highest number of votes but, declined to accept a ticket as he takes part in the cantata, so they fell to the next there, who were O. Horton, Misses Carrie Byerlee and Maud Cochran. The juniors by the same method elected Misses Louise Gilbert and Alice Jones and Messrs. W. R. Horton, Weaver and Martin. The sophomores after much deliberate thinking and voting decided that their best students were Misses Phillips, Roberts and Edwards and Messrs. Bradley and Burns. While all of the above mentioned meetings were in progress the freshmen were busy voting on about half the class. They all voted for the six that they considered the best and the six highest received the tickets. They were Misses Gilkey, Bleg, and Bonney, and Messrs. Edwin, and Darwin Thayer and Warren Forsythe. The sub-freshmen elected Paul Childers and Noras Chapen. As they have no class organization they had their election during their English recitation to Mrs. Callahan. They will all sit in a block in the middle of the Opera House Friday night, so if you want to see O. A. C.'s best students get a gallery seat Friday night and you will see them just down in front of you.

District Convention.

The District Convention of the Christian Church met in Albany Thursday noon and will continue until Friday evening. The three counties of Linn, Benton, and Lincoln comprise this district. Besides Rev. Mr. Handsaker and wife the following delegates will attend. Messrs. W. S. Linville, E. S. Mornady, J. M. Cameron, Mesdames Chipman, Probstel, Howell, Grier, Wicks, and Miss Etta Fuller. The convention will possess no ecclesiastical authority but simply for mutual consideration of plans for church work. Rev. Albyn Esson, Portland and Prof. E. C. Wigmore, Eugene are among the speakers.

Oratorical Contest.

Mrs. Cale's class in elocution gave a very creditable exhibition of their work at the Opera House on last Tuesday evening. The contestants were young ladies of Corvallis who have been studying under Mrs. Cale's tuition. The program included some numbers of physical culture work, as well as the recitations. A committee consisting of Rev. A. Carrick, J. Fred Yates and E. E. Wilson decided the merits of the respective contestants.

The first prize was awarded to Mrs. Eva Nichols, for the monologue "Reuben Toast's Tricycle." The second prize to Miss Aileen Peterson, for the recitation "The Forger," and the third to Miss Hattie Potts, for "Ostler Joe."

Mrs. Cale also, by request, favored the audience with a rendition of "The College Oil Cans." The entertainment was creditable and well appreciated.



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