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Dick Smith went to Portland, Thursday, to spend a week sight-seeing.

Art Henkle and wife, Miss Anna Spencer and Merwin McMains were out in the Rock Creek country, Thursday, after trout and hooked 58 of them.

Although there was not so large a house to greet the second performance of "Belshazzar" as on the first night there was a very respectable turnout and everything moved off nicely.

Mrs. Lizzie Estes and children are expected to arrive some time during the week from San Francisco. Mrs. Estes is a sister of Mrs. Gene M. Simpson, of this city, with whom she will visit indefinitely.

Last Thursday evening, when the horses on the James Osburn place just across the Willamette river from this city were being driven into the stable, one of the animals fell and broke its leg. Mr. Osburn was obliged to shoot it.

A letter received in this city last Saturday from A. W. Rose, proved him to be in St. Louis at the time of writing. "Cap" stated that he would start for home the first week in May, so it is barely possible that he may at present be "bitting the trail."

The "Shirt Waist" dance given under the auspices of the Ladies' Coffee Club last Friday night was a great social success. Just how some of the gentlemen social leaders felt in shirt waists we dare not prophesy, but it was novel and that was sufficient.

The Old-times dance given in Marshall Miller Hall last Friday night was largely attended and was in every way a success. A genuine old "hoe down" to the tunes of "Arkansas," "Hell on the Wabash" and other heel-inspiring melodies is an event long to be remembered.

There is to be a meeting of the Benton County Citizens' League in Firemen's hall this evening at 7.30. It is urgent that all members be in attendance, as some matters of special interest are certain to require consideration. Now don't wait for the other fellow to go, but show up yourself.

Last Friday, "Matthews, the Jeweler," presented Lieut. Quinlan a very handsome pair of cut diamond cuff buttons as a trophy in the competitive drill contests between the various cadets of the OAC regiment. It is thought that a series of competitive drill contests will be held this week.

John Buchanan was in town a day or two ago from his farm some 12 miles south of this city. Johnnie is just about through seeding for this year and will have 400 acres of grain in. He is of the opinion that there is nothing to the summer fallow idea and the experience they have had at home convinces them that the result in the long run is not beneficial for the soil. This is the conclusion arrived at on the Buchanan farm after a good many years experience.

J. J. Cale, who has a prune orchard in Linn county, some six miles east of Corvallis, brought a few branches of Italian prunes to this office last Friday. All over the limbs prunes were set as thick as they could well be, it seemed to us, and Mr. Cale is of the opinion that he has a pretty good setting of prunes in his orchard. From various prune-growers we hear the report of a small crop prospect. Mr. Cale attributes his success in prune culture to the fact that he cultivates his orchard during the latter part of the season.

J. M. Porter sheared eighteen head of his sheep last week and a gratifying showing was made. The lowest any fleece weighed was 12 pounds, while one fleece weighed 21 pounds. Of the eighteen head sheared the average is about 17 pounds per fleece. With wool at 25 cents per pound this looks pretty good. The past winter has been an uncommonly good one for stock and this is one reason for sheep shearing so heavy. A heavy clip and an unusually good price for the same is what may be termed a very happy combination.

Saturday evening one of the series of debates for the Gatch Cup occurred at OAC. It was between the Sorosis and Pierian societies and the subject of debate was, "Resolved, that the government of the United States should own and control the railroads." The Pierians had the affirmative, while the Sorosis of course represented the negative. The Sorosis society came off victorious. The last named society was represented by Misses Belle Bonney, Agnes Sweek and Bessie Snipes, while Misses Alice Edwards, Minnie Phillips and Edna Smith battled for the Pierians.

County court, tomorrow.

Mrs. F. P. Morgan is visiting in Independence.

The lecture-recital of Prof. Tallandier will occur in the College Chapel next Friday evening.

The trial of Jesse Brown, Mike Kline and E. W. Strong, who are charged with gambling, have their trial set for May 11.

Mrs. John F. Allen and child, who have been visiting relatives in Portland during the past two weeks, arrived home on the excursion train Sunday.

Col. J. K. Philips, of this city, recently received a letter from his son, James, who is mining on Dominion creek, Clondyke. James expects to clean up at least \$10,000 this season.

Last Friday evening, Charlie Chipman resigned his position in the grocery department of F. L. Miller's store. Just what plans he has for the future he has not divulged.

The Red Men's excursion train from Portland reached this city at three o'clock Sunday afternoon. There were eight coaches and a stop of only an hour was made in this city.

Yesterday morning 'Gene Simpson exhibited down town a box containing nine little China pheasants, recently hatched and just about big enough to whistle. For cuteness they beat the "monk."

Sunday being the birthday of Miss Bessie Yates, it was celebrated in fitting style. A hack was hired and about a dozen of her friends, mostly college students, drove out to the foothills back of the Sol King place and enjoyed a regular old-fashioned picnic.

The steamer Pomona has made her last regular trip to this city for the present. The Oregon takes her place and will be up tomorrow. Hereafter the Oregon will make three trips per week, departing from Corvallis on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

J. H. Price, who until recently held a position at R. M. Wade & Co.'s establishment in this city, has accepted a situation with the Corvallis Flouring Mills and entered upon his new duties yesterday. He is to be employed a portion of the time on the road looking after various matters of business.

Next Friday evening a debate between the Utopian and Amicitian societies is scheduled for OAC. The winners of this debate will contest with the Sorosis girls for the Gatch Cup. The debate to determine which society shall have custody of the cup for the coming year will most likely occur next week.

A couple of days ago Emery Allen, of this city, heard from his son, Henry, who is in government employ with headquarters at Washington, D. C. Henry is employed gathering statistics for the census department and is at present in Missouri in charge of a number of men. He writes in high terms of Missouri.

The Red Men's excursion train from Portland reached this city at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. They came up the East Side to Albany, switched over the C & E to this city, thence down the West Side to place of beginning. There were eight coaches in the train. A stop of about an hour was made in Corvallis, but not many of the excursionists came down town.

What seems to us a very pleasing idea is the custom started of tapping the fire bell one stroke at 12 o'clock—noon. We understand that there is some minor objection to it, but there can be found objections to almost anything. There can surely no harm result from a single tap at 12 o'clock. The bell is sounded by electricity from the central office of the Independent Telephone Co.

Mrs. Walter Yates and daughter, and Wilbur Yates, wife and child, of Crawfordville, Linn county, took dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yates of this city. Wilbur Yates is a grandson of Joseph Yates and the child of the former is the great grandchild of the latter. Four generations at the same table is not a common thing in life. Messrs. W. E. and J. F. Yates, both attorneys of this city, were present on this occasion.

Harry Holgate returned from Portland last Friday evening to remain here about a week. He is in government employ, in connection with the reclamation of land in the Klamath Falls section at present, and recently went to Portland to look up a matter of law for the government. He found that he could look the matter up as well here as there so came back home. From here he will go back to Portland, thence most likely to Klamath Falls again. Harry, we are pleased to note, has been very successful.

SWINE AT LARGE.

According to Law Hogs Must Not Run Loose.

There seems to be a difference of opinion in some parts of the county concerning the legality of swine running at large, some maintaining that there is no law against letting them run, and others maintaining that there is.

Section 4238-39-40 of the Statutes of Oregon make provisions by which any county in the state may submit the matter of swine running at large to a vote of the legal voters at any general election in any year.

According to the section above mentioned a vote was taken on the 6th of June, 1886 for or against swine running at large in this county. The vote for running at large was 623; against 712, giving a majority against it of 89. Due notice of said vote was published in the county papers, as required by law.

Section 4242 of the Statutes reads like this: "A person finding any swine running at large contrary to the provisions of this act, and any constable of any precinct, or marshal of any city of his county where such swine may be found, on view or information, shall take up and confine the same forthwith, giving notice thereof to the owner, if known, and if not known by posting notices, describing such animals therein, in at least three public places within the precinct; and if the owner does not appear and claim his property and pay all charges for taking up, advertising, and keeping the same, within ten days from the date of this notice, the sale of the animals may be proceeded with under the law relating to estrays."

Section 4240 provides a penalty of five dollars for the first offense, and ten dollars for each and every subsequent offense, to be recovered from the owner of the swine by civil action in the name of the State of Oregon, before a justice of the peace of the precinct in which such owner or keeper, or either of them, may reside.

A New Club.

A Men's Club has recently been organized at the Congregational church, in this city, and held its first public meeting last Friday evening in the church parlors. Prof. Frederick Berchold gave an address on "John Milton" and outlined his great poem "Paradise Lost." Mr. R. H. Kennedy, followed with a paper on "The Influence of Milton on the Thought of the Church."

After the literary program a social hour was enjoyed around the tables, while refreshments were served by the Ladies' Society. The object of the society is both intellectual and social. Prof. A. B. Cordley is president, Donald Hill, vice-president; Ruffert Wall, secretary; R. H. Kennedy, chairman of the Program Committee, and Mr. Whitehead chairman of the Social Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for the evening of May 12.

Local Tryout.

A most interesting meet was had on OAC's athletic field last Saturday, and the following is a list of events, entries and results:

- 100-yd. dash—Williams, first; Smithson, second; Graham, third. Time 10 2-5.
- 220-yd. dash—Williams, first; Smithson, second; Graham, third. Time 23 1-5.
- Pole Vault—Swann, first; Cathey, second; Burns, third.
- Half-mile—Greenhaw, first; Steiwer, second; VanCleve, third.
- 1 Mile—Davolt, first, 4:50; Howard, second; Leonard, third.
- Shot-put—Walker, first, 33-4½; Bowers, second; Stout, third.
- Hammer-throw—Walker, first, 116 ft; Abraham, second; Bowers, third.
- Discus—Stout, first, 113 ft; Wilkins, third.
- High-jump—Moore's, first, 5-7; Smithson, second.
- Broad-jump—Moore's, first; Graham, second.
- 220-hurdles—Smithson, first; Cathey, second; Graham, third.
- High hurdles—Beldau, first; Cathey, second; Spires, third.

Additional Local.

See Blackledge for furniture, etc. 26
Miss M. J. Lee, postmistress at Buena Vista, and Miss Mae Smith, of class of '03, OAC, now assistant principal of public schools in that

place, returned home, Sunday evening, after a couple of days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hall, of this city.

Henry Ambler, of Philomath, was in Corvallis, Saturday. He is the hustling real estate agent in our sister city.

Second grade fir lumber, almost any dimension, for only \$6. 50 per thousand feet, at Corvallis Saw Mill 10 ft.

Yesterday O. J. Treese sold to W. J. Moore lots 11 and 12, block 1, Hoffman's addition; consideration \$200.

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J. E. Winegar has an ad in this issue that will pay any person desiring anything in the harness line to read.

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C. I. Starr will move to Albany, tomorrow to reside. Mr. Starr has a proposition in view there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jenks, of Tangent, where guests last Sunday of Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Moses, of this city.

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

J. J. Tryon, of the firm of Moser Bros., moved into this city from Philomath yesterday and will hereafter be in the local store with Jesse Moses.

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.

W. G. Davis, Caleb Davis, Sr., and S. L. Shedd have been appointed by the court appraisers of the estate of Mrs. Rhoda Taylor, deceased.

Cal Thrasher arrived home, Saturday from a trip to Junction City and that section in the interest of the insurance company he represents. He says that crop indications in that section are immense and that business was good in his line.

Saturday the will of Mrs. Rhoda Taylor was admitted to probate. The property of deceased is estimated at the probable value of something like \$2,700. She bequeathed all property to W. K. Taylor, Vance A. Taylor, and Roy Taylor, in equal shares. Walter Taylor was named as executor.

Attorney Bruce Curry, of Oregon City, was in this city, Saturday, circulating a petition against the removal of the United States Land Office from Oregon City to Portland. He had just completed a canvass of the people of the West Side towns from Portland to Corvallis and his proposition was very generally signed by prominent men in every place visited.

Will Johnson, a brother of Prof. Charles Johnson of this city, was in Corvallis to spend last Sunday. For the past year or two William has been studying medicine in St. Louis. He was an assistant in charge of a portion of the exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition and on account of experience thus gained has been secured to assist with the state exhibit at Lewis and Clark Fair.

Yesterday morning Eli Spencer, wife and children, departed on the Pomona for Portland. From there they go by rail to Chehalis, Wash., thence by wagon to Cora, near which place is a chittim claim in which Mr. Spencer owns a half interest. They were accompanied by several people from Philomath. The party go intending to peel bark and will be absent some four or five months.

Prof. S. I. Pratt was in Corvallis, Saturday, for the first time in seven months. He is in splendid health and says that everything is moving nicely with himself and wife. They are both on their place near Philomath, but will go back to Newport when school starts up next fall. They are very thoroughly satisfied with affairs in the "City by the Sea," and it seems they are winning approval on their work over there, for a substantial raise in wages is promised for the coming school year.

The Women's Home Mission Society of the M. E. church, South, which was in session in this city during last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, held its closing meeting Sunday evening. They adopted resolutions thanking the local papers for their courteous treatment and the citizens of the city for their abundant hospitality. During the course of the meetings they raised \$100 to send to Los Angeles to furnish a room in Homer Toberman Home. The next meeting of this Society will be held in Roseburg.

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