

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

The boys at OAC are making great preparations for their dance next Friday night.

Charles Heckart was awarded the contract to put in the basement for the new Y. M. C. A. building and began work with a crew of men Saturday.

Ira Smallman, son of John Smallman, came over from Stayton a few days ago to visit with his parents. He expected to return to Stayton yesterday.

The supper given in the Farmers' hotel Friday evening by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. was a most successful affair in every way and was well patronized. They realized a neat sum for their trouble.

Owing to the early frosts having killed the chrysanthemums the ladies of the Presbyterian church have decided to declare their show off. However, they are arranging to hold a Christmas Fair during the first week of December.

On another page will be found the matter of welcome and data put in form for the inside pockets of the Portland business men on their recent visit to our city. Read it over and see if the committee from the Citizens' League overlooked anything.

To date we have not heard of the barbers of Albany accepting the challenge for a game of football that was recently issued them by the Corvallis barbers, even though the use of a razor on the gridiron was prohibited. The Albany Democrat insinuates that the Albany barbers are holding back out of respect for the families of their Corvallis brothers.

W. A. Wells will leave within a day or so for Redlands, Southern California. Here he will remain until about the first of the year when he will go to Las Vegas, New Mexico, on account of his health. At this point is established one of the greatest sanitariums in the world. It is endowed with millions of dollars and has in connection with the institution thousands of acres of land. It is not putting it too strongly to state that it is backed by the wealth of the United States.

Prof. E. J. Lea arrived in Corvallis, Friday, and remained until Saturday, when he departed for Portland enroute to New York City. For several years he has been employed as a chemist for a sugar company in the Hawaiian Islands and has worked up until he now commands a salary of \$3,000 per year. Prof. Lea graduated from OAC a number of years ago and while here formed ties that bind him to the old town pretty closely and, while he was on a strictly business trip to New York, he said he could not pass us by without a nod. He is to be back in San Francisco about December 15.

A new form of postoffice money order has been adopted by the postoffice department, a description of which follows: On the left hand of the new order is a column of figures commencing at \$1 and running in fives to \$100. The clerk at the issuing office will tear this out so that it will show the number next higher than the one for which the order is issued. This change in itself is an important one, as it will prevent the raising of the amount of the order above the amount indicated in the columns of figures. With the old orders the figures could be erased and others substituted. Even if an order of this sort could not be cashed, it might be passed on an unsuspecting merchant. Another radical change in the order is that the address of the person to whom the order is made out is to be placed on the order as well as his name. On the old orders the name of the remitter did not appear, but this will be included on the orders.

Friday, while hunting on his father's farm some 12 miles south of this city, Mark Richard shot a hybrid—a cross between a China pheasant and a grouse. He brought it to Corvallis, Saturday, and turned it over to Roy Woodcock to mount. The bird favors both sides of the house. It is large and well developed in every way. Mr. Rickard says that in flying it differs from a China pheasant in the fact that it spreads its tail. In this act it follows the grouse tactics. The feet and legs of the hybrid are like those of the grouse. Many of the feathers are like those of the China. This is the third hybrid of the kind to be shot on the Rickard farm and Mark says that they are better eating than a China. Gene Simpson, a prominent pheasant breeder in this city, has two hybrids of the same cross and they are doing nicely in captivity. Those in Mr. Simpson's pen are not marked exactly like the one brought to town Saturday by Mark.

Yesterday, Edwin Rose went to Portland, where he hopes to find employment that will be satisfactory to him. Many friends in this city certainly wish him the best of luck.

Circuit Court of Benton county will convene in this city next Monday. Judge Harris is expected to arrive Friday and hold an adjourned term that afternoon at 2 o'clock at which preliminaries to the regular session of court will be arranged.

In Salem, Saturday, our second team went against Willamette's understudies and met defeat. The score favored Willamette at the rate of nine to nothing. Who says we can't play football?

Those who attended the Hindu entertainment at the college chapel Friday evening were quite well paid according to report. The magician from the Orient proved himself quite a master of legerdemain and what he did was pleasing as well as mystifying.

Phillip Cherry, who is quite a star on OAC's second team of football players, missed the early train Saturday morning when the train went to Salem and hired a rig and drove down. Shortly after the train pulled out anybody seeing Cherry would have known he was "chuck full" of business.

Prof. Richardson and his Principal, Miss Yoder, are making good the promise to the Corvallis people to give work of highest standing. The students are progressing very rapidly, and those who commenced shorthand at the first of the term will be taking letters nicely by the holidays. Eclectic shorthand is a fine system and very easy to learn.

The fire bell tapped Sunday evening in a way that brought many people to their feet. The company responded, but could not find anything to warm up on—the night was chill and there was no fire in sight. It was learned that a fire burned out in the house of Mrs. Thompson, in the block just north of the court house. Someone saw the sparks and turned in an alarm. No damage whatever.

The state good roads association will meet in this city today. The sessions of that body are to be held in the court house and many subjects relative to the building of substantial public highways will be discussed. For all classes of citizens there will be something of interest offered during the progress of the convention. Tomorrow and Thursday evenings pleasing programs will be rendered for the enjoyment of those who are in attendance. Be there and be edified and entertained.

Nearly all the business men—in fact, all—of the city with whom we have talked seem very favorable to the project whereby Corvallis may secure a night and day electric power. The council is considering the matter of franchise and we understand that body looks at the matter from a favorable standpoint. There may be a little pruning done on the articles praying for a franchise, but it is quite likely to be a "go." Corvallis will then be on an equal footing with her sister cities. The matter will likely be settled at the next regular meeting of the council.

Richards & Pringle's minstrels made good in this city Saturday night to a large-sized audience. In the main their entertainment followed along the lines established by ministerial in years long passed. A few new features were introduced. Craig, the contortionist, was good, but while such feats hold one speechless there is something snaky about the act that is liable to get on the nerves. The singing was good and there was a musical turn that certainly was unique in the finale. The minstrels gave satisfaction and pleasure to the mass in attendance.

At the adjourned session of the city council, Friday evening, ordinances were passed relative to the matter of sidewalks within the city, also what is termed a gravel ordinance. Action in the matter of Pittman water franchise within the corporate limits of this city was taken and the provisions, power and authority formerly granted were declared null and void. This is the franchise under which the present water company of this city is doing business and what will develop in the future bids fair to be interesting. Of late, this company has been extending its mains and in certain circles there is considerable question as to which system it were wise for a private patron to attach, those of the present company or the Rock Creek system of the city when it shall be installed next May. These are matters for each individual to decide for himself. It takes no great effort for us fancy a miniature war not far distant in the future—we almost smell powder.

Returns From Skagway.

Ed Philips arrived in Corvallis, Friday, from Skagway, Alaska. Ed left Corvallis about November 1st with the intention of going to Dominion Creek, in the Klondyke country not far from Dawson City, in the British Northwest. Arriving at Skagway he found that the trails and roads from Skagway to Dawson were blocked on account of heavy snows and he should be compelled to remain there some time before they could be cleared. In view of those facts he made such disposal of his business as he could by wire from Skagway to Dawson and returned home, possibly to make the trip at a later date.

Speaking of Skagway. Mr. Philips said he was amazed at what he saw while there. The stock carried by the merchants of the northern metropolis are on a scale so large that he could scarcely credit his senses on beholding them. In every establishment were found articles of great value and in most instances the stocks were made up of the best on the market. As our townsman remarked, it takes money to buy such articles as he saw on sale in Skagway and it must come from the mountains and canons of that frozen zone. Everywhere there was an evidence of business activity, hustle and bustle. Labor appeared to be scarce.

Of the trip itself, through the inland passage, from Seattle to Skagway, a distance of 1,000 miles, Ed has much of praise, declaring it to be the greatest of its kind in the world, and so it is. To make the trip is more than worth the price at any time. Mr. Philips will remain here a couple of weeks yet before determining his next business move.

Ackerman on Books.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Ackerman thinks free textbooks should not be furnished to the public school children by the state, particularly in the country districts.

Some time ago he delivered an address at a teachers' institute in the State of Washington on the subject, taking a neutral stand, merely advancing arguments for and against the proposition. He is now rather inclined to the belief that it is not best for the state and patrons of the school to supply the books. The sanitary condition of the books after being used by two or more individuals is a great objection.

In New York City, where the public school pupils are supplied with free textbooks, the books are frequently fumigated, and after being in use a specified length of time the old books are burned and new ones provided. Mr. Ackerman thinks that possibly in large cities the use of free textbooks might be an advantage, but in the country school districts it would be a decided disadvantage. The tendency would be to use books as long as they would hold together.

Mr. Ackerman says that it is a fact that the states where the rule was to supply free textbooks they had never changed back to the old system, yet, on the whole, he is inclined to believe that in Oregon it is better not to supply free textbooks.

Coming Again.

Last year Georgia Harper and company played a week's engagement in Corvallis and will play a return engagement here Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. They have a repertoire of several plays, but will present three of their best. The bill for Thursday evening will be "Mada." There have been several requests for them to play "The Power of Love," the bill with which they opened last year, and they may put that on for Saturday evening.

This company have their own car, but it is a baggage car filled with scenery and not a sleeper. Last week the company played at Roseburg and the Roseburg Review said of them: "From Frou" was the bill at Roseburg theatre last night by Georgia Harper and her company. Miss Harper is a versatile actress and gave a fine rendition of the difficult role. She was well supported by Joseph Patrick and the company. The attendance has increased each evening, which is the best proof of the company's popularity.

Country school district teachers can be supplied with monthly report cards by the Gazette. Write your wants. 81tf

Additional Local.

See Blackledge for Linoleum, etc. 26

A good grade of wall-paper at 7 1-2 c per double roll at Hollenberg & Cady's. 94tf

Miss Alta McFeran, of Portland, spent Saturday in this city the guest of her aunt, Mrs. B. A. Cathey. The young lady was on her way to California for a trip.

Blackledge, leading wall paper dealer. 30c-

Miss Effa Brown, who held a position during the summer and fall in the establishment of F. L. Miller, returned to her home in Dallas, Sunday. While here Miss Brown made many friends.

Art squares and art rugs at Blackledges. 30tf

Wanted—1,500 turkeys delivered here from 15 to 28 November. Smith & Boulden. 92-6

Chickering, Weber, Kimball, and over thirty other leading makes, at lowest prices obtainable at Eilers Piano House. Prof. Tallandier, of the Agricultural College, represents Eilers Piano House in this vicinity. He is prepared to quote prices and explain our terms of moderate payment to all intending purchasers. He is at home on College Hill Saturday and every evening of the week. 95

Small now makes a specialty of having his cinnamon rolls ready for you every afternoon at 4 o'clock. Everything else in the line of a first-class bakery. 94tf

Rumor has it that the schedule of the evening train from Albany to Corvallis is to undergo a change and instead of arriving at Corvallis 10 o'clock will pull in at 8. Indeed, we are informed that the change went into effect Sunday evening, but such report lacks of official confirmation. This means that the Albany local out of Portland will leave at 4 o'clock in the afternoon instead of at 6 as was the case during the Lewis and Clark Fair and later.

Every man owes it to himself and his family to master a trade or profession. Read the display advertisement of the Six Morse Schools of Telegraphy, in this issue and learn how easily a young man or lady may learn telegraphy and be assured a position. 67tf

Largest line of matting in country at Blackledges. 30tf

Prof. Tallandier, head of the piano department of OAC, announces a recital to be given at the college chapel on Friday evening, December 1st. The program will commence promptly at 8 o'clock. This will be the fourth recital given by this gentleman since he came to OAC and will undoubtedly prove highly enjoyable as well as instructive. We bespeak a good house for the professor.

LOST—A lady's gold watch probably in the vicinity of OAC or in Wilkins addition. Finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving same at this office. 94tf

Wanted—A young person to do janitor work at the Business College for tuition. Call Tuesday or Thursday afternoon. 95-6

The Catholic fair at the W. C. T. U. rooms closed late last evening. It was a complete success in every way, socially and financially, and will long be remembered by the ladies who conducted the affair in so excellent a manner. Throughout the day the booths were well patronized and large crowds visited the fair at all hours. At meal times the tables were crowded constantly and last evening the capacity of the kitchens was taxed to the utmost. When the evening program started at 8 o'clock, the hall was packed and people stood out on the sidewalk, and all enjoyed the entertainment. During the evening a number of presents were disposed of and those securing them had, indeed, valuable prizes. A fine Lewis and Clark cushion went to Miss Anna Dooley; a Battenberg centerpiece to Mrs. J. J. Collins; the Poppy leather cushion to Henry Kirsch, and the Violet cushion to Kola Neis. Carl Hodes secured the silver dish, and W. J. Sheagreen a camera, while Father Springer, of Corvallis, was given a box of chewing gum.—Albany Herald.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings—Georgia Harper Company. Matinee Saturday afternoon.

For Sale. Choice oat, Vetch and cheat seed, to be had at reasonable prices either at the Corvallis or Benton Flouring Mills. A. W. FISCHER, Man. 80tf

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Style and Quality. When you buy clothes here you may be sure of getting what you want. Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes are noted for style and quality—all-wool; no "mercerized" nor any other cotton. We've priced them right; the label is in them, a small thing to look for a big thing to find. Sole agents for Corvallis. Copyright 1905 by Hart Schaffner & Marx. S. L. KLINE, ESTABLISHED 1864. The People's Store, Corvallis, Ore.

Handkerchief Specials. 30 dozen 50 cent grade ladies' handkerchiefs, at 25 cents. New lot handkerchief linen. Sheer linen handkerchief centers, hemstitched, ready to trim. Round thread art linen. Large assortment French Val. laces and insertions. Just what you need for that Xmas handkerchief. Special values in embroidery, new pillow tops, laundry bags, waist patterns. F. L. Miller, Corvallis, Oregon.

A BROKEN FACE. disqualifies a watch for work as well as a man. If your watch has a fractured case... BRING IT HERE FOR REPAIRS. In fact, if it has anything the matter with it, externally or internally, we can make it all right again. We repair the finest watches or the simplest clocks. Don't throw either away until you have our judgment on it. Albert J. Metzger, JEWELER, Occidental Building, Corvallis.

Its time to do your Holiday Advertising. An Argument: Russia, to some extent, failed in her war with Japan for lack of preparation. Many business enterprises fail for the same reason. "An early bird gets the worm." Are you still thinking about it or are you going to act now? The Gazette Covers the Field Well. Perhaps you are not accustomed to write advertisements—sort of out of your line and harder than it seems. If this is true, we will write them for you. You get this service without extra charge. Are you willing? CORVALLIS GAZETTE