

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Lucky of Fall City arrived this week to enter OAC as a student.

Miss Ella Johnson, the milliner, is the guest for a week of relatives in Albany.

Miss Marie Danneman has been clerking in the Graham & Wells drug store this week.

Mrs. Homer Lilly of Wrenn has been the guest this week of Corvallis relatives.

Mrs. Amelia Schubert arrived home Tuesday from a visit with relatives at Monroe.

Mrs. C. B. Starr and daughters, Misses Sylva and Mamie, have returned from a week's visit in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Mosier moved Monday into the Miller house on third street.

John Sutherland arrived home this week from Portland where he has been for the past few weeks.

Mrs. Susan Starr of this city is quite ill at the home of relatives at Bellefontaine, and it is feared she has pneumonia.

Miss Sophia Hartley is seriously ill with appendicitis, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hartley, in this city.

Mrs. W. W. Ireland and Miss Bessie Ireland have been visiting relatives and friends in Independence this week.

George Henkle, of this city, is now in California on a visit to his son, Raymond, who is engaged in operating a pharmacy at San Jose.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCoy of Oakesdale, Wash., left Tuesday for San Francisco, after month's visit with G. G. Newton and family in Benton county. From Frisco Mr. McCoy and family go to Arizona for a visit before returning home.

The Washington installed officers at their hall Monday night, as follows: P. P., W. H. Dilley; pres., Norton Adams; vice, Miss Effie Kiger; chap., W. Newton; escort, J. E. King; ass't escort, Bert Senger; sentinel O. C. Senger; guard, George Whiteside; musician, Miss Libbie Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lenger of this city are in receipt of a letter from their daughter, Mrs. Fred Hall of Stockton California, informing them that her husband is in very poor health, being scarcely able to be about now, but that she has employment and is doing well. Both are former Corvallis young people.

The foothills west of Corvallis are white with snow, the flood of last week has been followed by a hard freeze this week, and while the thermometer has hung around the 26 to 30 above zero notch and the sky has been cloudless, it has nevertheless been cold enough to cause no end of discussion among local residents and "Is it cold enough for you?" is literally "the question of the day."

A list of very useful statistics on the San Francisco fire has just been issued. This list gives the area burned in square miles, acres and otherwise, city blocks burned, buildings destroyed, value of buildings burned, and various other information of value. These statistics have been compiled and copyrighted by T. E. Wilson, a former Corvallis boy, who is well remembered by many local residents.

O. J. Blackledge purchased 120 acres of timber land near Bellefontaine, three years ago, for \$520 and even at that price his venture was "smiled" at by certain persons in that locality. Wednesday Mr. Blackledge received an offer for the same property of \$1,500 cash, which proves the truth of the old saying that "he laughs best who laughs last."

"The Belle of Japan" given at the Corvallis opera house Tuesday night, was refreshingly "new" in plot and characters, dealing as it does with Japanese life and customs, and the performance met with instant favor from the good audience present. Several very clever performers are in the cast, besides which a first class Japanese juggler gave a splendid exhibition of skill and there were other specialties. The costumes were very attractive and the scenic effects good, all combining to make the production decidedly worth while.

Main street is a busy looking place these days, for everywhere there is the noise of hammer and saw as carpenters come and go about their work. Besides the new, A. J. Johnson building and the new postoffice, work is in progress on the front of the room formerly occupied by Henkle & Davis, where J. M. Nolan & Son are to establish a ladies' and childrens' furnishing goods store, and farther down the street improvements are to begin at once on the room that will soon be occupied by the Bell telephone company.

J. L. Underwood has accepted a position as bookkeeper for E. W. Strong at the saw mill.

Mrs. Charles Butler returned to her home in Portland the first of this week, after a visit with relatives in this city.

John Foley of Salem returns to his home tomorrow, after a visit at the home of Misses Ella and Thia Johnson in this city.

Claud Starr has purchased the residence property of Al Stevenson, just west of the Dr. Pernot home. Possession is to be given the 22d of February.

Sam Moore moved his new portable saw mill to his place west of Corvallis Tuesday, where he is to engage in the lumber business.

Harold Rumbaugh, an old OAC student, came from his home near Albany the first of this week to attend the farmers' short course at OAC, which began Tuesday.

Misses Lela and Ida McBea and their brother George, who are attending school in this city, moved this week into the Mrs. Prudence Chipman cottage on Fourth street.

William Schmidt, the wellknown farmer of Granger, has purchased a half interest in the Starr bakery and is to move to Corvallis at once to take his place in the store. Mr. Schmidt and family have rented the Mrs. Susan Starr residence on Eighth street.

E. K. Abraham arrived the first of this week from Bow, Wash., for a week's visit with his daughter, Mrs. Al Stevenson. Mr. Abraham intends to locate either in Forest Grove or Corvallis, and is in this city for the purpose of looking over the ground before deciding on which place he will make his home.

Mrs. J. Mason arrived home Wednesday from Siletz, where she went to visit her mother, Mrs. S. A. Kisor, who was recently stricken with paralysis. Mrs. Kisor is not improved. Owing to the very bad condition of the roads and to the fact that the high wind last week blew down many trees that now obstruct the highway, Mrs. Mason had to cross the Alsea mountain on horseback, the trip being one that would tire a strong man.

The new Hotel Prineville, which has been in process of construction for more than a year, was pronounced complete Sunday. Saturday evening the transfer from the old to the new building was quietly made, and the guests enjoyed breakfast therein Sunday morning. The new structure is one for Prineville and Crook county to be proud of. Built of stone and two stories in height, it is supplied with every modern convenience - Prineville R view.

Joseph Edwards of Bellefontaine suffered a heavy loss from the recent high water. He had 208 head of sheep in a pasture near his home and as the water began to rise he decided to bring the flock to the barn yard, where the ground was high and had never been submerged during high water. But the unexpected is what occurs, and the next morning Mr. Edwards found that 200 of his sheep were drowned and only eight remain of the fine flock. The loss is decidedly heavy and Mr. Edwards naturally feels pretty "blue" over the occurrence.

There was a three-horse runaway in this city Monday afternoon that caused more excitement than a brass band on dress parade. It was the big mill team of three horses, and the animals ran from the mill on river street west past the Zierolf residence and on into Job's addition. In front of the Charles Heckart home the Independent telephone men were working, and one of these ran in front of the runaways and with a board succeeded in beating them over their heads until a halt was made. The driver clung to the rear endgate of the wagon from start to finish of the race but could not succeed in climbing into the vehicle to seize the reins. Aside from breakages to the harness the damage was trifling.

There was a meeting Tuesday afternoon of the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church, at which five officers for the year were elected as follows: President Mrs. Minor Swick; vice, Mrs. Ada Farmer; sec'y Mrs. S. W. Holmer; treasurer, Mrs. A. C. White; executive committee, Mrs. George W. Smita, chairman, Mrs. William Bogue and Mrs. J. B. Goodman. After the business meeting Mrs. Ada Farmer, the retiring president, invited the company to the basement of the church where she had prepared delicious luncheon as a surprise. Misses Mabel Farmer and Inez Johnson served, and there was a season of feasting and merry-making. Mrs. Farmer has served two terms as president of the society being highly popular with her co-laborers by whom she was urged to remain in office, but for various reasons she was unable to carry on the work and her resignation was reluctantly accepted.

MUCH DISCUSSION CREATED.

In Esther Mitchell Case—What Some People Think.

"If Esther Mitchell is insane now and is so adjudged and sentenced to the Washington asylum it does not signify that she will remain there for any length of time. She may improve in a few months and be released, and what will be the next chapter in the affair?"

These were the questions and comments of a Corvallis man, in discussing the case of Esther Mitchell, this week.

In fact, the case has aroused much comment here, where the young woman is so well known, and the fact of her being sent to the asylum while causing no surprise does bring forth an occasional query as to the probable length of time she will be confined in such an institution. Speaking of the case, Monday's Capital Journal says:

Esther Mitchell, the Oregon girl now in the King county jail, charged with murder in the first degree for the killing of her brother, George Mitchell, last July, will never be tried for the crime, but will probably end her days in a Washington state asylum. She may not be deported to another state. Four justices of the supreme court of the state have decided that the act of lunacy commission called by Superior Judge A. W. Frater was legal when it pronounced the Mitchell girl and her companion in crime, Mrs. Maud-Hurt-Creffield, insane.

Mrs. Creffield is dead, presumably by her own hand, and under the ruling of the supreme court, Esther Mitchell will spend the rest of her life at Stellacoom. Crow, Dunbar, Hadley and Rudkin are the justice who brought in the majority report and while sustaining Judge Frater in calling the lunacy commission, they declare that Esther Mitchell may not be sent to Oregon, holding that the state under which this order was made is invalid, for the reason that it cannot be legally enforced.

Starr's Bakery has secured the services of Dick Llewellyn, a wonderful bread maker.

Market Report.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Eggs per dozen (35c), Butter, creamery per roll (60c), Country per lb. (25c), Potatoes, per bushel (50c), Spring chickens, live (9c), Hogs, dressed (7 1/2c), Veal (7c), Wheat (58c), Oats (30-32c).

Miss Grace Watkins is now employed as saleslady for J. M. Nolan & Son.

Frank Woodcock of Tygh Valley visited Corvallis friends the first of this week.

Pianos and Organs—New and second hand—for sale and rent. R. N. White. Phone 405. 5-7

M. B. Huntly, who was a leading baker in Eugene for 15 years, is now baking for Small & Son in this city. Everything fresh every evening. 6-14

Lost: Saturday night, on Sixth street, between Odd Fellows' hall and the John Wood residence, pair goldbowled glasses in case, with handkerchief around case. Please leave at Gazette. 6

Lost, Monday, between Plymouth church and Corvallis public school a ladies' purse, with name "Mamie Hall" burned on one side. Finder leave at Gazette office and receive reward. 16

Mrs. O. V. Hurt expects to leave tomorrow for a visit with her son and daughter, Frank and Mae Hurt, in Seattle.

A dispatch from U. of O. in Wednesday's Telegram says: On January 16 and 17 the examinations for the Rhodes scholarship will be held at the university. Until yesterday only five applications had been received by President Campbell, who is chairman of the scholarship committee for Oregon. Four are from the University of Oregon and one from Willamette University.

They Installed Officers.

The W. R. C. and G. A. R. members had installation of officers and a general social time at their hall on the evening of January 5th. There was no special program, but Mrs. Ada Farmer and Mrs. Charles Peterson gave a vocal duet that was very much appreciated by all.

The W. R. C. officers installed for the year are: President, Mrs. Agnes Young; sr. vice, Mrs. Bullis; Jr. vice, Mrs. Ada Farmer. Chaplin, Mrs. Wood; conductor Mrs. A. E. Wilkins; guard, Mrs. Charles Peterson; ass't guard, Mrs. George; treas., Mrs. Fannie Oren; secy, Mrs. Emily Henkle; patriotic instructor, Mrs. O. J. Blackledge; musician, Mrs. S. W. Holms; press correspondent, Mrs. Julia du Moulin; color barers, Mrs. Sam Kerr, Mrs. Ed Felton, Mrs. Mike Hubler, Mrs. Abbie Stone.

The retiring president, Mrs. G. W. Robinson, was presented with a silver berry spoon as a token of the esteem in which she is held by her co-workers. Short addresses were made by Commander S. H. Horton and retiring commander W. G. Lane.

A movement is on foot to raise funds with which to purchase a monument in honor of the soldier dead buried in Crystal Lake cemetery. Twenty-nine Corvallis old soldiers have pledged \$10 each, and S. L. Kline has kindly donated a like amount.

- 25 Per Cent Off - ON ALL CHRISTMAS GOODS. WATCH AND WAIT FOR KLINE'S GREAT ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE. THE TIME WHEN EVERYBODY CAN SAVE MONEY AT THE PEOPLE'S STORE. S. L. KLINE, Established 1864. Corvallis, Oregon.

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Greatest of all Sales at F. L. MILLER'S, Corvallis, Ore. Will begin Wednesday, January 2, 1907. Offering bargains in every department, and as is our custom we will make this one of the bargain events of the year. Space will not permit to quote prices on every article in the BIG STORE, but will remind you that it is a genuine sale, and everything goes at reduced prices. Dry Goods: 10c Outing Flannel, 12c, 1 Lot of colored dress goods, 1 " " " \$1.00, 54-in Navy and Green homespun, 54-in Blue ladies cloth, 15c Silklen, 12c, Extra heavy mixed shirting, 20c grade. Men and Boys Clothing: Mens Suits reduced to \$7.95, 12.50, 15.00, 16.50, 20.00, 2.50 Boys, 3.00, 3.50, 4.50. Youths clothing is also included in this sale. 20 Yards of Good Calico \$1.00 Extra Special on Table Linen, Napkins