

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

John Zeis went to Portland, Sunday, with the intention of remaining a week.

Miss Eva Day went to Brownsville, Saturday, to visit for a short time with friends.

Attorney M. S. McFadden arrived home, Friday, from a trip to his farm near Junction City.

Messrs. James and Johnnie Matrin, of Monroe, were in town, Saturday, looking after matters of business.

OAC came out second best, not only in the state oratorical contest, but in the basket ball game as well.

Mrs. J. C. Hammel, daughter and son, Blanche and Merrill, went over to the bay, Saturday, for a brief visit.

George Brown and family are domiciled in the house on main street recently vacated by Willard Ireland.

Miss Bertha Thrasher went to Portland, Sunday. She will engage in dressmaking and has already received assurance of considerable work.

During the latter part of last week J. K. Berry moved his bicycle hospital into the building just vacated by W. L. Fisher & Gray. Mr. Berry now has a splendid stand for his business.

Last Friday, J. K. Johnson disposed of the Corvallis Laundry. The purchasers were Charlie Blakeslee and Dave Hiestad. The new proprietors will carry on the business in a most up-to-date style.

Murphy's cartoon of the basket ball game Friday night, between the girls of OAC and Albany, is fully as enjoyable as the game could have been, and this is no reflection on the game. Cartoon was in Saturday's Oregonian.

Chief Lane is having the "doggonedest" time collecting taxes on the "doggoned" dogs. Up to Saturday noon he had collected \$1 per head on 83 canine who inhabit the town. He figures on just 17 more of their dogships.

General Thorp, who has been East for the past few weeks, was last heard from in Washington, D. C. He was present at the inauguration of President Roosevelt. The general is expected home some time during the latter part of this week.

James Osburn has been working eight men on the place across the river of late. Four men are working in the hop yard and the other four are employed at general farm work. Mr. Osburn says that he is having some land cleared and thinks when under the plow it will prove as fertile as any on the place.

A fine half-tone of the OAC girl's basket ball team appeared in Friday's Telegram. The evolution of this out was pretty brisk. G. W. Emery finished the photograph Thursday afternoon and started it to Portland at six o'clock the same evening. The paper of the next afternoon contained the out. This is certainly 20th century style.

A short time ago the printers at OAC started at the task of getting out 5000 illustrated booklets replete with matter relating to the college. There will be about fifty pages of matter and fully as many half-tones. It will be some time yet before the booklet is produced, but beyond doubt it will be a work of art.

When Marshal Miller arrived home, Friday, from a trip to the bay he had about his person several fine specimens of barnacles. One of the shells contained a live inhabitant, but the climate out here proved too fresh for the creature and it soon expired. In the first sentence of this item it has not been our desire to cast any reflection upon Mr. Miller.

About ten days ago Ned Smith turned a very fine mare out to pasture on his island farm above town. He had occasion to look her up the following day and found her dead. She had evidently died of poison. It is thought that she had eaten of larkspur or wild parsnip. The loss of the animal occurs just at a season when horses are most needed, consequently the demise of the mare is keenly felt. Moreover, the horse represented a bin of oats that vanished during the past winter.

Jens Peterson and family arrived in Corvallis, Thursday, from Loveland, Colorado. Mr. Peterson made a visit to this county a month or two ago and negotiated for what is known as the George Horsfall place, a couple of miles southwest of Philomath. On Mr. Peterson's arrival, Thursday, Ambler & Waters consummated the deal and the arrivals went out the following day to take possession of their newly acquired home. They all express themselves as delighted with this country. There are 500 acres in the place they have just purchased.

Mrs. Mary Bryson, who has spent the winter in Spokane, Wash., is expected home in a few days.

Mrs. Riley, sister of Mrs. Ed Andrews, of this city, came up from Portland last Saturday for a short visit.

Levi Oren left, yesterday, for the Five Rivers country, where he will spend a couple of weeks on his home-stead.

C. B. Crano was in town yesterday seeing old-time friends. He is quite prominent about his Lincoln county home.

Roy Irvine, night clerk at Hotel Corvallis, went to Independence, Saturday, for a short visit with relatives and friends.

John Kiger states that he has a 2-year-old pacer that is going to make a record during the coming season, and he has a farm to back her.

Ed Wiles, a well-known farmer of Soap Creek, was in town Saturday. Ed has been so busy of late that he does not make the trip very often.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Wright and daughter, Beulah, are in this city on business. They are from Five Rivers, where they own a large ranch.

Yesterday Bert Yates received his commission as notary public from the secretary of state. Bert is now prepared to take your "swear."

Dick Zahn was out for a couple of days last week from his Alesea home. Dick says that everything is moving along in the usual satisfactory way over in his section.

Miss Isabel Whitby, who for the past few months has been attending a business college in Portland, arrived home, Friday. She will soon begin teaching school again.

It pays to make your wants known through the paper. In our last issue we advertised for a lost gold nugget stick-pin for Edwin Rose. It was located the same day that the paper came out.

Miss Myrtle Katharine Trevitte, a very fine lady reader and impersonator, of Chicago, is to appear at the College Chapel next Friday evening. Beyond doubt a treat is in store for those who may attend. It is expected that more information may be given in our next issue.

The business men of the city made a vigorous attack Monday morning on loose dirt that had accumulated on Main street. Everything was made clean and some spots were polished. It was a great transformation scene and the "man with the hoe" played a prominent part.

Lenten services will be held in the Episcopal church on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, consisting of Litany and Penitential Office, and address by Rev. H. D. Chambers, to which all are invited and will be made welcome. These services will be held every Thursday evening during Lent if the interest warrants it.

Last Thursday, B. R. Thompson took a large photograph for E. W. Strong, of the crew engaged at his mill. All of the employees were grouped out-o'-doors and photographed with the lumber yard as a background. Mr. Strong desires the picture for exhibition at the Lewis and Clark Fair, and accompanying it he will have an announcement of the capacity of his mill, number of men employed, and much other information relative to lumbering business in this section. This is a splendid idea and if others will follow the example set by Mr. Strong, Benton will "do herself proud" at the Exposition.

For a number of years in the past it was the custom of the various colleges of the valley having athletic teams to hold an annual field meet. This meet was invariably held in Salem. Then, for several reasons, dissatisfaction arose and the annual tournament was discontinued. Last Saturday the various managers of athletic teams of OAC, U of O, Forest Grove, and Willamette met in Newberg and arranged to hold an inter-collegiate field meet this year. It understood that the events will occur at Salem, on the State Fair grounds some time in June. Manager F. O. Stimpson, accompanied by Prof. Charles Johnson, was present at the Newberg meeting and represented OAC. This inter-collegiate meet will in no wise conflict nor interfere in any way with the arrangement of dual meet between the various colleges. Beyond doubt Physical Director Trine will have a team in the field this year that will reflect credit not alone on Prof. Trine, but OAC as well.

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.

Has He "Struck Oil?"

Something like two weeks ago Henry M. Stone, of this city, discovered, in a sort of slough, or old creek bed, that crosses his farm in Linn county, what he thinks is petroleum. He brought samples to this city and had chemists at OAC investigate the matter. These gentlemen report the presence of oil, but are said to be a trifle uncertain as to whether it comes from an oil well or not.

The old creek bed that traverses Mr. Stone's farm also passes over the property of several other land owners in Linn and the same signs of oil, or whatever else it may be, are observable at various points, but not so plainly as on Mr. Stone's place. Several gentlemen have accompanied the discoverer to his farm, but are not positive regarding the presence of petroleum in any marked degree. Not only Mr. Stone, but many of his neighbors, are sincere in their desire to ascertain a true knowledge of what has been discovered and will take steps to that end.

Some men are of the opinion that some sort of mineral water had been discovered. At any rate we will hope that something with money in it has been located.

No Annual County Institute.

At the meeting of the Department of County School Superintendents in Salem, last Thursday, it was agreed to dispense with the annual county institute in almost every county in Oregon for the ensuing year.

More than \$2,000 was pledged by the county superintendents toward the educational congress at the Lewis and Clark Fair. The congress will be held during the latter part of August and continue in session one week. Therefore, there will be no annual county institute in Benton this year.

Supt. Denman returned from Salem, Friday, and says that it is his intention to strengthen his local institutes next year. The last legislature passed a bill giving the county superintendent discretionary authority to use a portion of his county institute fund for local meetings. Our teachers should take note of the date of the educational congress and make calculations to attend.

They are Baking.

Last Saturday morning the first batch of bread came from the Small Bakery. This is from a brand new oven and everything connected with this establishment is new and up-to-date in all particulars. Three or four bakings have occurred and the results are very satisfactory.

It is the intention to have bread out of the oven every morning in time for 6 o'clock trade. Sundays will not be excepted—seven days in the week is a rule that will be lived up to in baking at the new establishment. Here will be found every kind of bread—rye, whole wheat, steam and French. Cookies and ginger snaps that beat "ye grandmother's" can be had at all times. Pies, cakes, and doughnuts of all description will be kept in stock and can be had fresh at any time. Go and see what the new bakery can do for you. Their motto will be, "Prices as low as the lowest."

A Pleasing Affair.

The entertainment at the college chapel last Friday evening, under the direction of Miss Helen Crawford, of the education department, and Mrs. Florence Green, of the department of vocal music, was a decided success in every way.

All who took part were well received and everything progressed smoothly. The entertainment was for the benefit of the Village Improvement Society and as a result this society will have about \$35 above expenses when everything is settled up. It is the intention to give a series of entertainments for the benefit of those who have undertaken to beautify certain portions of our city.

At present the village improvement Society have in hand the task of making beautiful the

depot grounds at the C & E. From what we have heard, great things are contemplated.

A Birthday Party.

Last Sunday was the birthday of Mrs. Grace E. Hall and Saturday evening many friends gathered at the home of herself and husband, Harley Hall, a mile or so west of town to spend a merry evening. That they were cordially received goes without saying, and thereafter everything was jollity and good cheer. Vocal and instrumental music, conversation, everything imaginable, made an evening long to be remembered. At a fitting hour most delicious refreshments were served.

Some of those in attendance walked out in parties and others drove, and Sunday was close at hand when those in attendance took their departure after bidding host and hostess "good night" and wishing the latter many returns of the day. Mrs. Hall is deservedly popular with a large circle of friends, and on this occasion received a number of presents, consisting of silver and china ware and a fine rug. Those in attendance were:

Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Cathey, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Blackledge, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Underwood, Prof. and Mrs. Carroll Cummings, Mr. Mrs. T. H. Wellsher, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bane, Mrs. N. R. Adams, Miss Eva Starr, Miss Marie Cathey, George and Collie Cathey, Misses Evelyn Cathey, Olive Adams and Vivian Wellsher.

Up on the Island.

Ned Smith has just finished the task of setting out a peach orchard of 700 trees on his place on the island several miles above town. He set out more Early Crawford than any other kind. He has been worried of late for fear he would lose a good portion of them on account of the dry spell. However, he declared he would not give the country a bad name by watering the trees during March. Next year he intends to set out 150 or 200 more trees.

If you want to be entertained, coax Ned to relate some of his adventures with coons. He has undertaken to educate a dog in the proper mode to kill these varmints and some of his experiences are of more than ordinary interest. Coons are numerous up on the island and Mr. Smith has reason to believe that they are fond of chicken.

Ned states that he has about 150,000 feet of hardwood logs lying on the bank up on his place. He was disappointed in not having a raise in the river sufficient to raft the logs out and in all likelihood will have to hold them until next winter.

Additional Local.

Street Hats galore at Mrs. J. Mason's.

Standard A cedar shingles for \$1.50 per thousand at the Corvallis Saw Mill.

The Ladies Guild of the Episcopal church is to meet at the home of Mrs. R. Graham, Wednesday afternoon. All are requested to be present.

The mare of C. H. Barnell that strayed from home here in town something more than a week ago, was returned to him last Saturday. J. B. Mason, who resides a few miles west of Philomath brought her back to her owner. Mason states that on Saturday morning, a week ago, he went out to his stable and found her among his horses. She was quite warm and appeared to have traveled pretty lively shortly before. Mr. Barnell was very much pleased to get her back, as he had brought her with him from Eastern Oregon. A black pup accompanied the mare when she took flight and has not been heard from since, but this does not concern the owner in the least.

Mrs. Minnie Green was arrested in Portland last Thursday and jailed on the charge of having murdered E. G. Sharratt, at Lutjens, Lincoln county, on the 21st of last January. Under the provisions of the will left by the deceased Mrs. Green received the bulk of the estate and this is supposed to have been the motive for the murder. Mr. Sharratt occupied a room in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Green and the latter is accused of killing him while he slept, and with the knowledge of her husband, too. He was shot in the neck, just under the chin and Mrs. Green claims that the wound was self-inflicted. A revolver was found near Sharratt's right hand. Mrs. Green is quite well known in Corvallis, as she had acquaintances here whom she visited occasionally.

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