

THE CORVALLIS GAZETTE

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

WATER SYSTEM.

Competent engineers on the construction of water systems who have visited our city to view up the surroundings looking towards a proposal to construct a water system have suggested that the city should invest some means in the ownership of part of the system. This they claimed was not for lack of funds to construct the system, but they claimed that as strangers coming into a strange community to invest their means, the city should own at least part of the investment to assure the good faith of our people and that the balance of the owners of the works would be properly treated. As such investment on the part of the city may be insisted upon before the experts will undertake the construction of water works it certainly would be proper to obtain an enabling act from the legislature soon to meet authorizing the city to buy and own at least about \$15,000 to \$20,000 in value of the plant upon condition that this investment will afford the city all the water for city purposes without any further cost or investment on the part of the city. The city should have the option to purchase the balance of the works at any time after ten years, after giving proper notice, but be under no obligation to so purchase. The city should not be required to furnish any larger investment or afford means to supply any further bonds or land security to the builders.

From a sound business standpoint viewed from the city's side of the question, any company proposing to construct water works should be supplied with ample means so as to insure the city that they would certainly put through the enterprise in a sound financial way. If the city is to furnish all of the investment and credit to float the enterprise upon she does not need outside people to hamper or encumber her investment. If the city should furnish means to build and own part of the works she should also own a like portion of the stock of the company unless there is some legal objection.

PENSIONS.

Following the Republican lead it has been a constant habit with Democratic conventions to insert in their platforms a perfunctory plank in favor of "liberal pensions to our brave soldiers." The peculiarity of this forced public recognition of the able and valuable services of the defenders of our country is apparent from the most cursory review of that party's performances when opportunity was offered them to make good their performances and show their hand. On the fourteen most im-

portant measures, constituting the pension law as it exists today, the record shows a total vote as follows:

Democrats, for bills 417 votes. Democrats, against the bills, 648 votes. Republicans, for the bills 1,068 votes. Republicans against the bills, none.

In line with this showing made by the last Democratic administration 8,694 pensioners were dropped from the rolls and 23,702 pensions were reduced, because the Democratic leaders asserted that after from one to four years' marching, fighting, starving and freezing, it was found that they were not sufficiently disabled to hold the pensions which a Republican administration had given them.

Arrived in Portland Saturday.

United States Senator John H. Mitchell and Congressman Binger Hermann arrived in Portland Saturday from Washington to appear before the federal grand jury and explain what they know of the land frauds and operations of the Puter-Ware Watson-McKinley ring. Both gentlemen deny having anything to do with the frauds against the federal land department except so far as they have attended to their duty as officials, and they express their entire conviction that their names will not be connected with the frauds after they have a hearing before the grand jury.

It is now believed that Mitchell and Hermann will be allowed to go before the grand jury early after the holiday recess so that they can hasten back to Washington to attend to their duties in congress, and it thought the case in which they are to testify will be taken up immediately after Christmas. In some quarters it is even rumored that neither of the two will be allowed to appear before the grand jury, and that their trip was for nothing.

George C. Brownell it is reported will be the subject of investigation by the federal grand jury. Evidence is said to be in possession of the government which connects Senator Brownell with transactions declared to have been fraudulent, and the facts are to be submitted to the grand jury.

It is stated that Brownell attested, as notary public, numerous affidavits signed with the names of alleged fictitious persons who were represented to be settlers upon government lands. Unless he can show that his notarial certificates were given without knowledge of the frauds which were being attempted, he may be implicated as a party to the offense.

Mrs. Olive Underhill died at Philomath last Saturday evening. The funeral service was held in Philomath and the remains were interred in Cushman cemetery, in Linn county at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Irvine, of the Times, went down to the metropolis yesterday to see the big football game.

Padewski, the World's greatest pianist, is to appear at the Armory in Portland on Wednesday night, January 4. A great number of Corvallis music lovers have signified their intention of going to hear the great musician.

COLLEGE JOTTINGS.

Items of Interest In and Around the O. A. C.

J. G. Kilpack, formerly an OAC student, is spending the holidays with friends in the city. He is instructor in English at Hills Military Academy.

T. W. Espy, a member of last year's graduating class, is in the city spending the holidays with college friends. He arrived Sunday.

Rodney Nash, a former student and football player, came up for the Christmas dance on Thursday evening.

Elmer E. Wills, who visited at the College last week, returned to Portland Saturday. His brother Rube returned with him for his vacation.

Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Horner are spending the Christmas vacation at Newport.

Mrs. E. M. Green left Monday for Newport for a short vacation.

Bert Yates, who has been at Vancouver for some time, is spending the holidays with his parents in this city.

Registration is one week from yesterday. Classes begin a week from today.

There was a smaller crowd than usual at the Christmas dance but every one there enjoyed the evening. The music furnished by the Arion orchestra was good.

Vella Mace, a student at OAC, left last week for a two weeks' visit at Mt. Vernon.

Miss Helen Steiwer, a former OAC student, was over for the Christmas dance Thursday evening.

A Pioneer's Birthday.

On December 13 the many friends of Mrs. Martha Porter gathered at her residence six miles southwest of Philomath to celebrate the 68th anniversary of her birth. The evening passed very pleasantly with games and eating of popcorn. Mrs. Porter's friends presented her with pieced blocks for a quilt. One feature of the entertainment was a very nice luncheon. At a late hour the guests departed wishing Grandma many more birth days and hoping they could help to successfully surprise her another year.

Mrs. Porter is an old and highly respected resident of Benton county, having lived in this county since 1848 at which time she, with others, crossed the plains from Missouri with ox teams and settled nine miles south of where Corvallis now stands and has lived within a few miles of Corvallis ever since.

Additional Locals.

Miss Dollie Roe, of Albany, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lilly Worley, in this city.

Miss Lorreta Sheasgreen, of the GAZETTE force, went to Portland on the excursion train yesterday.

Sojourning Master Masons are invited to the joint installation of all the Masonic bodies this Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Ed Cummings, of Portland, came up Wednesday to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Welsher.

W R Dille, office manager for the Stillwater Lumber Co., of Little Falls, Wash., arrived yesterday, and will stay over and attend the installation of officers of the Masonic lodge, tonight.

The following OAC students returned to their homes in Portland for the Christmas vacation. A. R. Barnett, Jens Lingaas, D. R. Groves, C. M. Steinger, J. D. Paul, E. E. Dudley, Frank Kelly and Forrest Smithson.

All the saloon men of this city are preparing to close their businesses next Saturday evening, in accordance with the decision of the late prohibition election. Adam Asel, of Westerfelt's saloon is making preparations to open up a public lunch counter in that building, and one or two others saloons may continue to operate billiard and pool rooms. But all are perfectly willing to abide by the decision of the people, and will voluntarily close up, although each one will have several hundreds of dollars worth of stock and furniture on hand that will be a dead loss to them.

Oregon Council No. 2, R. & S. M. meets on Wednesday evening at the Masonic Hall.

The business section of town was pretty well depopulated yesterday on account of so many of the business men going to see the OAC cross Multnomah's goal line. There is no place in the state where the business men are stronger supporters of the local college athletics than in Corvallis.

About 175 people were aboard the football excursion train to Portland yesterday morning. The S P company only required 150 tickets to be sold along the entire route, to justify them in running the special train, but there must have been nearly 500 people on the train by the time it reached Portland. The cars were decorated with large streamers, and the orange was noticeable on almost everyone in the four well-filled cars that left Corvallis. This is the first time a football team has ever had a special train to carry them and their "rooters" to the field of battle. The GAZETTE regrets that it is not able to give the results of the big game in this issue, owing to the paper going to press before the game was finished. However, the game in detail will be chronicled in Friday's issue.

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.

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 Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, cuts, sores, eczema and piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Twenty-five cents at Allen & Woodward's drug store.

Notice.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to me are requested to call and settle their accounts at once. Accounts may be seen at my old stand, now Winegar's harness shop. J. M. CAMERON.

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.

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.

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Notice of 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 25, 1905, viz: JAMES E. WEST, H. E. No 12555, for the S1 SW1/4, NE1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4, 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 Francis, John Botzger, Wallace Franz, all of Hoskins, Or. GEO. W. BIBBE, Receiver.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account as executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Gustav Hodes, deceased, in the county court of Benton county, Oregon, and that the undersigned, 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 Hodes, Deceased. Dated December 7, 1904.

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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 1:48 p. 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 BRONN, Manager. H. H. CROUSE, Agent, Corvallis. THOS. COCKRELL, Agent Albany.

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