

# CORVALLIS GAZETTE



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## GOING DOWN RAPIDLY

### Annual Rise of Willamette and Its Tributaries—Ferry Out of Business.

Swollen by the steady, heavy rains of the past week the Willamette river and its tributaries is on its usual midwinter overflow. The few days of exceptionally warm weather last week has also done its part in bringing the water up, by melting the snow in the mountains. The water has been very riley and muddy and lots of drift wood, and large fir trees washed out by the roots, have been going down stream, showing that the overflow is cleaning out the lowlands, and also cutting severely into the river banks in places.

The river began rising gradually the first of last week, but on Thursday it began to come up almost in leaps and bounds, and on Friday morning was so high that the free ferry at this place was compelled to tie up until the floods subsided. Only foot passengers were enabled to cross the river in row boats. By Saturday noon the water had reached the highest stage, being 17 feet above low water mark, in Corvallis. At Salem the highest point reached was 14 feet above low water. At Oregon City it only lacked about one foot of being too high for the locks to operate.

At Eugene the highest point reached was reported to have been 15 feet, the backwater causing all mills and factories operated by water power to close down temporarily.

The South Fork of the Santiam was on a tear Friday morning, washing out the Southern Pacific company's bridge between Spicer and Crabtree stations. The train from Natron down the branch to Woodburn, on reaching the bridge could not cross and was compelled to go back down the Lebanon branch to Albany.

The river is now falling rapidly, and all real danger is thought to be over for the year, as there usually is not much danger of a rise in the spring like the Columbia has each year, on account of not enough snow falling in the mountains at the Willamette's source.

By some it was feared the flood of two years ago would be repeated. At that time the back water from the Willamette and the overflow from Marys river completely submerged the low ground in South Corvallis, rising about two feet in the basements of the houses along Cemetery avenue.

### Increase in Postal Receipts.

That the business done by Corvallis and surrounding country during the year 1904 has considerably increased over that of any former year, is shown by the receipts of the Corvallis post-office, which is perhaps the best guide to go by.

Postmaster B. W. Johnson says that the registered letter business has increased more in proportion than any other department of the office. The money order department has also done a larger business than was ever recorded by this office, and the sale of postage stamps for the past year has been unusually large.

During the Christmas holidays the employes of the post-office were literally snowed under with resisted mail, but by working all kinds of overtime, were enabled to handle all the large business of the office.

The postal receipts for the quarter ending December 31, 1904 were \$2125.51. The receipts for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1903, were \$1850.21. This shows an increase in the receipts of the last quarter over that of 1903 of \$275.30.

The receipts for the year just ended were \$6971.67. Those of the year ending December 31, 1903, were \$6294.89, showing the increase in business of 1904 over 1903 to be \$676.78.

The above figures show that the business done during the last quarter is the largest ever recorded, the increase over that of the last quarter in 1903 being 15 per cent. The increase for the year 1904 over the year 1903 is 10 1/2 per cent.

### To Protect Pheasants.

A number of the sportsmen of Albany and vicinity have called a meeting for tonight (Tuesday) for the purpose of determining what stand to take on proposed legislation at the coming session of the legislature and to agree on some reasonable bill to propose for the regulation of the hunting game of all kind and its protection, especially Mongolian pheasants. The matter of protecting pheasants is the most serious question in this section of the Willamette Valley, and local sportsmen are fully aroused to the necessity of taking some steps that will prevent utter annihilation of pheasants in the next few years.

Sportsmen coming down from trips to British Columbia tell of the very excellent arrangements made in that country for the protection of the Mongolian pheasants, and they are advocating similar enactments here. The British Columbia law provides that a limit of ten birds is allowed, that only cocks can be killed, and the killing of a female is punishable by a very heavy fine. The authorities and sportsmen of that country say the law works well. Sportsmen go out and easily secure their limit, and all are enthusiastic in support of the law. Hens are so tame that sportsmen say that they almost have to push them out of the fields, and there are plenty of males for the hunter in his sport.—Portland Journal.

### "Nettie, the News Girl."

There are so many plays on the road that style themselves dramas that it is really refreshing when one of exceptional merit presents itself. In "Nettie, the News Girl" is promised a play that stands in the latter class. It is full of pathos, comedy and sensation artistically interwoven. For heart throbs and smiles there has never been a play more cleverly written. The lines are bright, the comedy sparkling and the situations exciting and novel. Messrs. Gould & Freed have spared no expense in the presentation of this play, and have surrounded themselves with a cast of exceptional strength and mounted the play with special scenery and accessories. At the Opera House, Friday, January 6.

### G. A. R. Encampment.

Arrangements are soon to be made by the Department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic, to hold the state encampment in Oregon City on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 20, 21 and 22, 1905. At the state encampment at Hood River last June, Oregon City was selected as the place to hold this year's encampment. The council of administration is soon to meet, and it is understood it is their intention to appoint the above dates for the time of meeting. It is proposed to have the Oregon encampment on the same date as the Washington encampment which is to be held in Vancouver on the above dates, and an effort will be made to have a Grand Army Day on Friday, June 23, at the Lewis and Clark Fair. This will give the G. A. R. and W. R. C. members from both states the opportunity of attending the Fair together.

## APPLES FOR THE CENTENNIAL

### Many Western States Will Display this Staple Fruit at Our Big Fair.

Western states will show Eastern visitors to the Lewis and Clark Centennial that the Oregon country can produce apples equal to any grown elsewhere. The people of Michigan and New York who come to the Western World's Fair, are likely to be especially surprised when they see the wonderful display of apples on exhibition.

The Oregon State Commission has for some months been preparing an apple display, and a large assortment of the fruit has been gathered and placed in cold storage, where it will be kept until the Exposition opens June 1, next. More recently, California has seen the advantage of advertising the state at the Fair by an apple display, and the State Board of Trade has sent communications to every large apple-growing county in the state, addressing growers and local organizations that are in a position to help to exploit the resources of California in this way. While the season has been bad for apples in some sections, the general outlook is good for a splendid showing at Portland in 1905. A collection of apples from Benton county has been prepared that will come up to anything at the Fair, it is thought.

Washington apple growers are likewise taking a keen interest in the Fair, and Governor McBride has been approached with a proposition to have the state pay for the collection and storage of an apple exhibit. If the state funds should not provide for meeting this expense, there is no question that individual growers and local organizations will take up the task.

In Idaho, also, apple growers, incited by report of activity in other states, have begun to agitate the subject of a state display of this fruit, and prospects are bright for an exhibit that will rival those of states better known for their resources along this line.

### "Nettie, the News Girl."

One of the most important engagements of the year, not from the standpoint of theatrical effect, but from popular interest, will be the coming of dainty Wanda Ludlow, and her excellent company next Friday night at the Opera House. She will produce "Nettie, the News Girl," a story of life in New York. The character is claimed to be a reproduction of what is to be seen on the East Side of New York city every day in the year, the extremes being carefully avoided and only that which is best and noblest in the delineation allowed to creep within the lines of the situation.

The play affords Miss Ludlow every opportunity to do excellent work and she takes full advantage of these opportunities. The company assisting her is claimed to be one of the best on the road, and the scenic accessories are all that are required to make the production complete in every detail.

### Firemen Win Flag.

The handsome silk flag put up by a number of Corvallis merchants to be given the most popular organization in town was won by the Fire Department Saturday evening when the final count was made at Nolan & Callahan's store. Toward the end of the contest the lodges and other organizations dropped out, leaving only three contestants in the ring, the final vote resulting as follows:

Firemen ..... 23305  
O. A. C. .... 17507  
Public School ..... 8145

### Left By Request.

Jack and Bob, a couple of disreputable characters, who have been trying to carry on a cleaning and dyeing establishment in this city for some months, left town rather hurriedly last Saturday night for parts unknown, at the invitation of the Chief of Police. For some time they have been carrying on proceedings in their shop that has not been of the most respectful nature, and enough evidence is standing against them to send them over the road too quick if they ever again show up in Corvallis.

Their real names are Jack Street and Bob Vance, and any information as to their whereabouts will be thankfully received by their many creditors in this city. It is known that they came from Portland, which place, it is understood, they left between suns. They seemed to think it would be more appropriate to vanish with the old year than to stay and face the charges the new year would bring.

### Philomath College.

The winter term of Philomath College opens today with a brief program to be held in the college chapel at 10 o'clock a. m. The principal feature of the program will be an address by Bishop N. Castle. Short addresses will probably be made by prominent citizens and the president, J. E. Caldwell. Other features of the program will be vocal and instrumental music. The prospects for a successful term are very good. All or nearly all the old students have returned, and quite a number of new faces are seen. The term closes March 31.

### New Depot For Philomath.

Actual work has begun on the new depot at Philomath. Workmen have been engaged for several days past leveling a site. The weather being very inclement, the work has gone very slowly. The new building will be about fifty yards west of the present building and will be much larger and commodious. The actual dimensions and plans however are not revealed but both the new depot and change of site are appreciated by the citizen of Philomath.

At the last meeting of Corvallis Grange No. 242, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Geo. Coote; overseer, F. L. Kent; lecturer, Mrs. Whitneycombe; steward, W. J. Kent; assistant steward, Mrs. C. Hill; chaplain, Miss Snell; treasurer, R. L. Whitehead; secretary, H. L. French; gate keeper, Edworth Erwin; Pomona, Mrs. R. Kent; Ceres, Mrs. I. Holmes; Flora, Miss Helen Crawford; lady asst. steward, Mrs. Callahan.

Dr. A. C. Steckle and brother, A. Steckle, left on yesterday's C. & E. train for Albany, where they took the overland for California enroute to their home in Michigan. Dr. Steckle has many friends in this city who regret to lose him. But he says he will visit Corvallis again when he returns to this coast to locate.

J. D. Farmer, agent for the S. P. Co., went down to Portland last Thursday to attend a meeting called by W. A. Coman, general passenger agent, to talk over railroad matters, principally in regard to rates to be made during the coming fair.

The C. & E. and S. P. trains were heavily loaded yesterday with students returning from their home vacations.

Harp Marklin was a passenger on the morning train for Portland for a week's outing.

## Our Annual Sale BIGGER AND BETTER —THAN EVER—

This week we start the ball rolling with the most sensational offer of the season in merchandise. We expect the citizens of Corvallis and vicinity to make money while we are making this sale, as they have never done before in the buying of good goods for little money. The time to buy is when the other fellow wants to sell.

Now be careful—do not say we stole them—Ladies Jackets	CORVALLIS' GREATEST SALE OF GENTS TROUSERS
\$10, \$15, to \$25 cut to the modest sum of only—	\$2.50 to \$1.85
\$2.50 & \$5.00	3.00 to 2.25
We are glad to make you a price on Ladies Skirts at 20 per cent discount.	3.50 to 2.75
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	5.00 to 3.85

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