

WATER SYSTEM.

Our people deserve a better and more thorough water system than it has hitherto been their privilege to enjoy. Many different propositions have been submitted to the city council by Dr. Farra in behalf of the present water company proposing to construct more elaborate works, while offers have come from parties living at a distance to also construct more complete systems. A system which will give the people pure water from the distant mountain streams appears to be the popular will of the people.

It certainly would be magnanimous and proper for the city council to give the privilege to construct the better system to Dr. Farra, all other things being equal and the terms proposed and the character and purity of the water being equal to that proposed by others. This becomes apparent when we consider that the members of the old company are our neighbors and have their works and property already here. A new system of water works, however, is to be constructed for the future and the character and source of supply of the water should be pure and good enough for fifty years hence. The people's interests are therefore greater than the interest of any one company and should be guarded with scrutinizing care and fidelity. Why some of the many propositions submitted by the old company have not been favored and accepted by the city council is best known to themselves. Valuable time is rapidly passing away and a great deal of property in many parts of the city stands without water to protect it from fire, and something should be done with as reasonable dispatch as practical to obtain good results.

In approaching a time when valuable public houses are built, architects are invited to submit plans, specifications and figures showing what they will build the structure for. In this way the public obtain different designs and are able to choose from, which leads to satisfaction.

In a similar way would it not be best for the council to give ample notice inviting plans, specifications and bids from whomsoever may submit them, offering to construct a system of water works giving the source of supply, price and all detail? The council can appoint a competent engineer to examine the several plans and offers and determine which is best. In this way the council can adopt the most desirable offer and grant a franchise and enter into a contract for city water under the plans accepted. It would seem like nothing short of a supply from the purest mountain system to be had should be accepted. Nothing short of this will meet the views of the people unless it shall be found impossible to get it.

PENSIONS.

The first duty of any nation is to care for and protect its defenders. Those who leave the paths

of their country when disabled, old and becoming poor. This is Republican doctrine, and that it is no idle pretense, no flimsy generality, the records since the thunder of the guns that defended the Union were silenced in victory have abundantly

proved. Our splendid pension system which has no precedent in the history of the world, and no peer in justice and generosity among the nations of the earth, is a distinctively Republican institution, not one feature of which is due or ever has been fostered or claimed by the Democratic party. The boast of the Republican party that it has never failed to redeem every promise made in the dark hours of that great struggle of the last century, the promise to care for the soldier, for his widow, and for his children has been faithfully kept in every particular. Grover Cleveland, who made a very eminent president viewed through Democratic spectacles, dropped 8,694 deserving pensioners from the roll, and 23,702 pensions were reduced.

Masonic Elections.

The different Masonic bodies in the city have held their annual elections, with the following result:

Corvallis Lodge A. F. & A. M.—F. L. Kent, W. M.; S. L. Hays, S. W.; John Fulton, J. W.; A. B. Cordley, sec.

Ferguson Chapter R. A. M.—John Fulton, H. P.; J. A. Harper, K.; John Rowland, S.; E. B. Horning, sec.

Oregon Council R. & S. M.—W. E. Yates, T. I. M.; J. B. Horner, D. M.; E. B. Horning, P. C. W.

Order of Eastern Star—A. B. Cordley, W. P.; Mrs. G. B. Skelton, W. M.; Mrs. Robert Huston, A. M.; Mrs. M. M. Davis, sec.

The installation of the several lodges will take place at Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening next, at 7:30. Prompt attendance is requested. All master masons invited.

Corvallis Men Receive Awards.

The following awards were made Corvallis exhibitors at the state poultry show in Portland this week: Barred Plymouth Rocks—cockerel, Jas. G. Horning, third; pullets, first and fourth; best pen, third.

White Wyandottes—cock, Dr. Bowen Lester, first; cockerel, fourth; hen, second; pullets, third, fourth and fifth; best collection, second.

Single Comb Buff Leghorns—Gene Simpson, cock, first; cockerel, first; hen, second; pullet, first, second, third and fourth; best pen, first.

At this date the silver cup to be given to the best exhibit from Corvallis had not been awarded.

CORVALLIS MARKET REPORT.

Wheat 80c per bushel.
Oats 40c.
Chickens, live 8c
Turkeys 14c live weight.
Butter—Creamery, 75c per roll; dairy 50 to 55c per roll.

F. P. Clark, of Philomath, was in the city on Thursday.

Yesterday about closed the sale of turkeys, geese, etc. There has been much money changed hands in the past few days for Christmas fowls and the raising of turkeys and geese for the market is becoming a great industry in Benton county.

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 August 13, 1902; also all street fund city warrants endorsed prior to July 28, 1904. Interest will stop on the same from this date.

Dated at Corvallis, Or., Dec. 23, 1904.
WM. MCLAGAN,
City Treasurer.

Doctor Could Not Help Her.

"I had kidney trouble for years," writes Mrs. Raymond Conner of Shelton, Wash., "and the doctors could not help me. I tried Foley's Kidney Cure, and the very first dose gave me relief and I am now cured. I cannot say too much for Foley's Kidney Cure." It makes the diseased kidneys sound so they will eliminate the poisons from the blood. Unless they do this, good health is impossible. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

Foley's Kidney Cure
makes kidneys and bladder right.

CORRESPONDENTS' CORNER.

Monroe.

J. W. Ward has the Wilhelm hall rented for a mass ball to be given Saturday night, Dec. 30. Masks will be for sale or rent.

A. Wilhelm & Sons have received the machinery for the electric plant and will soon have the lights in working order.

Harry Bowen will soon leave for his ranch on Lake Creek.

Men are now cutting brush so the wire can be put up between Monroe and Harrisburg on the Wilhelm telephone line.

Fred Strickling of Junction City, is visiting his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis.

Jess Darneil, of Junction City, was a Monroe visitor the first of the week.

Wm. Norwood of Bruce, is moving into the Maria Howard house.

J. T. Bridges was in town Wednesday on business.

J. W. Ward has recently found his horse that has been gone for nearly a year.

Oak Grove Chips.

Lewis Wentz returned from Salem, Thursday.

George Beamis and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Froham of Wells, Sunday.

Frank Tharp has had thirty-five head of fine sheep killed since the first of September by dogs.

Ed. Wiles and wife of Welldale, passed through this part Saturday on their way to Albany.

On account of the fine weather, pastures are growing good and all range stock are doing fine. All the farmers are well pleased as they were short of feed and the mild weather has been a factor in helping them along in the feed line. Grain never looked better at this time of the year.

Henry Johnson, who is quite old and feeble, was taken sick Wednesday evening and is reported as being dangerously ill.

Mrs. P. R. Williamson who has been ill for the past two weeks, is getting some better.

On account of the low price paid by butchers for cattle, many of the farmers are butchering their own stock and peddling their meat, furnishing it to the consumer at about 2/3 of what they have to pay at the butcher shops.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyrdoo entertained a number of friends in a very pleasant manner Thursday evening. The time was spent in commenting on the different authors, games and music also took up a part of the evening. A dainty lunch was served, to which all did ample justice.

Peter Cearsten left Friday for a few days visit in Portland.

Beaver Creek

School closed Friday, December 16. Although three of our pupils came but a few days at the beginning of the term, yet 20 10-17 per cent of all enrolled were neither absent nor tardy.

Andrew Ireland is at home from Eastern Washington for the holidays.

Harold Bond will spend the vacation with his mother in Portland.

Our Christmas program will be rendered Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Great is the sympathy for Mrs. Bert Peterson. She came home from a Portland hospital last fall thinking herself cured of cancer of the stomach, but the breaded disease has so developed again as to cause her return next week.

Beaver Creek's pedagoge is taking items in the primary department of Philomath public school, this week. Mrs. Fulkerson is a specialist in this line of school work and Mr. Brown considers it very beneficial to visit her school room.

No Case of Pneumonia on Record.

We do not know of a single instance in all our experience where a cough or cold resulted in pneumonia or consumption when Foley's Honey & Tar had been taken. It cures coughs and colds perfectly, so do not take chances with some unknown preparation which may contain opiates, which cause constipation, a condition that retards recovery from a cold. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered. You can get it at Graham & Wortham's.

53,053 **FANION** 34,473

Imported Black Percheron will be in Corvallis, for service, after January 1. For further information address, T. K. FAWCETT, Bellfountain, Or.

Holiday Rates.

The Oregon City Transportation company announces a rate of one and one-third fare the round trip to all points. Tickets on sale Dec. 21 to the 24, good returning Jan. 3. Boats leave Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 6 a. m.

Notice to Students.

Students desiring rooms, with or without board, in Corvallis, will do well to communicate with C. L. Seppard, secretary of Y. M. C. A. at OAC.

A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurring. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy, and there's none as good as Backlen's Arnica Salve. Burns, cuts, sores, eczema and piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Twenty-five cents at Allen & Woodward's drug-store.

AN EXCELLENT Christmas Gift



SEVEN DOZEN TO SELECT FROM
C. A. Gerhard.

Bids for Wood for O. A. C.

For specifications for bids to furnish the Oregon Agricultural College with wood for the College year beginning July 1, 1905, apply to F. H. Crawford, Clerk and Purchasing Agent.

Corvallis, Oregon, Dec. 12, 1904.

Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office,
Oregon City, Or., December 12, 1904.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Benton county, at Corvallis, Oregon, on January 23, 1905, viz:

JAMES E. WEST,
H. E. No 12555, for the S 1/4 SW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec 24, Tp 10 S, R 7 W.
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Howard L. Bush, By Frazz, John Botzger, Wallace Frazz, all of Hoskins, Or.
GEO. W. BIRBE,
Receiver.

DAILY BOATS.

The O. C. T. Co's. steamers leaves
CORVALLIS d'ly except Sunday 6 a. m.
ALBANY " " " 7 a. m.
IND'PEND'CE " " " 9 a. m.
SALEM " " " 10 a. m.
For rates, etc. phone Main 21.

G. L. BUCKINGHAM, Agent.

DUTCHESS TROUSERS

10 Cents a Button,
\$1.00 a Rip.

The Most Simple and yet the Strongest Warranty ever placed on any make of Trousers.

WE DELIVER THE GOODS.

Nolan & Callahan

CHRISTMAS '04

A cheerful call to Christmas Buyers:---

Our Bright, Sparkling Line of Christmas Gifts is ready for inspection. Come and look—your judgment will tell you what to do. You will delight in our fine display of Holiday Goods, because it is in close touch with the times and anticipates your wants.

Our stock is thoroughly up to the minute in variety and novelty in every department. The simple, plain talk of the Price that is right is our convincing argument. We advise early selections. Extra help engaged for the holiday rush.

Nolan & Callahan
LEADING CLOTHIERS.

HOME SEEKERS
If you are looking for some real good bargains in Stock, Grain, Fruit and Poultry Ranches, write for our special list, or come and see us. We will take pleasure in giving you reliable information; also showing you over the county.

AMBLER & WATTERS.

REAL ESTATE, LOANS, INSURANCE
VIRGIL E. WATTERS, CORVALLIS. HENRY AMBLER, PHILOMATH.

BLACKSMITHING.
WAGON MAKING,
REPAIRING,
WILD HORSES SHOD.
HATHAWAY BROS.
SOUTH MAIN STREET.

HOTEL CORVALLIS.
J. C. HAMMEL, Prop.
Leading hotel in Corvallis. Newly furnished with modern conveniences. Rates \$1 \$1.25 \$2 per day.
HEADQUARTERS FOR COMMERCIAL MEN.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles cured her. Guaranteed by Allen & Woodward, druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account as executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Gustav Hodges, deceased, in the county court of Benton county, Oregon, and Hon. Virgil E. Watters, judge, has set the 7th day of January, 1905, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. as the time, and the County Court Room, Court House, Corvallis, as the place for hearing objections, if any there be, to said report.
MINNIE L. DENMAN,
Executrix Last Will and Testament Gustav Hodges, Deceased.
Dated December 7, 1904.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

SPECTACLES.

They're Eye-Helps if right Eye-Hurtors and Headache-Makers if wrong.
Who but yourself can prevent your having them wrong if you don't get them at the right place? Not the average spectacle seller. His mission seems to be to get your nose harassed with a pair that strikes your fancy and opens your purse. It is by knowing the optical business and attending to it properly that we hope to build and keep a reputation.
Room 12, over First National Bank.
MATTHEWS, THE OPTICIAN

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Benton, administrator of the estate of B. B. Barnes, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same properly verified, as by law required, at the office of J. F. Yates within six months from the date hereof.
Dated, December 24, 1904.
FOREST R. BARNES,
Adm'r of the Estate of B. B. Barnes, Dec'd.

Corvallis & Eastern Railroad

TIME CARD.

No. 2—For Yaquina:
Leaves Albany.....12:45 p. m.
Leaves Corvallis.....1:48 p. m.
Arrives Yaquina.....6:20 p. m.
No. 1—Returning:
Leaves Yaquina.....6:45 a. m.
Leaves Corvallis.....11:30 a. m.
Arrives Albany.....12:15 p. m.
No. 3—For Albany-Detroit:
Leaves Corvallis.....6:00 a. m.
Arrives Albany.....6:40 a. m.
Leaves Albany for Detroit 7:30 a. m.
Arrives Detroit.....12:02 p. m.
No. 4—From Detroit:
Leaves Detroit.....12:35 p. m.
Arrives Albany.....5:15 p. m.
Lv Albany for Corvallis.....7:15 p. m.
Arrives Corvallis.....7:55 p. m.
Train No. 1 arrives in Albany in time to connect with the S. P. south bound train, as well as giving two or three hours in Albany before departure of S. P. north bound train.
Train No. 2 connects with the S. P. trains at Corvallis and Albany giving direct service to Newport and adjacent beaches.
Train 3 for Detroit via Albany leaves Corvallis at 6 a. m. and connects with the S. P. Albany-Portland local train leaving Albany at 7 a. m. Train No. 3 leaves Albany for Detroit at 7:30 a. m. arriving there at noon, giving ample time to reach the Breitenbush hot springs the same day.
Train No. 4 connects at Albany with the Portland Albany local, which arrives here at 7:10, and runs to Corvallis leaving Albany at 7:15 and arriving in Corvallis at 7:55 p. m.
For further information apply to
EDWIN STONE,
H. H. CROONER, Agent, Corvallis.
THOS. COCKRELL, Agent Albany.