

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Marys Peak is well covered with snow at present; as one man expressed it, "She has snow to burn."

Mrs. L. L. Horning and daughter, Miss Kate, went to Harriaburg, Friday, where they will visit Mrs. Erna Weatherford, Mrs. Horning's daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nolan arrived from Portland, Saturday evening. Mr. Nolan, who was in a hospital for surgical treatment is getting along nicely.

J. J. Cady arrived home, Saturday, from a business trip of several days through Lincoln county. He reports everything satisfactory as the result of his trip.

Chester Berchtold came up from Portland, Friday, for a couple of days visit with his parents. At present he is order clerk in the wholesale department of Marshall Webb's hardware establishment.

The dance in the Armory Saturday evening was of the same pleasing character of those usually given at OAC by the students. It was well attended and the music was furnished by Will Fechter, of Albany.

Prof. Mordaunt Goodnough, with his mother, sister, and uncle, arrived in this city Saturday evening to take up their residence. Prof. Goodnough will make regular trips to Portland to teach at the Western Academy of music.

There will be a meeting of the W. C. T. U. next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at Mrs. Wm. Crees'. This meeting will be held in the interest of the Department of Charity and will be conducted by Mrs. E. C. Lumm. The subject will be, "Which should be more carefully guarded, the moral purity of our sons, or of our daughters?"

Elmer Willis arrived in this city from Astoria, Thursday, to be present at the bedside of his brother, Rube, who submitted to an operation for appendicitis last week. Elmer attended OAC for awhile and was deservedly popular. At present he has a position in a dry-goods establishment in the "City by the Sea." His brother is getting along as well as could be expected since the operation.

Elmer Bethers came up from Portland, Saturday, and intended to return to the metropolis yesterday. He is painting down there with Roy Avery and likes it very well. Elmer reports that something more than a week ago their entire painting outfit, consisting of hooks, ropes, blocks, ladders, brushes and a quantity of paint was stolen. They were laid off for a week, but the thief was apprehended and sent to jail for three months.

The debate at the college Friday evening between representatives of the Sorosis and Zetaganthean societies was one of the series for the Gatch Cup. The subject of debate was: "Resolved that the President of the United States should not have the Power of Veto." The Sorosis had the negative and Misses Leon Weber, Pauline Davis and Edna Irvine debated for that society. The affirmative was in the hands of Messrs. Thayer, Forrest and Clark. The young ladies won out.

Shortly before noon last Sunday the marriage of P. C. Stewart and Miss Clara Hurlburt was solemnized, Rev. P. A. Moses officiating. The wedding occurred at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. John Hurlburt, some ten or twelve miles south of this city. The groom is a well-known barber of this city. The young couple have a house furnished just across the street from the residence of Mr. Wilbanks, and it is understood that they intended moving in yesterday.

We have heard ever since our babyhood that competition is the life of trade. That this true is being verified every day in Alsea. There are two merchants in that place, W. H. Malone and Manfred Sites. A short time ago Mr. Sites put a wagon on the route for the benefit of his customers and Mr. Malone was compelled to follow suit, so things are bustling over there at present. One of these wagons was the means of doing \$90 worth of business for one of these firms in two days. Pretty good.

The "old-times" dance given in the Opera House last Friday evening under the auspices of the Ladies of the Macabees was a success in every way. About 9 o'clock there was a grand march headed by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Spencer and then dancing began. The crowd was none too large when dancing commenced, but the people continued to arrive until about midnight and the floor was finally crowded to about its capacity. The music was furnished by F. E. Overlander, Bert Yates and Mrs. Inez Wilson, and was very satisfactory. The dance closed about 1:30 a. m.

A. J. Shirley, local agent for the O. C. T. Co., went to Portland, Saturday, and returned yesterday.

In another column will be found an advertisement for Turner's grocery store. A perusal will pay you.

Mrs. Ed Andrews, who went to Portland some little time ago on account of her health is reported to be a little better.

Rev. M. S. Bush went to Portland yesterday to spend a week in attendance of the great revival meetings now in progress in that city.

The ladies of the Catholic church will have a fair, Thursday, April 13. This is for the purpose of raising funds to pay for building a bell tower for the church.

George Brown is at present in Willows, California, buying stock for the Union Meat Co., of Portland. If successful there he will be home this week, but if he does not meet with luck he will proceed to Nevada.

The death of Mrs. Claud Hulbert occurred last Sunday at her Linn county home a few miles east of this city. Typhoid fever was the cause of death. Deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith. The remains will be interred in a cemetery near Albany, today.

J. W. Kent, foreman of the college farm, has a pen of 10 Brown Leghorn hens that during the month of March laid 246 eggs. This is 20 1/2 dozens and at the ruling prices the eggs will bring about \$3.50, or 35 cents per hen. This is a pretty good showing for one month. Who can beat it?

Much interest is felt locally regarding improvements on the Upper Willamette and there is talk of bringing the matter before various bodies in the city such as the county court, City Council, Citizens' League and Village Improvement Society. If these bodies act in harmony something will be done, that is certain.

Friday afternoon, when Sherman Chappell, stopped in front of F. L. Miller's for his sister, Miss Maria, previous to starting for their home, his horse became frightened and cut all sorts of antics. Before controlled, the animal managed to break a strap or two about the harness. Repairs were quickly made and the brother and sister departed for home.

News of the drowning of little six-year-old Pauline Schmidt reached this city, Friday afternoon. In company with a little girl about her own age little Pauline was playing along the ditch of the Albany canal company and fell into the water. The current was quite swift and she was swept into the Calapooia river a short distance below where she fell in. It was several hours before the body was recovered. The little girl was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schmidt, both of whom resided in this city several years ago and possess many friends who extend sympathy to them in their affliction.

It seems that our citizens are enduring a plague of petty thieves. Last Sunday some party entered the waiting room of W. G. Emery's photograph gallery and stole a few pictures. The same night a number of choice roses were stolen from the rose hedge in front of F. L. Miller's residence. Both gentlemen are righteously indignant, and say that if such creatures are suffering for either roses or photographs they will gladly furnish the same rather than have them stolen. It seems that there is no ordinance in the city charter making it a misdemeanor to steal shrubs, etc., and it is likely that the council will pass some such ordinance soon—perhaps at next meeting.

A congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church was held on Thursday evening at the close of Prayer meeting, Rev. G. Reswood, of Albany, presiding. Reports were received from all departments of the church work, which gave evidence that the church was in a good healthy condition. After the reports, came the election of officers. J. H. Wilson and J. B. Irvine were elected superintendent and assistant superintendent of the Sunday School. J. B. Horner was elected trustee, W. P. Lafferty treasurer of the church, Mrs. Inez Wilson, church organist; Prof. W. A. Shaw, and W. P. Lafferty were elected elders to succeed themselves, and J. B. Irvine was elected elder to fill the vacancy made by the removal of Dr. L. G. Altman. Rev. M. S. Bush was elected Pastor of the church. The meeting was largely attended and all business was transacted in complete harmony. At the close of the meeting the Ladies' Aid Society served delicious refreshments, and all left the church satisfied that it had been an hour well and profitably spent.

**THE NEW BRIDGE**

Also New Road Made and General Improvement in Alsea.

George Sebrell arrived from Alsea Thursday, for the purpose of doing some business with the county court. The business relates to the building of a bridge across the Alsea river about a mile and a-half above Alsea post-office. There is quite a little history relative to this bridge and the road leading to it.

Although little has ever been said about the matter, it seems that some time ago the people of that section became dissatisfied with the road leading to the river on account of the location of a road. They met and decided on a plan of action. Instead of petitioning the county court for viewers to appraise the road and goodness knows what not in the way of expense, those who owned the land over which it was proposed to run the new road deeded the land to the county for use as a public highway.

Thus far they acted on an independent basis, but when it came to the matter of building the necessary bridge across Alsea river they felt as if they must have some assistance, consequently they appealed to the county court for such aid as they were in need of. The court saw the justice of the claim and gave the residents to understand that the county would gladly provide material for the bridge.

This proposition was duly accepted, and, as the county court required that after going to the expense for material for the construction of the bridge, said bridge be properly built, Mr. Sebrell and six other residents of that section have furnished such bond. Mr. Sebrell fixed the bond with the court while here last week.

The main span of the bridge will be close to 100 feet long, and, counting the approaches, the structure will be nearly 175 feet in length. A few of the heavier timbers are already on the ground for the bridge and work will commence so soon as the weather will permit. It is estimated that the bridge will be completed by June 15.

Speaking of roads, Mr. Sebrell says that he experienced no difficulty in crossing Alsea mountain on horseback and that vehicles are crossing right along and without any difficulty. How different is this from the usual state of this road during past winters. It used to be agreed that the road across this mountain could never be made passible in the winter time, but from all accounts this must have been a mistaken idea.

**Plant to Change Hands.**

Negotiations were started Saturday, whereby F. P. Sheasgreen will close out his interest in the Central planing mill to A. F. Harlan, a recent arrival from Nebraska. Up to the first of this year the planing mill firm was known as Sheasgreen & Buxton, but from January 1, Mr. Sheasgreen has been sole proprietor, having leased Mr. Buxton's interest in the business.

The transfer will carry with it a half interest in the planing mill and the entire stock of lumber and material on hand.

Mr. Harlan has his funds on deposit in Nebraska, but made a small payment Saturday. So soon as he can get his money the final payment will be made and the deal consummated. This transaction will cause some seven or eight thousand dollars to change hands. Few people have any idea of the great business done by this firm. It is stated on good authority that a \$30,000 business was done last year. There is no doubt but within a very short time the firm will be written Buxton & Harlan. Mr. Sheasgreen is not yet ready to divulge his plans for the future.

**Wood Sawing Machine.**

G. T. Sebrell, of Alsea, is now in possession of letters patent on an invention for sawing wood. He made application for a patent on his invention on the 7th of last May and the same was granted March 7th.

The purpose of this machine is to saw timber, and it is thought

that it will revolutionize things in logging camps. It can be used in felling timber, or as a backing saw after the timber is down. It can be worked by hand, but is designed with a view to utilize compressed air as a power for driving it, and with this in view has a belt attachment.

When worked by hand a couple of men can saw from three to four times as much as they could with an ordinary cross-cut saw. When power is used it is thought that the latter given capacity can be doubled.

It will cut any sized tree, standing or down, and is not unwieldy, as its weight is only 75 or 80 pounds. From what is gathered, it seems that Mr. Sebrell has struck something that will fill a long-felt want. Beyond doubt when once used in logging camps the machine will find itself there to remain. At least, on Mr. Sebrell's account, we hope so.

**Additional Local.**

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Mrs. M. Logan is at present visiting in this city, the guest of her granddaughter, Mrs. Will Horning. Mrs. Logan has been visiting relatives in Kings Valley for some time, and is now enroute to her home in Iowa, for which place she departs tomorrow.

On complaint of A. W. Fischer, Sheriff Burnett served a writ of attachment on J. K. Berry last Saturday afternoon and closed his bicycle establishment. It is thought that arrangements can be made whereby Mr. Berry will soon open his place of business again. Let us hope so anyway.

Wm. Ridenour came out from his home on Big Elk last Thursday and returned Saturday. He is getting well along in years now, but is still hale and hearty. The appearance of Mr. Ridenour recalls a bit of past history. Many years ago Mr. Ridenour ran for the office of sheriff of this county against a gentleman named Palmer. Palmer was elected by one vote as the result of Mr. Ridenour's casting his ballot for his opponent.

John Reeves, of Union, Eastern Oregon, arrived in Corvallis during the latter part of last week. Prior to the Spanish-American war Mr. Reeves attended OAC for three years, but when the war began he joined the Corvallis contingent that went to the Philippines and served there with credit to himself. He comes to the valley with the hope of finding something that will provide him suitable employment. Mr. Reeves is a brother-in-law of Ephraim Cameron, formerly of this city.

**Dining in Darkness.**

In France and Switzerland the latest vogue is to dine in the dark. Dinner begins as usual, but suddenly, to the surprise of the guests, the light goes out and all is left in darkness. Nothing has gone wrong, and before the guests have recovered from their astonishment the dining-room doors open, and shadowy forms steal in bearing a blazing mass of light. It is the next course illuminated. Silently the figures come to your side, and in a few moments on everyone's plate is, say, your fish, and a delicately shaded light by which to eat it, but otherwise the room remains in complete darkness.

**W. O. W. Convention at Los Angeles.**

The Southern Pacific Company will sell on April 12, 13 and 14th, round trip tickets to Los Angeles at greatly reduced rates on account of Convention of Woodmen of World and Women of Woodcraft to be held in Los Angeles April 18, 1905. Call on nearest Southern Pacific agent for rates and full particulars.

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