

HONOR THE FLAG.

It has been properly said that the Republican party is entitled to great credit in the matter of raising the prestige and influence of the United States abroad to a position in harmony with its greatness and strength at home. Eight years ago American ministers and consuls, American merchants, missionaries and travelers in all parts of the earth did not receive the recognition accorded to those of other great nations. There was no appreciation of the real standing of the United States. Our flag was little known. Our diplomatic officers failed to receive the recognition given to those of England, Germany and France, or even Holland and Belgium. Our merchants who encountered difficulties for which they were not responsible received scant satisfaction from foreign officials before whom they protested, although they saw the merchants of European countries everywhere having their rights protected. Our missionaries, although supported by united churches at home suffered indignities abroad, while the missionaries of European churches had their lives and property safeguarded on every hand. Our travelers, wishing to study foreign parts, never gained any facilities from saying that they were citizens of the United States, while the travelers of European nations were treated as if they were the special agents of their respective governments. As a result of the policies followed abroad by President McKinley and continued by President Roosevelt, together with the prestige gained from the Spanish-American war and the later attitude of our government in the Philippines, the United States is regarded in the remotest portions of the world as among the great nations of the earth. Our ministers and consuls stand in the front rank of foreign representatives, and merchants, missionaries, and travelers find themselves, whether in the heart of Asia, Africa or South America, accorded every protection, interest and facility that is given to the most favored nation. A tidal wave of American prestige has swept over the seas, and back into the interior of strange lands wherever our flag stands for that which is best among the people.

Corvallis is just as far now from being supplied with mountain water as when the question was first brought up. The special committee recently appointed to investigate the last offer of Dr. Farra, of the local company, have recommended that the proposition be turned down, and if upheld by the city council, which meets tonight, will leave the field open for bidders once more. Corvallis seems unusually

conservative in this matter, as other surrounding cities have started similar agitation, closed the contract and have been receiving the benefits of mountain water several months, and all while Corvallis has just been talking about it. But it is said where there is so much smoke there must be fire underneath, so if we are patient and hold our breath long enough, perhaps a contract for drinkable water will be made during the next generation.

Mask Ball at Monroe.

The mask ball given here Friday night was without doubt the best dance ever given in Monroe. The hall was nicely decorated with fir boughs, paper trimmings and bunting. The electric lights were a grand improvement over the oil lamps formerly used, but was not in as good working order as expected, the water being too high to furnish the required power. A large number were masked and a general good time was reported by all. It was given by J. D. Ward. February 14, he will give another dance. Everybody is invited to attend. The best of music and a good time will be assured to all. Tickets 50 cents for each dance.

The Eugene Register issued a very creditable New Year's edition, Sunday.

Charley Shennofield returned Saturday from a week's visit in Portland.

Victor Moses returned yesterday from the bay where he spent Sunday.

Miss Mattie Strong returned to Portland Saturday to resume her studies at St. Mary's Academy.

The Alsea school board held a meeting last week and voted a levy of five mills for school purposes in that district.

Capt. Apperson, of Oregon City, a member of the Board of Regents of OAC, arrived in Corvallis yesterday on business.

The Chief of Police arrested five or six boys last Saturday night for defacing property and show windows by marking large characters and figures with soap. The boys thought they were properly celebrating the entry of the new year, and were proceeding to mark 1905 on everything in reach. They were bound over to appear Monday morning, when they were turned loose with a good lecture.

A new rural telephone company has been organized over in the Alsea country, and is known as the Fall Creek company. They already have about twenty subscribers and connection is to be made with the Alsea rural line, which has about 50 phones. It is understood that an effort will be made to connect with the Independent company of this city, at an early date.

SIGNS OF FAILING VISION.

When your eyes tire in reading, when you frown or partly close the eyes when looking at an object; when things "swim" or become dim after being looked at for some time; when the eyes ache, smart, or water; or when you have pain in the eyeball, orbit, temples or forehead.

All the conditions are curable by proper glasses, such as we will furnish you after a scientific examination.

MATTHEWS, The Optician, Room 12, over First National Bank.

ROYAL Baking Powder Saves Health

The use of Royal Baking Powder is essential to the healthfulness of the family food.

Yeast ferments the food. Alum baking powders are injurious.

Royal Baking Powder saves health.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

H. W. Kaupisch went down to Albany, Saturday for a short visit.

Public school reopened this morning, after the two weeks holidays.

Miss Orlie Woods, of this city, is visiting with Miss Kate McClain, at Albany.

B. F. and H. F. Eilsworth were business visitors in Albany, Saturday.

Mrs. Ed. Cummings, who has been visiting with her mother, Mrs. T. H. Wellsner, returned to her home in Portland, Sunday.

Mrs. Effie Eglin and son Darrell, left Saturday for their home in Seattle. They have been visiting friends in this city.

Corvallis is a dry town now; all the saloons having closed their doors at midnight Saturday. The nearest a fellow can get a glass of beer now, is Albany.

Zophar Thorp came up from Portland Sunday on a short visit with friends and relatives. He left yesterday for Monmouth, where he is to coach the basket ball team of the state normal school.

Misses Mary Nolan and Edna Irvine returned Saturday from Jefferson, where they were among the number of students who attended a house party given by Miss Helen Steiwer, a former OAC student.

A very pleasant and enjoyable reception was held at Barret Lyceum, on Third street, on Sunday afternoon last. A goodly number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Flint assembled, to pass the time in song and New Year greetings.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Ryder gave a New Year's dinner to their children, who represented four generations of that family. The dinner was cooked by the great grandmother, who is in her eighty-second year, and would put many a cook of today in the shade.

Pearl Thomas arrived home Wednesday from Portland, where he has been the past three months studying violin at the Western Academy of Music, under the efficient tutelage of Ruthyn Turvey. He will continue his studies with Mr. Turvey in this city.

Dr. B. A. Cathey returned home yesterday from Riddle, Oregon, where he went last week to assist at a delicate surgical operation upon his brother, D. M. Cathey. He says the operation was entirely successful and that his brother is recovering rapidly.

E. H. Belknap and Mrs. Addie Kyla left on yesterday morning's early train to attend the funeral of their uncle, Harleigh Belknap, who died in Eastern Oregon, where he has resided during the past year. Deceased was born and raised in this city, and was the only one left of his family. He has many relatives and friends who mourn his loss.

At the drawing for the Mexican drawn work at Nolan & Callahan's store, which was put up by the Rev. Father Springer, Mrs. Caples, of Portland, was the lucky woman, Dorothy Pernot drawing for her with ticket No 63. The proceeds of the drawing are to go towards purchasing a bell for the Catholic church.

A. Wilhelm & Sons have built an independent telephone line from Monroe to Junction City, and have run a loop from the line to their mill at Harrisburg. We understand that they also have a line to Corvallis, and there also are a number of farmers on the line, several on the west side of the river from Harrisburg having connected with it this week—Harrisburg Bulletin.

F. L. Miller leaves today for Seattle, Washington, to attend the annual exhibit of the Seattle Poultry Association, which meets there January 5-9. He will carry along some of his prize winning Buff Orpingtons, also other fine chickens from Corvallis poultry yards, as follows: Silver Pencilled Wyandottes from yards of J. M. Porter; White Wyandottes for Dr. Bowen Lester; Brown Leghorns for S. E. Beal; Buff Leghorns for Gene M. Simpson; and entry of White Leghorns for Ed School of Linn county.

The junior actors of Corvallis, who have been advertising a home-talent play to be given in the attic of a woodshed at the home of one of the principal "Edwin Booths," gave their performances as per schedule. Friday night was their best night and the attic was filled with people, some 25 or 30 grown folks and youngsters comprising the audience, and they report that the boy actors did quite well with their dialogues and other specialties. The admission was 10 cents, and the boys say the proceeds were turned over as New Year's presents to certain needy ones in the city. The boys deserve commendation for their efforts along this worthy line.

E. W. S. Pratt returned yesterday from a trip to Blodgett.

Miss Carrie Danneman left yesterday for Independence, where she will visit friends.

Mrs. Berchtold and son, Chester left for an indefinite stay in Portland, yesterday.

Miss Isabel Whitby, a member of the class of '04 of OAC, left yesterday for Portland, where she will enter business college.

Col. J. K. Phillips went down to Newberg last Thursday, and is visiting at the home of his daughter.

"Pat" Cecil, a former OAC student, now attending Armstrong's Business College in Portland, arrived in Corvallis, Sunday for a visit.

The Alsea Grange will hold a public installation on Jan. 14. Supt. George Denman and Recorder T. T. Vincent will deliver addresses. All grangers and friends in the county are cordially invited.

The new cable at the free ferry broke loose yesterday morning, letting the ferry boat drift down stream quite a way before it was recovered.

Will Flemming who formerly lived in this city, but now working at the jeweler's trade in Salem, has been visiting his parents for several days, returning to business today.

Harold Wilkins returned last Thursday from a week's visit in Portland. He reports that John Gault, an alumni of OAC, has organized a Marine band of which he is president. Elmer Wills, formerly of OAC, and Mr. Nichols of this city, are also members of the band.

CORRESPONDENTS, CORNER.

Monroe.

School commenced here Monday after a weeks vacation.

Roy Dunn was up from Kings Valley where he has been going to school this winter.

James Dunn returned recently from Portland.

Oscar Dodge is home on a visit. He has been living at Lincoln operating their flouring mill there.

Wm. Brabham, of Eugene, has been visiting with relatives in this vicinity.

Henry Dixon and wife, of Eugene, have been visiting relatives the past few days.

Miss Horton, of Corvallis, stopped in town Saturday night. She is going to teach the Mountain Home school, where she has taught a term or two before.

Of Interest to Mothers.

Thousands of little ones die every year of croup. Most of them could have been saved by a few doses of Foley's Honey and Tar, and every family with children should keep it in the house. It contains no opiates and is safe and sure. Mrs. George H. Pickett, San Francisco, Calif., writes: "My baby had a dangerous attack of croup and we thought she would choke to death, but one dose of Foley's Honey and Tar relieved her at once after other remedies had failed. We are never a minute without it in the house." Sold by Graham & Wortham.

Spoiled Her Beauty.

Harriet Howard, of 209 W. 34th St., at one time had her beauty spoiled with skin trouble. She writes: "I had Salt Rheum or Eczema for years, but nothing would cure it until I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve." A quick and sure healer for cuts, burns and sores. At 25c at Allen & Woodwards drug store.

HOW IS THIS?

An offer to make you come up stairs and see us. New Mainspring (none better), \$1.00. Cleaning (ordinary watch), \$1.00. Cannot be done better at any price.

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.

...ANNUAL SALE...

Our Great Annual Reduction Sale will begin THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29th. Every article in stock will be sold at Sweeping Reductions, except W. L. Douglas shoes. Sale will last 30 days. Remember, our reductions are boni fide.



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 \$1.25. \$2 per day.
HEADQUARTERS FOR COMMERCIAL MEN.

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 28, 1905, viz:
JAMES E. WEST,
H. E. No 12885, for the SE 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 FRANK, JOHN BOTGER, WALLACE FRANKS, all of Hoskins, Or. GEO. W. BIRBE, Receiver.

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, A dm'r of the Estate of B. B. Barnes, Dec'd.

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 Hodes, 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. MEXIE L. BENJAMIN, Executrix Last Will and Testament Gustav Hodes, Deceased. Dated December 7, 1904.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

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 E. H. Crawford, Clerk and Purchasing Agent. Corvallis, Oregon, Dec. 12, 1904.

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.

Corvallis & Eastern Railroad.
TIME CARD.
No. 2—For Yaquina:
Leaves Albany.....12:45 p. m.
Leaves Corvallis.....1:45 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 at 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, Manager. H. H. CRONISE, Agent, Corvallis. THOS. COCKRILL, Agent Albany.