

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Fir wood wanted on subscription at this office.

Bert Yates and Mike Baur went out to Philomath yesterday to attend some matters of business.

Mrs. J. Mason arrived home during the first of the week from several days' visit with relatives at Brownville.

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.

Among the K. of P. boys who attended the convention held here Feb. 22, were: T. L. Danger, Wardy Shelton, A. L. Shelton and Mr. Shaster, all of Scio.

Merwin McMains, of this city, has just received word from his people in Illinois to the effect that they are shortly to leave that state with the intention of settling in Oregon.

We are requested by "one who is interested" to state that there is strong reason to believe that a dice game is running at Summit. This does not seem possible, but the party said to "look out!"

Presbyterian church, Rev. M. S. Bush, bible school 10 a. m., Communion and reception of new members 11 a. m., C. E. meeting at 6:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30, subject: "What Every Man Must Answer."

Quite a number of farmers from the vicinity of Scio were in Corvallis last Tuesday investigating the Independent Telephone system. The delegation represented a large number of farmers who contemplate putting in the new system.

In order to accommodate those who may desire to attend the basketball game between the girls of O. A. C. and Albany, and those who desire to attend the big Woodmen "blow out," a special train will run from Corvallis to Albany Saturday evening leaving Corvallis at 6:30.

It is a matter of conjecture whether the average sheriff, in administering forty lashes to the back of a wife-beater would, or would not, be influenced by feelings of a partisan nature. If a fellow up before the sheriff for a little "tanning" should have been a political opponent of this worthy official we are of the opinion "something would be doing."

G. Stettler and family arrived from Weatherford, Oklahoma, this week and will make their home in Dallas. Mr. Stettler is an old-time friend of Al Haideman, of this city, and was at one time engaged in the butcher business in Corvallis. —Polk County Observer. Mr. Stettler will be remembered in Corvallis. He went East along about 1897.

Word reached Corvallis during the first of the week to the effect that Miss Sophia Elgin was very seriously ill with appendicitis, in Baker City, and it was thought an operation would be necessary. Her sister, Miss Melvina Elgin, of this city at once hastened to the bedside of her sister. It has been reported that the patient withstood the operation very well and is on the road to recovery. Until recently Miss Sophia Elgin made Corvallis her home and there was naturally considerable anxiety felt on her account.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian church gave a most delightful Missionary Tea on Wednesday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. J. B. Horner. About seventy ladies were present and enjoyed a fine program that was rendered, after which they resolved themselves into a social go-as-you-please, and everyone present had a grand good time, after which they were served with refreshments in a style peculiar to Mrs. Horner alone, to the entire satisfaction of all. At the close of the meeting a satisfactory collection was taken. The tea was a grand success and enjoyed by all present.

Youth is seldom discreet. Last Tuesday evening a large number of school boys undertook to charivari a newly married couple in this city. As is usual in such matters, they carried the joke too far and Chief Lane was summoned to quell the disturbance. By way of subjugating the youngsters, the chief fired eight shots skyward from a revolver. In this way he succeeded in rousing up sixteen noisy artists (?) and marched them down town to be dealt with by Judge Greffoz. His honor set a hearing for yesterday morning and dismissed them. They were a very uneasy lot of young Americans until they were let go with a reprimand yesterday. There were a number of amusing sidelights in connection with the affair, but there was also a serious side.

Dana Huffman came up from Portland, Monday, for a few days' visit with relatives.

Mrs. Jack Hall came up from Wells, Tuesday, for a few days' visit with her son, Harley, and his wife.

Alpha Murray, who had been to Portland to play at the piano recital of Prof. Mordaunt Goodnough, last week, arrived home Tuesday evening.

Ralston Cox, of Portland, has been in Corvallis on business a couple of days this week. Mr. Cox was at one time in business in this city.

Word has reached this city to the effect that J. H. Reid, of Los Angeles, Calif., recently went into bankruptcy. Mr. Reid is said to have creditors in this city.

Mrs. Taylor Porter has been the victim of an unusually severe attack of la grippe during the past week. It appears to us that la grippe is about as contagious as the measles.

Rev. L. A. Douglas, of Albany, will preach at the Baptist church, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, of next week, at 7:30 p. m. The usual services on the Lord's Day. All invited.

Washington's Birthday was observed as a legal holiday by many of our citizens. From public buildings the national colors floated to the breeze in honor of the "Father of his Country."

The game of basket ball in Albany tomorrow eve between the girls' teams of OAC and Albany bids fair to be an exciting affair. The championship is on the "teeter" now, but we hope it will fall to us.

A letter was received in this city a day or two ago from General Thorp. He is now in Chicago in consultation with some patent lawyers relative to one of his inventions on which he desires to secure letters patent.

Last Saturday evening the farmers adjacent Oakville, in Linn county, about seven miles from this city, held a meeting and decided to run a farmers' telephone line from that section to Corvallis. They desire to have it working within a week.

The Union Services continue at the M. E. church, South. There have been some conversions and the interest deepens each evening. Rev. E. B. Jones, of Tangent is doing the preaching, to the edification of all. All pastors will hold the regular services Sunday in their respective churches.

A new phone line was recently connected with this city. It is a farmers' line which starts at the Ed. Caldwell place, on the road to Tangent, and runs north two miles to the Albany road, thence west to Corvallis. It is now in first-class talking order and those fortunate enough to possess phones are making up for lost time.

The chicken pie supper given in honor of Rev. H. A. Deck, Tuesday evening, by members and friends of his church, was exceedingly well patronized and those who managed the affair report to have realized about \$80 on the supper. They feel very grateful to the people who patronized them so liberally.

Agent Farmer, of the S. P. assures us that on one freight last week there were six carloads of merchandise consigned to Corvallis dealers. Think of it—six carloads of miscellaneous merchandise to roll into this place on one freight! This is a splendid showing for a place of this size. The total of the various freight bills amounted to something more than \$500. Mr. Farmer informs us that during the recent past freight traffic has been unusually good on the West Side. There is nothing that more plainly indicates the generally good condition of things in our county than the fact above, recited—six carloads of freight.

A couple of Corvallis' young bachelors have struck a lead that may result in something. For some time F. L. Miller has been handling a sort of small pasteboard crate that is manufactured for the express purpose of shipping a setting of eggs. These boxes are made by a firm in Anderson, Indiana. In a recent shipment just received were two boxes that bore names of girls and their addresses. The girls evidently work in the factory and had themselves written their names on the boxes. The girls are Misses Mamma and Edith York, and should any bachelor care to enter the race already started it is proper to state that their address is "1011 West 3rd St., Anderson, Ind." One of the bachelors who seemed especially interested when he learned of these young ladies, was purchasing 25 cents worth of "Bachelor Buttons." This looks a little like fate or the hand of Providence and we are justified in looking for the unexpected.

Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, William Girard, of Wren, and Miss Sophia West, of Kings Valley, were united in wedlock, at the home of T. T. Vincent, the latter officiating.

At the Congregation church, Rev. Edwin Green, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.; morning service and sermon at 11 a. m., subject, "Missing the Mark;" evening service at 7:30, subject, "Ought Business Men to be a Christian?" Service at Plymouth at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The postal department at Washington, D. C., asks for bids for carrying the mail six days in the week from Inavale to Corvallis, a distance of ten or eleven miles, and back, on the following schedule: Leave Inavale at 7:30 a. m. and arrive at Corvallis by 10:30 a. m.; leave Corvallis at 2 p. m. and arrive at Inavale by 5 p. m. There will be no Sunday service. A bond of \$1,200 is required by the government and the bids for the new route must be received at Washington, D. C., by March 14. Bids are asked for the period from April 1, 1905, to June 30, 1906. For further particulars inquire of Postmaster B. W. Johnson, this city.

The Martha Washington was given at the M. E. church Wednesday evening was a most delightful affair in every way. There was scarcely standing room and all was tea and merriment. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hall impersonated George and Martha Washington and are said to have been true to life. All who in any way assisted were costumed appropriately. A program consisting of 18 numbers was rendered and well received. In fact, in every way the affair was most successful and those who participated were the recipients of much praise. About \$40 was realized and if George and Martha had not run a little short of tea and cake the receipts would have been greater.

E. C. Clement, of the postal department, arrived in this city a few days ago, as the result of Postmaster Johnson's efforts in the matter of R. F. D. service in the southern part of the county. Tuesday Inspector Clement, accompanied by Mr. Johnson, made a trip over the proposed route and found everything as represented. Mr. Clement was so pleased with the proposition that he will undoubtedly recommend the route as outlined by Mr. Johnson. If this matter comes to a successful termination, the people of that section will have all the privileges they at present enjoy and some additional ones as well. This is certainly expediting matters and our postmaster is entitled to much credit in the matter. There are approximately from 90 to 95 families to be served by the proposed route.

Another Innovation.

A couple of gentlemen are at present at work in this city installing Western Union timepieces. These clocks resemble the regulator in the average jeweler's store, with the exception that they cannot boast a second hand. They have only minute and hour hands.

The Western Union Telegraph Company installs them and those who have a clock placed in their establishments, or houses, pay a certain monthly rental. That some idea of this master time-keeping device may be given we will briefly outline the plan whereby the correct time reaches our city:

In the somewhat recent past time used to be reckoned by the sun, but at present the various observatories make their calculations from a star. When the star observed passes a given point it is twelve o'clock—noon. On this coast time is reckoned from the observatory at Mare Island and the instant it is noon it is flashed by electricity to the various towns and cities on the coast. In the Western Union Telegraph office in this city is placed what is termed a "master-clock" and at noon every day the correct time is communicated to it from Mare Island.

This local master clock controls the other clocks that are installed in our city and not only communicates, by means of electricity, the noon hour, but every hour of the 24. These clocks that are being installed about town have a small battery placed at the top of them and the function of these batteries is to wind the clocks. This makes the clock self-winding and absolutely independent of any care whatever. It is

thought that they will prove a great thing.

The clocks will be found at the following places. At A. J. Metzger and E. P. Greffoz's jewelry stores, at Hotel Corvallis and the Occidental, the Postoffice, and the central office of the Independent Telephone Co.

An Hour With Milton.

A very nice souvenir programme of "An Hour With Milton" has reached us from the Corvallis Reading Club. The most enjoyable hour was passed, on this occasion, in the parlors of Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Horner last Tuesday evening. The Club holds monthly meetings—eight in the course of a year, beginning with the month of October and continuing until the following May. During the series of meetings many works of the most famous writers for all time are discussed.

Last Tuesday evening was devoted to the works of Milton. Mrs. Minnie Lee was to have read a biographical paper on Milton, but was absent and her paper was delivered by Miss Pauline Kline. "Paradise Lost" was read by Prof. F. Berchtold in the absence of his wife. A paper on "Current Events" bearing on the famous author and his works was read by Mrs. J. F. Yates, and a vocal solo was contributed by Mrs. M. S. Woodcock. Mr. Woodcock and others made remarks appropriate to the occasion.

A delicious luncheon was served and most highly appreciated. The host and hostess on this occasion did the honors in a truly hospitable style, and the former was voted the joker of the evening, which is no joke. Those present were:

Misses Bertha Davis and Pauline Kline; Miss Weller and Miss Brinkley; Mesdames W. A. Wells, Rose Selling, John Simpson and Dr. Margart Snell; Rev. and Mrs. M. S. Bush, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Green, Dr. and Mrs. Cathey and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Woodcock and son, Edwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Yates, Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Horner and daughters.

John W. Wright.

John W. Wright died at 3 a. m. yesterday morning at his home about a mile north of this city, aged 83 years. His death was caused by what is known as gout of the foot and his extreme old age hastened his end.

John Wright made Benton county his home for about 50 years and had the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He was never married and the nearest relative he has is a brother who lives in Pomeroy, Wash. He also has relatives in the East. During his lifetime he acquired a little farm of 22 acres situated about a mile north of this city. His remains will be interred this morning at 10 o'clock in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Letter List.

Letters uncalled for week ending Feb. 18, 1905. Wm. Berger, Arthur Racon, Mrs. Berahaw, Bert H. Cooper, Mrs. Maggie Davis, Serrie Davis, Mrs. Fox, Fred L. Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth Kelsay, Mrs. McAllister, J. F. McKinney, H. M. Prindle, J. H. Porter, Mrs. Minnie Robinson, Sanders & Co., J. C. Cegar, 2, Brown Taylor, Margaret A. Wilson, Mrs. H. B. Williamson, Albert Wyatt, Albert Wilt, Lola Whitney, P. L. Witherow, John Wright (Foreign) 2
B. W. JOHNSON, Postmaster.

Card of Thanks.

The children and relatives of Mrs. Jane Michael wish to express their heart-felt thanks for the many acts of kindness shown during the sickness and death of their mother and relative.
Mrs. Emma Fruit,
Mrs. E. J. McGee.

Card of Thanks.

To the members and friends of the United Evangelical Church we hereby desire to express our gratitude for the kindness and help received during our stay in Corvallis.

MR. AND MRS. H. A. DECK.

Now is the time to buy your grass seed—all kinds at Ziero's!

Remember, this is the last week for Nolan & Callahan's Remnant and Rummage Sale.

You Can Not Afford Not to Buy a Suit or Overcoat Now!

Every suit, overcoat, and pair of trousers, men's, boys, and little fellows, has been marked down to such a figure that is simply a waste of money for you not to take advantage of this, our final clearance of winter and medium weight clothing. Note the prices below, and come in and look at the values offered:



\$ 5.00 Suit or Overcoat now	\$ 3.90
7.50 " " " "	5.98
9.00 " " " "	7.20
10.00 " " " "	8.00
12.50 " " " "	9.98
13.50 " " " "	10.60
15.00 " " " "	12.15
16.50 " " " "	13.25
18.00 " " " "	14.40
20.00 " " " "	15.95

BOYS' SUITS

\$ 2.50 Suits or Overcoat now	\$ 1.99
3.00 " " " "	2.40
4.00 " " " "	3.21
5.00 " " " "	3.85
6.00 " " " "	4.83

REMEMBER

I will refund the money on all cash purchases made on a certain day of February, the day to be selected by some disinterested party, by lot, on March 1st. No matter what you purchase for cash at retail rates, be it a five cent or a hundred dollar purchase, if your duplicate checks bear the date of the "Lucky Day" your money will be cheerfully refunded. Save your Duplicate Cash Checks for EVERY CHECK bearing the date of the "Lucky Day" is as good as gold.

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

F. L. Miller, Corvallis

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Grave Trouble Foreseen.

It need but little foresight, to tell that when the stomach and liver are badly affected, grave trouble is ahead, unless you take the proper medicine for your disease, as Mrs. John A. Young, of Clay, New York, did. She says: "I had neuralgia of liver and stomach, my heart was weakened, and I could not eat. I was very bad for a long time, but in Electric Bitters I found just what I needed, for they quickly relieved and cured me." Best medicine for weak women. Sold under guarantee by Allen & Wood, ward, druggist, at 50c a bottle.

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