

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Fir wood wanted on subscription at this office.

Miss Grace Huff was on the streets, Tuesday, for the first time since her recent attack of appendicitis.

Miss Loretta Sheasgreen left, Tuesday, for a visit with friends in Monroe and Eugene. She expects to arrive home today.

Everything is moving nicely in the way of preparations for the Knights of Pythias district convention, which will convene in this city next Wednesday.

Circuit court will convene in Corvallis, for Benton county, March 28. There are nineteen cases on the docket at present, none of which are of importance.

Presbyterian church, Rev. M. S. Bush, Bible school at 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m., subject "A Gracious Invitation." C. E. at 6:30 p. m.; evening service at 7:30, subject "A Christian at Satan's Mill."

The St. Valentine dance given by the Ladies' Coffee Club, Monday night, in the Firemen's hall, is reported to have been a very enjoyable affair. Fechter's orchestra, of Albany, furnished the music.

Last Monday, W. G. Emery received a very fine Barred Plymouth Rock cockerel direct from the raiser in Santa Cruz, Calif. Chicken fanciers who have seen the cockerel pronounce him a very fine bird.

Postmaster Johnson reports that "something was doing" in Corvallis on St. Valentine's day. In fact, there was an unusual business in Valentines this year and the duties of our postmaster were, in consequence, augmented.

Most of our people got tired of the cool weather and bursting of water pipes that accompanied it. Cold weather in the Willamette Valley is not the best for the country, but fortunately it does not get very cold—nor very often.

George Guier, who is suffering with appendicitis, was removed on a stretcher, Tuesday evening, from the home of William Spencer on South Main street to the lodging house just east of the court house. He submitted to an operation Wednesday.

A party consisting of J. C. Lowe, Chester Taylor, Merwin Mcaines and Harry Miller, went to Monroe to attend the St. Valentine dance given there Tuesday night. They report a jolly time and aver that Monroe people know how to entertain—royally, too.

Through Track Manager Willard Wirtz, Pacific University has completed negotiations whereby "Dad" Moulton will have charge of the university track squad during the coming season. "Dad" Moulton is from Stanford University and is said to be one of the best known trainers on the coast.

Dr. W. S. Holt came up from Portland, Tuesday, to attend the union meetings that have been held in this city during the past two weeks. He was under the impression that these meetings would continue a day or two longer, and only arrived in season to attend the last meeting. Rev. Holt is the synodical missionary of the Presbyterian church of Oregon.

Louis N. Edwards, who has been a member of the federal grand jury in session in Portland during the past two months, arrived home in Benton, Tuesday. This jury has become almost famous for the many indictments against persons of high and low degree thought to be implicated in the plot to defraud the government of public lands. The jury was excused and will be assembled again early in April.

Joseph Garrow departed Monday for Salem, from which place he intends to proceed to Portland and take the steamer for San Francisco. In the latter city he will transact some business and will then proceed to Moffat Creek, Northern Calif. His father, E. J. Garrow, and others have a mill and a large tract of timber land on Moffat Creek and Joe goes to superintend operations there during the present year.

It has been learned that Photographer W. G. Emery has suffered at the hands of photo thieves. Mr. Emery informs us that during the time he has been in the photograph business in this city he has had a dozen or fifteen photos stolen altogether. They have disappeared one or two at a time at various intervals. He says that he has been lying low about the matter thinking that by so doing he could get a clue to the identity of the guilty party. He now suggests that people who have had work done at his gallery keep an eye open for their photographs and if they learn of any it will be an easy matter to remember if they were given out by the owner. This may lead to something.

March 8th is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

The Baptist church will hold all its usual services next Sunday. A hearty welcome for all who can attend.

Rev. P. A. Moses will preach at the M. E. church, South, next Sabbath at 11 a. m. A cordial invitation to all.

The First Spiritual Union of Corvallis will hold services in Barrett Lyceum on Sunday at 3 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone.

The local teacher's institute has been postponed, as now scheduled will occur in this city Feb. 25, in the school building of this city.

On account of low water the steamer Pomona has been taken off the Corvallis run, but will resume her usual run as soon as the water will permit.

Mrs. E. R. Lake and Mrs. C. E. Hout left, Wednesday, for Cottage Grove where they are representing the local Circle in the district convention now in session there.

Yesterday, at the residence of the officiating clergyman, T. T. Vincent, the marriage of W. L. Bush and Miss Effie Frantz, both of Kings Valley, was solemnized.

Usual services at the Congregational church. Evening subject, "Can a Business Man be a Christian?" You are invited. Services at Plymouth at 3 p. m.

Hon. J. K. Weatherford, of Albany, was in Corvallis yesterday accompanied by Messrs. Hendricks and Wright, of New York City, who were looking into the interests of the C. & E., we are informed.

Mrs. Burns, who, with her son, has occupied quarters in the old Reading Room building, departed yesterday for Los Angeles, Calif., where she expects to remain with her husband until some time in May.

The 2,000-gallon water tank of the Benton County Prune Co. was brought up from the big orchard Wednesday for the purpose of having J. R. Smith Co. put a new bottom in it.

Frank E. Jones, of Selma, Calif., will preach next Sunday at the Christian church, his morning subject being "How Much Lovest Thou." In the evening, "The Creed that Needs no Revision." All welcome.

Last Tuesday morning one of E. W. Strong's young sons, while skating on a pond just across the Willamette, broke through the ice, and but for the fact that Bert Vanhorn threw the lad a board the latter would undoubtedly have drowned.

Gen. Lew Wallace expired, Wednesday evening, at his home in Crawfordsville, Ind., at the age of 78 years. This ends the career of a man famous as a soldier, statesman, and author. The writer of "Ben Hur" is no more. He was engaged at writing his own biography when he died.

Dr. Harsha concluded his work in this city last Tuesday evening and is at present conducting union meetings in Brownsville. When he leaves the latter place he will proceed to Texas. Just now the ministers of this city are continuing the union meetings and are holding them in the M. E. church, South.

The result of the recent teachers' examination held in this city is as follows: There were five successful applicants for third grade certificates, three for second grade, and eight for first grade. There were four applicants for state papers but their papers were forwarded to the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, at Salem, to be passed upon.

After an illness of some duration, Mrs. Jane Michael died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. P. Fruit, in this city, last Wednesday. Mrs. Michael was of an advanced age, being in her 78th year when death overtook her. The funeral services occurred yesterday at the residence of M. P. Fruit, Rev. Reeves officiating. The remains were taken to Brownsville, where they will be interred in the family cemetery today.

Last night after going to press the football game between the Albany and OAC young ladies was to have been played. The game was to have taken place this evening, according to first arrangements, but for some reason the schedule was changed. This evening our girls are to play the Willamette University team. Both games are to occur in the Armory. Tomorrow night the students are to have their Washington's Birthday dance. Will Fechter, of Albany, will furnish a six-piece orchestra for the occasion.

The GAZETTE is a splendid advertising medium, because its circulation is greater at present than at any similar time of its history.

It is interesting to note the difference in the amount of tax money paid to Sheriff Burnett this year and last year on the same date. On Feb. 15, 1904, 214 tax-payers had paid in \$7,066.17; on the same date this year the sheriff had collected \$10,248.39, and this sum was contributed by 285 tax-payers. On the corresponding dates we find a gain of 71 persons more who paid this year than last year, and we find that up to above dates \$3,182.22 more was paid this year than last year.

In Appreciation.

We are in receipt of the following from the legislative body in which that body voices its appreciation of the courtesy shown them on their recent visit at OAC:

WHEREAS, The members of the legislature of the state of Oregon, and their families, and friends are desirous of expressing their gratitude to the Southern Pacific Company, the Corvallis & Eastern Railway Company, the faculty and ladies of the Oregon Agricultural College and the citizens of Newport: for their courtesies and hospitality extended them on their trip to Newport on Saturday, February 11th, 1905, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the members and families and friends of the said legislature of the state of Oregon do hereby extend to said Southern Pacific Railway Company, the Corvallis & Eastern Railway Company, the faculty and ladies of the Oregon Agricultural College, and the citizens of Newport, a vote of thanks for their kindness and the courtesy shown.

Burned Out.

On the farm belonging to Mrs. Sam Wyatt, near Boonville, some five miles south of this city, occurred quite a disastrous fire yesterday forenoon about 10 o'clock. Walt Smith has the place leased, and for the past few months the family of L. V. Baker has occupied the house. The house is some distance from the road. The fire was seen by T. B. Cain and John Rickard, as they drove along the highway enroute to Corvallis, and they at once proceeded to the scene of the conflagration.

They found no one at home, but went to work to save what they could. A smoke-house stood about thirty feet from the house and the meat in the "smoker" together with a few effects of small value was all that they were able to save.

It seems that Mr. Baker was on another place about three miles distant grubbing stumps for Walt Smith at the time of the fire and had his family with him. Whether there was any insurance on the house or Mr. Baker's effects we could not learn, nor could we get definite information regarding the origin of the fire. Mr. Baker arrived in town with his family last evening.

Postoffice Gone.

Last Wednesday night the postoffice at Bellfountain went out of business. People of that section will now receive their mail over the R. F. D. route No. 1 from Monroe. N. O. Dodge, who was in Corvallis a couple of days ago, informs us that people who live in the immediate neighborhood of Bellfountain are not greatly pleased with the change, as it throws some mail a day late.

As it has been, mail leaving Portland, for instance, in the morning would reach Bellfountain that evening. As now arranged, instead of coming to Corvallis, mail destined to Monroe will be sent to Junction City for distribution—that is, the greater part of it. Mail sent from Portland to Bellfountain in the morning, via Junction City, will arrive at Junction that afternoon and remain there over night, to be handed over to the carrier on the R. F. D. route No. 1 early the following morning.

Should Bellfountain mail be carried via Corvallis it would reach Monroe and go out the same time it would if taken by way of Junction City. Of course, by this arrangement it throws some mail a day late at Bellfountain, but in

so doing another route is established and many people west and south of Monroe are served with daily mail. Heretofore these people have had no daily mail at all. It is a case of the "greatest good for the greatest number." The carrier heretofore making the trip via Inavale to Bellfountain will, after March 1st, when the new contract is let, only proceed as far south as Inavale.

Anent Y. M. C. A.

The matter of the proposed students' building is now before the citizens of Corvallis. Since the Young Men's Christian Association has taken the leadership in the enterprise, it is naturally more or less prominent in the public eye, and is perhaps being closely scrutinized.

Although the association figures conspicuously in the building movement, it by no means follows that the building is to be a religious affair to the exclusion of other lines of activity. Of the twenty or more rooms in the entire structure, only three are to be used distinctly for Y. M. C. A. work. Rooms for athletic and physical development, social relations, literary society work, oratorical and debating associations, glee club and college proper, and for leisure and for reading, are all provided.

All classes are to be benefitted, regardless of profession or belief. Membership privileges in the building are to be based on moral grounds rather than on church membership, creed or nationality. From the expressed sentiment of many, it is evident that the movement will be generously supported by the business men.

The Utopians Entertain.

One of the most memorable and happy events of the college year was the reception tendered the members of the Jeffersonian Society by the Utopian girls, last Saturday evening, February 11. The library was gaily decorated with a color scheme of red and white, suggestive of Cupid's inflicted wounds. Red and white bunting was draped in a very artistic manner, and from among its folds, numerous red and white hearts peeped.

Novel features of the evening's entertainment were a Cupid's Post Office and Roll Call. Each gentleman and each lady presented his or her object of admiration with a valentine, some of them being comic and others of a more serious nature. Roll was called by Miss Alicia Hill, playing the part of stern professor. All present responded with quavering voices to phrases, the import of which was unknown. A spicy program and dainty, light refreshments were immensely enjoyed. Each person present carried home a unique souvenir stamped with the Utopian seal.

A "Top-Notcher."

There will be something doing at the Opera House tonight, and in order to get a good idea you will have to attend. A collection of first-class vaudeville artists will appear on a sort of trial trip, and if the patronage warrants will make the circuit about twice a month. Every performer is an artist in his line, and the very essence of high-class entertainment is what you will find. These artists are selected from the various vaudeville circuits and their acts are all "hummers." The price is ridiculously low, for two and a half hour's fun. In metropolitan places these bills only last from one half hour to an hour, so you see we are to be given a great deal extra. The program as furnished us shows the following startling features: dancing-singing-horizontalartrapezeacts-farce-ketches-jugglings-lackwire-and-otheracts—the cream of vaudeville.

You Are Invited.

Next Wednesday night, the ladies of the First Methodist church are to give a Martha Washington tea at the church. An excellent lunch will be served in the church parlors from 5 to 8; price, 15 cts. From 8 to 9, an interesting program will be given free of charge in the auditorium of the church.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes kidneys and bladder right.

Extraordinary Announcement

This announcement, the most important ever made by any mercantile house in the Willamette valley, will be of vast interest to every man, woman and child in this city and vicinity.

Our 35th Clearance Sale

closed Jan. 31st, and in giving thanks for your generous patronage, I make the following extraordinary announcement: I will refund the money on all cash purchases made on a certain day of the month of February, the day selected to be announced in the GAZETTE of March 3. The Lucky Day will be selected by lot.

No Matter What You Purchase

for cash at retail rates, be it a five-cent or \$100 purchase, if your duplicate checks bear the date of the LUCKY DAY, your money will be cheerfully refunded.

Save Your Duplicate Checks

secured with cash purchases as no money will be refunded except on presentation of duplicate cash checks. Buy something every day and you are bound to

Be one of the Lucky Ones

My popular low prices will prevail during this month. All goods marked in plain figures. Mail orders accompanied by cash will participate in this offer.

S. L. KLINE

Regulator of Low Prices Corvallis, Ore.

Our Great Annual Stock-taking Remnant Sale

Immense reductions in every department. Short ends odd sizes, broken lines and remnants by hundreds. Dress goods, Silks, Readymade wear, Laces, Ribbons, Draperies, Lace curtains, Sheets, Pillow cases, etc.

Prices in many cases reduced by half. Our new Spring goods will arrive early.

F. L. Miller, Corvallis

..SPECIAL SALE..

DURING FEBRUARY

Great Shoe Sale

The largest assortment of Shoes offered on Special Sale in Philomath. Comprises about 1,000 pair of Men's, Women's, Misses', Boy's and Children's Shoes will be on sale during the month of February. This reduction will be made for Cash only. Immediate attention will be given to Mail Orders. There are Special Prices on Men's, Women's, Boy's and Children's Rubber Boots and Oil Coats. We also call your attention to our large Stock of Millinery Goods which are on Special Sale.

J. E. HENKLE,

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