

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. John Lefler, of Kingston, Or., is in this city visiting relatives and friends.

Dr. George Ainslee, of Portland, has been a guest at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith in this city during the past few days.

J. C. Wood, who has been at Salado, Lincoln county, for some time came out to Corvallis during the first of the week to remain.

John A. Dawson has been appointed carrier on R. F. D. route No. 4 on its establishment May 15, and Frank L. Smith, substitute.

J. M. Nolan returned the first of the week from a brief trip to Portland. Mr. Nolan is improving rapidly in health and is quite spry again.

Prof. Taillandier wishes it announced that his lecture-recital for the benefit of the Village Improvement Society is to occur May 5th, a week from tonight.

Prof. S. I. Pratt must be coming back to Philomath from Newport, if, indeed, he has not already made the change, for we have had notification to change the address of his paper.

A "Shirt Waist" hop is one of the attractions scheduled for this city this evening. This is certainly unique in name and will most likely make some people regret their inability to dance.

A good half-tone of B. W. Johnson, president of the Benton County Citizens' League, appeared in Wednesday's Telegram in connection with half-tones of many other prominent men of Oregon.

Manager Stimpson has secured authority from the faculty committee on athletics at OAC to close the contract with A. C. Steekle whereby the latter is to coach the football team of OAC during the coming season.

Alsea Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, celebrated the sixth anniversary of its existence on Wednesday of last week with a banquet. Everything was carried off to the satisfaction of the large crowd present.

Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Horner gave an Eastern dinner in this city last Sunday which partook of the features of a family reunion. Mrs. Horner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Skipton were present, as were all of their children and grand children, some fourteen all together. A merry time for all resulted.

Robinson & Stevenson report to have negotiated the sale of the F. T. Rugg place of 333 acres, about four miles southwest of Philomath, to Adam Keast, of Grass Valley, Eastern Oregon. The price paid was \$3,500. Mr. Rugg does not give possession until the first of the year. The deal was consummated last Tuesday.

O. A. Dearing, formerly connected with this office, but now in the employ of the American Type Foundry Co., was in this city on business during a couple of days this week. He is grand master of Masonry of Oregon and remained over Wednesday evening to attend a meeting of the local lodge of this order. He departed, yesterday, for Portland via Albany.

A series of revival meetings were commenced a couple of weeks ago at Mt View school house by Revs. Lowther and McBride, and Samuel Dickson, of Philomath. Great interest is reported to have been awakened in religious work; it is said at one meeting thirteen persons took the first step toward leading different lives. The meetings are to continue a week or two longer.

During the past few days the new grader recently purchased by the county court for this county has been given a chance at work in real earnest. Those who have seen it work declare it to be a marvel. Ground does not have to be plowed for this machine, as it both plows and grades at the same time. From what we are told, it is safe to say that it will be a long time before another machine will be invented that will equal this one, much less excel it for any kind of work. It seems the court acted wisely in its purchase.

Last Tuesday evening the Odd Fellows celebrated the 86th anniversary of the birth of their order in America. Many invited guests were in attendance and were treated to a fine program of ritualistic work, followed by musical numbers. This in turn was followed by most tempting refreshments. While this was a celebration of their 86th anniversary, the real date of the anniversary was April 26th, but the function was held a day early on account of inability to secure the hall on any other equally suitable night. Altogether it was a most pleasing affair.

The regular monthly meeting of the Village Improvement Society will be held this Friday evening at the county court room at 8 o'clock.

Last Tuesday evening Mrs. John Smith entertained a number of guests and the professional services of Prof. Goodnough were secured for the occasion. Mrs. Smith is an ideal hostess.

The morning sermon at the M. E. church next Sabbath will be the "Ascension of Our Lord;" the evening sermon will be "After the Ascension, or the Beginning of Responsibilities."

Last Tuesday Miss Emma Thompson and mother departed for Cottage Grove, for a visit of some weeks. It is thought that the change will be beneficial for the health of both.

Rep. Marion Hayden came out from his Alsea home last Tuesday and returned yesterday. He states that while everyone in that section is like unto the "busy bee" there is nothing unusual transpiring.

A. W. Bowersox was over from Albany last Tuesday evening to attend the social function of the local lodge I. O. O. F. Bert used to reside in this city so it would be pretty hard to lose him in these diggings.

George Shafer, who recently arrived in Corvallis from Iowa, has rented the Charlie Everett property on North Main street and has moved into the residence. He represents himself "well pleased with this country."

Miss Mattie Strong returned home last week from Portland to spend a short Easter vacation, after which she will return to school. She is attending St. Marys Academy and College, the most popular school in Portland.

Next Monday afternoon Mrs. Lincoln, from the Presidio, San Francisco, will be given a reception by the ladies of the M. E. church. In the evening Mrs. Lincoln will lecture in the church; the ladies are to serve ice cream and cake from 5 till 8 o'clock. There will be no charge to the lecture.

Services at the Christian church next Sunday will be as follows: Sunday school 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m., subject, "What do ye more than others." Y P S C E at 7 p. m.; sermon at 8 p. m., subject, "Faith." This will be a continuation of the line of special Sunday evening sermons. All are invited to attend. Frank E. Jones.

On account of many other things on hand here at present it appears to have been impossible for anything like a decent sized delegation to go to Portland to attend the convention of the Oregon Development League held in that city Wednesday and yesterday. The only persons we know of who attended from here were Dr. James Withycombe and Robert Gellatly.

At the home of E. W. Strong, last Friday, an enjoyable event occurred. Guests to the number of about fifty were in attendance. The League of the M. E. church, also many college students, were among those present. About the yard Japanese lanterns were hung, and a 30-foot table set under the trees was laden with every conceivable delicacy for the refreshment of the guests. Music was a prominent feature of entertainment. The occasion was a memorable one.

Last Wednesday the sad news of the death of ex-President J. M. Bloss, of OAC, reached this city. His death occurred at his home in Muncie, Indiana, but particulars of his death are not at present obtainable. Prof. Bloss was elected president of OAC on the death of President Arnold in 1892 and was here for four years. During this period he made many friends in this city to whom the news of his death came as a shock. When last heard from, Prof. Bloss was planning to visit OAC during the coming commencement. He was an able educator and a thorough gentleman of unassuming dignity. The flag at OAC floated at half-mast, Wednesday, in honor of the distinguished dead.

A. C. Reese arrived in Corvallis Wednesday from Salt Lake City, Utah. He came here in the interest of an engineer to look into the matter of the proposed water system from this city to Rock Creek. He was only here a short time, when he departed for a visit of a few other towns of the valley. He is a very bright fellow and was greatly interested in affairs of our section. This was his first visit to the Willamette Valley and he informed us that in all his travels he never passed through a hundred miles of territory so beautiful as that he traversed Wednesday morning between Portland and Corvallis. He thinks this section has a great future, and he should be a judge, for he has traveled extensively.

THE CANTATA.

Belshazzar at the Opera House— a Success.

A good-sized audience greeted those who took part in the production of "Belshazzar, or the Fall of Babylon," at the Opera House Wednesday Eve. The general verdict is favorable, in some instances flattering, to those who participated. Everything progressed with remarkably few hitches or interruptions, considering the fact that it was given by amateurs.

Lack of space prevents us from going into detail in the matter, but special mention should be made of the solos of Miss Lulu Spangler, Mrs. E. R. Lake, and Otto F. L. Herse, although the latter was harassed with a bad cold. It was noticeable that no person having a solo part fell down in the least; the drills were good—the sash drill especially so. The orchestra was quite effective at times in its assistance. From a musical standpoint there is nothing great about Belshazzar.

The affair was under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church and they have every reason to feel gratified at their success. They have worked hard and are deserving of the success that has crowned their efforts.

It is a matter of congratulation that Corvallis has sufficient talent to produce a work of this nature on so brief a time for preparation—only ten or twelve days were given to rehearsals for this work. Much more could be said in favor of this entertainment, but as we desire to run the character cast, we are compelled to let the matter drop at this. The following is the cast of characters:

- CAST OF CHARACTERS.**
- Belshazzar, King of Babylon..... J. R. Pruett
 - Nitocris, the Queen..... Lulu Spangler
 - Daniel, the Prophet..... Otto F. L. Herse
 - Hananiab..... J. Fred Yates
 - Jewish Maiden..... Eva Myers
 - Lord of the Court..... Frank A. White
 - Lady of the Court..... Mrs. M. S. Bush
 - High Priest of Baal..... Collie Cathey
 - Cyrus, King of Persia..... J. Fred Yates
 - Angel..... Mrs. E. R. Lake
 - Jewish Maidens—
 - Gertrude McBee
 - Floy Johnson
 - Wise Men—
 - A. M. Stratton
 - C. C. Cathey
 - Dr. Harper
 - Daniel's Companions—
 - J. Fred Yates
 - Bushrod Wilson
 - O. J. Blackledge
 - Jewish Quintet—
 - Mrs. C. E. Peterson
 - Mrs. Mary Bryson
 - M. S. Bush
 - Percy E. Clarke
 - John Allen

- PAGES—**
- Helen Lewis
 - Grace Wilson
 - Gertrude Nolan
 - Bertha Wilson
 - Belshazzar's Maidens—
 - Mary Danneman
 - Pauline Davis
 - Mary Colvig
 - Gladys Moore
 - Faye Hill
 - Gertrude McBee

- JEWISH WOMEN**
- Gertrude McBee, Mrs. Lake, Mrs. Grefoz, Eva Myers, Ethel Kyle, Mrs. Woodcock, Edna Gillette, Mrs. Wicks, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Bryson, Floy Johnson.

- SOPRANO**
- Mrs. O. J. Blackledge, Emma Crawford, Ethel Kyle, Hazel Kyle, Mrs. E. R. Lake, Helen Lewis, Mrs. F. L. Miller, Gladys Moore, Gertrude McBee, Lulu Newhouse, Mrs. C. E. Peterson, Gertrude Nolan, Lulu Spangler, Mrs. J. H. Simpson, Loretta Sheasgreen, Mary Sutherland, Mrs. M. S. Woodcock, Mina Yates.

- ALTO**
- Mrs. M. S. Bush, Mrs. Mary Bryson, Mary Colvig, Pauline Davis, Mary Danneman, Mrs. J. E. Farmer, Mrs. E. F. Grefoz, Edna Gillette, Floy Johnson, Faye Hill, Mrs. E. W. Liddle, Eva Myers, Libbie Rice, Mrs. W. H. Wicks, Agnes Wilson, Grace Wilson, Bertha Wilson.

- TENOR**
- M. S. Bush, Otto F. L. Herse, O. A. Tozier, Frank A. White, J. Fred Yates.

- BASS**
- John Allen, R. B. Adams, S. B. Bane, O. J. Blackledge, C. C. Cathey, Collie Cathey, Percy E. Clarke, Dr. Harper, J. R. Pruett, Ed. Pratt, Arthur Rich, M. A. Stratton, Vance Taylor, Bushrod Wilson, Wm. H. Wicks.
 - Accompanists, Wm. Fechter, violin; E. D. Wetmore, cornet; M. Gross, bass; Mrs. Inez Wilson, piano.
 - Director, Martin E. Robinson.

On account of sickness in her family, Miss Daisy Whitlow was compelled to leave OAC, yesterday, for her home in La Grande, Eastern Oregon.

Well Known Here.

The following write-up accompanied by a half-tone appeared in one of the Ashland papers of George F. Elgin who for many years was a citizen of this city:

George F. Elgin was born in Oregon in 1861, but has resided in Ashland only a few years. Two years ago he was appointed on the police force and stationed in the railroad district. There he made a name for himself as a terror to hobos, and not a Wears Raggles that ever passed through Ashland while he was on duty, but will remember his convincing way of asking them to "keep right on going."

Last September he was appointed chief of police. His record has been A. I. Though slight of build, he is perfectly fearless and the lawbreaker or "suspect" that tries to resist, makes the mistake of his life.

He is exceedingly zealous, and while some have criticized him along that line, the great majority of the citizens consider that an abundance of zeal is a very good fault in this day of easy-going officers, and consequently feel a sense of security not always enjoyed by residents of a railroad town.

Additional Local.

April 25—New hay—Vetch and Alfalfa; best cow hay in the world to increase the milk flow. Order by telephone. L. L. Brooks. 36

Norton Adams has been busy of late assisting F. P. Sheasgreen to finish the wood work for the Benton county exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Exposition.

An ice-cream social is to be given at the Good Samaritan rectory by the Ladies Guild, Saturday, May 6, from 4 to 10 o'clock. Fifteen cents. Also home-made candy. A quantity of plain and fancy sewing will be offered for sale. 36-38

At the Congregational church, Sunday, morning sermon, "Lilies of the Field," evening sermon, "David, as the Man After God's Own Heart."

See Blackledge for furniture, etc. 26

Walter Kline has been confined to his room with sickness for several days. The trouble began with a boil and grew more and more serious until confinement to his room resulted.

Largest line of matting in county at Blackledges. 30tf

Lieut. and Mrs. Quinlan arrived home yesterday, from Portland. The lieutenant reports to have been granted many concessions for his cadets and also in arrangements for "Corvallis Day," which is June 15.

Call at the Benton County Lumber Yard for prices on three grades of flooring, rustic, and finishing lumber. You will find the grade and prices right. 26.

OAC's athletes will indulge in a local try-out tomorrow afternoon on their field at the college. This is preparatory to the field meet a week later between OAC and Columbia University, on the local field. Physical Director Trina is of the opinion that "something will be doing" about a week hence.

Blackledge, leading wall paper dealer. 30tf

On a warrant sworn out by Chief of Police Lane, the latter accompanied by Night Officer Osburn, entered the office of E. W. Strong, Wednesday evening and arrested Jesse Brown, Mike Kline and E. W. Strong for gambling. They were given until 7 o'clock last evening to plead. We went to press too early to learn the outcome.

Dilly & Arnold desire to state that they have sold a dozen or more wheels so far this season and that they have bicycles innumerable, among which are Ramblers and Imperials. The Ramblers are the smoothest, easiest runners of all wheels, and the Imperial is the strongest wheel in the world. 36

A large number of Albany people came over, Wednesday evening, to attend the performance of the cantata. The indications were favorable for a good attendance last evening, the second and last night of the production of "Belshazzar" in this city. As we went to press too early to learn of the matter nothing authoritative can be said.

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