

### SYSTEM GROWING.

#### Benton County has Great Telephone System—Lines Being Extended Rapidly

The Corvallis Independent Telephone system was connected with Alsea, Tuesday evening. This adds 145 telephones to the Independent system and subscribers in the new territory now talk to Corvallis direct.

The Alsea telephone company was incorporated two years ago and constructed a line from A. Malone's store, at the Alsea post-office to the Benton County Lumber Co.'s mill on Greasy, eight miles from Philomath. There the line connected with the private wire of the Lumber Co., running from their mill to the planing mill near Philomath. The Bell Telephone company arranged with both the Alsea telephone company and the Lumber company for the use of these wires and then connected the line with Philomath.

The whole Alsea Valley is already well connected with telephones. There is a line running from Alsea store west to J. E. Banton's and on over to Doc Toms', on Fall Creek; another line runs from the store down the Alsea river and around what is known as "Missouri Bend" and on to the head of tide. Still another line runs from the store to Lobster and Five Rivers, and then there are two other lines from the same store, one south to Charley Banton's and the other east to Ruble Bros.' mill. Heretofore, in order to get Alsea from Corvallis, it has been necessary to first call Philomath and have Philomath to get Alsea. Under the new arrangement Corvallis calls Alsea direct, and Alsea rings Corvallis direct. Before there were several farmers' telephones connected with the main line to Alsea, so that it was necessary to talk through fifteen farmers' telephones when talking to Alsea. Under the changed conditions there are no telephones on the line between Corvallis and Alsea.

Until the first day of April there will be no charge for the use of the wire to Alsea by any subscriber of the Independent system. Thereafter, the same rate as heretofore charged by the Bell company, thirty cents, will be charged for messages between Corvallis and Alsea, and fifteen cents to Philomath. Several have already taken advantage of an offer for unlimited switching during one year for \$2, or \$10 for ten years. This offer as well as the rates charged above, apply to switching between any telephone on the Alsea system and any telephone connected with the Corvallis switchboard.

An entirely new wire was run from Corvallis to the Benton county mills. This gives the subscribers to the Corvallis Independent Telephone system connection with seven hundred telephones in Benton county, of which number 240 are outside of Corvallis. In addition to this the system reaches seventeen towns outside of Benton county and is being constantly extended. Among the towns are Dallas, Independence, Fall City, Tangent, Brownsville, Lebanon, Harrisburg and Junction.

#### Philomath the Scene.

There is to be a rousing time at the Parents' Meeting at Philomath, March 18. A fine program is almost completed. Those who will participate in the discussions are: Rev. Laudy, Rev. F. W. Jones, Prof. O. V. White, Prof. L. B. Baldwin, Anna Wright, Earl Brown, Supt. Denman, Prof. A. N. Fulkerson, Mamie Fulkerson.

Some of the subjects to be taken up are: "The Bible, Its Place in the Public School," "Professional Reading," "Taxation without Representation is Tyranny"

"Our Educational Exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Fair—Our Duty as Teachers?" "Why? How? What Does the Future Hold in Store for our Girls and Boys?" "Citizenship."

A committee has been appointed from the Philomath Public School to solicit help in giving a basket dinner at the school house. The meeting will include every district adjacent Philomath. There will be a literary program furnished by the Philomath and other schools, besides the College of Philomath and Philomath College. A part of the work which was prepared by the schools of the county for the Educational Exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition and exhibited there will be on exhibition at this time. This work was recently returned to Supt. Denman. This is to be exhibited so that our teachers preparing work for the Lewis and Clark Fair may obtain suggestions. The children are to be entertained by a phonograph program. The program will begin promptly at 10 o'clock.

#### Miller Promoted.

In recognition of his ability and worth as American Consul at Niu Chang, China, Henry B. Miller, formerly of this city, has been promoted. Last Monday, March 6, President Roosevelt nominated him for Consul-General at Yokohama, Japan. Consul-General Miller succeeded John M. Bloss as president of the State Agricultural College located in this city, and President Miller was succeeded by President Gatch. Not long after leaving OAC Mr. Miller accepted a consulship in Niu Chang, China, a comparatively unimportant post. Here, what he did was more or less in accordance with his own desires in the matter. If he chose to make himself useful the opportunity was at hand, although he was not compelled to great effort. He chose to make himself useful, hence his promotion. He is now the head of the second consulate in the Orient and his salary has been increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per annum.

It is greatly owing to the earnest recommendation of Secretary Hay that Mr. Miller has been placed in so advanced a position. He came near to being selected Consul to Shanghai, the highest consular post in the Orient.

#### Has Been Heard From.

During the latter part of January O. A. Dearing, who for something more than a year was connected with this paper, went to San Francisco. Weeks passed and he was not heard from. Under date of March 3rd he wrote the following to a friend in this city:

Am having a great time in this flea-stricken town. Shall remain here several weeks longer, if I can hold on to blood enough to keep the fleas busy. So soon as your blood is gone they turn to and eat the flesh off your bones—I haven't got much flesh. Remember me to the "boys." May be in Corvallis some time in April. I suppose Gene is still cackling.

#### Incredible Brutality.

It would have been incredible brutality if Chas. F. Lemberger, of Syracuse, N. Y., had not done the best he could for his suffering son. "My boy," he says, "cut a fearful gash over his eye, so I applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which quickly healed it and saved his eye." Good for burns and ulcers too. Only 25c at Allen & Woodward's drug store.

#### Cured Hemorrhage of the Lungs.

"Several years since my lungs were so badly affected that I had so many hemorrhages," writes A. M. Ake, of Wood Ind. "I took treatment with several physicians without any benefit. I then started to take Foley's Poney and Tar, and my lungs are now as sound as a bullet. I recommend it in advanced stages of lung trouble." Foley's Honey and Tar stops the cough and heals the lungs, and prevents serious results from a cold. Refuse substitutes. Sold by Graham & Wortham

### CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS.

#### The Matter of Cleaning up and Beautifying the City is Before the Citizens of Corvallis.

At the meeting of the Village Improvement Society, held in the court house, Feb. 24, it was voted to take active steps toward civic improvements. Great interest was manifested by those present at the meeting and, while it is admitted that Corvallis is perhaps as cleanly as the majority of towns of her size, the thought that she might be rendered still more presentable was uppermost in the minds of those in attendance at the meeting.

Corvallis is a pretty town. In the spring of the year one may travel a long distance and not find another such a beautiful place. Nature has done much for us in many ways. We must now do a little for ourselves and to assist nature.

There are many reasons why the citizens of our city should materially assist in cleaning up the town a little. One reason is that common decency demands it; without an air of cleanliness in your surroundings you will in time cease to be self-respecting. A city of nonself-respecting citizens would soon lose caste among the better class of people. Furthermore, for sanitary reasons, if for nothing else, it will pay well to "tidy up" a bit. Bear in mind first and last, that no calamity will befall you from being too clean. Still another reason for making the city presentable is when she has her "hair curled," to use the term, she will be good to gaze upon. Nearly all of us delight in a degree in looking upon that which is beautiful. The town can be made not only cleanly, but healthful and beautiful as well.

But the people as a whole must do the work. So if you possess anything that is dirty, clean it up; if it is already clean, make it cleaner. Let those who have nothing to clean up lend moral support to those who have.

This is the sentiment of members of the Village Improvement Society. Their work is done without hope of monetary reward. They have drafted the following resolutions for signers about town. Rev. Edwin Green and Professors Snell, Lake and Crawford have been circulating the petition for signatures and report splendid results:

Whereas, This is the particular year in which Oregon expects thousands of visitors, and

Whereas, It is important that we make the best possible impression upon these people, and,

Whereas, All the leading towns of Western Oregon, in particular, are awakening to the necessity of arraying themselves in their best dress, and

Whereas, Many of these visiting people will come from sections of the East where the movement for civic improvement has become a factor in both town and country life; therefore, be it

Resolved, By this body, and the following named citizens, that we respectfully urge upon the mayor and city council the urgent need of requesting the chief of police to take immediate active steps to have all public thoroughfares fully cleaned up and kept clean, and that he be further requested to urge all property owners to aid in the work of beautifying the city for this particular year.

### COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

#### BEAVER CREEK.

Frank Decker and wife went to Corvallis on a trading expedition.

Beaver Creek school is doing some fine work for the Lewis and Clark Fair.

Mrs. James Ireland and daughter, Noma, and son, Ora, have been bed-fast this week with a gripe.

The usual barnyard full of horses is

not to be seen now on Beaver. They are all in the harness doing farm work. Mrs. George Manning, and son, E. R., and baby, took a fine lot of farm produce to Philomath market this morning.

Six years ago Feb. 23th., Earl Brown and family arrived in Philomath from Huntington, Indiana. They left there in 20-below-zero weather and landed here in a heavy down-pour of Oregon mist. How different that from this weather.

J. H. Daniel called Dr. Loggan, of Philomath, to attend his baby, Carl, who is quite sick. His son, George, is also sick with a gripe. Jack Gates went home from school with the same notorious personage as an unwelcome guest.

The la gripe is now going the rounds and is slighting none.

Sherman Gleason will soon start his saw mill with a new crew and a new donkey engine.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniels was quite sick one day last week.

Mr. Newman, of Monmouth, came out last week to stay on his timber claim, but owing to sickness was compelled to return last Saturday.

Lon Henderson has been a Portland visitor for the past two or three weeks.

Columbus Weed was a Philomath visitor last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Baker, of Soap Creek, was up to the valley looking for sheep a few days ago.

Mr. Keely has been shearing goats during the last few days of good weather.

O. L. Winters and Wm. Parks each sold a fine bunch of sheep last Thursday.

Messrs. Stephens, Wright and Butler were Philomath visitors last Saturday.

#### OAK GROVE CHIPS.

Taxes are now due and must soon be paid, and the average farmer is beginning to plan how to raise the money so as to pay his quota before they become delinquent.

Barney Cady has got his hop yard all cleaned up and ready to begin cultivating as soon as the ground gets in shape. This makes the third year that he has had charge of the yard and if he does as well this year as he has the two former years he will be able to retire and live hereafter on Easy street.

Rev. E. Jones, of Albany, was visiting at the Lawrenson home Saturday, also was present at Lyceum, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Karstens spent Sunday visiting friends in Albany.

Mrs. Viola Woods, of Corvallis, spent a few days this week visiting friends here.

Emmet Williamson and family left Monday, for Portland, where they go to make their home.

Mrs. S. P. Lawrenson is laid up with a gripe. She has been confined to her bed for several days.

Mrs. Cady and daughters, Bertha and Effa, were here visiting at the home of Mrs. P. E. Williamson, Monday.

### COLLEGE JOTTINGS.

#### Items of Interest in and Around the O. A. C.

The Philadelphians are preparing to entertain the Pierians Saturday evening.

Miss Mabel Withycombe left Saturday for Brooks, where she will be the guest of Miss Mabel Jones.

An O. A. C. visitor Saturday was Regent Daly, who came up from Portland on business connected with the school.

Major Hardin and his battalion are now stationed on an island about thirty-five miles from Manila where the major is in command of a military prison.

The basket ball girls left this morning on the 6 o'clock train for Portland, where they are to play the Albany girls this evening. The game will take place on the Y. M. C. A. floor. Mr. and Mrs. Trine accompanied them.

Herbert Root returned to school yesterday, after an illness of some weeks. The students were so pleased to see Mr. Root in chapel that they all arose and tendered him "the nine tabs."

Quite a number of students left this morning on the Pomona for Newberg to attend the State Oratorical Contest. Those who went as delegates from the various classes were Lucille Roberts, Mr. Shepherd, Seniors; Alice Edwards, Fred Ewing, Juniors; Kate Adams, Mr. Brownell, Sophomore, and Mary Colvig and Mr. Harding from the Freshman class. The students together with their yells and songs will make quite a showing for O. A. C.

#### Letter List.

Letters uncalled for week ending Mar. 4, 1905: Mark Adams, H. Ruhl Bennett, Mrs. M. A. Baldwin, Frank Dickson, Harry F. Davis, Dee Davis, Miss C. E. Fuller, J. P. Goach, D. Grouthead, W. A. Jones (2), William Owens, Mrs. F. M. Plummer, Frank Reed, Clyde Starr, W. A. Wright.

B. W. JOHNSON, Postmaster.

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### Women's Kidneys.

Women are more often affected with kidney disorders than men but attribute the symptoms to diseases peculiar to their sex, while in reality the kidneys are deranged. Nervousness, headache puffy or dark circles under the eyes, pain in the back, are signs of kidney trouble that must not be ignored, or a malady will result. Foley's Kidney cure has restored the health of thousands of weak nervous, broken down women. It stops irregularities and strengthens the urinary organs, it purifies the blood and benefits the whole system. Sold by Graham and Wortham,

#### For Sale.

Thoroughbred Barred Plymouth Rock cockerels at \$1.00 each. Call on F. R. Barnes at Granger, South of Station or address Corvallis R. F. D. No. 1.

#### Strikes Hidden Rock

When your ship of health strikes the hidden rocks of consumption, pneumonia, etc., you are lost, if you don't get help from Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. J. W. McIneoin, of Talladega Springs, Ala., writes: "I had been very ill with pneumonia, under the care of two doctors, but was getting no better when I began to take Dr. King's New Discovery. The first dose gave relief, and one bottle cured me." Sure cure for soar throat, bronchitis, coughs and colds. Guaranteed at Allen & Woodward's drug store, price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

#### 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,

R. com 12, over First National Bank

#### The Colonel's Waterloo.

Colonel John M. Fuller, of Poney Grove, Texas, nearly met his Waterloo, from Liver and Kidney trouble. In a recent letter, he says: "I was nearly dead of these complaints, and, although I tried my family doctor, he did me no good; so I got a 50c bottle of your great Electric Bitters, which cured me. I consider them the best medicine on earth, and thank God who gave you the knowledge to make them." Sold and guaranteed to cure, dyspepsia, Bilelessness and Kidney Disease, by Allen & Woodward, Druggists, at 50c a bottle.

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