

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miles Starr was an Albany business visitor Friday.

Dasborough Nash was out from Nashville Friday on business.

Matt Wilhelm of Monroe paid Corvallis a business visit Friday.

Mrs. N. Wilkinson and children left yesterday for an outing at Newport.

Miss Elsie Reed returned Friday from a few days' visit with her parents at Monroe.

George Cross, an OAC boy, left yesterday for his home at Newberg, for the summer.

Mr. Mosier, the new salesman at Nolan's, was confined at home Friday with illness.

Dick Graham and family expected to leave yesterday for a month's outing at the coast.

George Cooper and bride arrived home Thursday night from their honeymoon trip to Portland.

Mrs. W. H. Hammersley and daughter of Alsea are visiting friends and relatives in Corvallis.

Walter Wells, of Independence, was a guest over the Fourth of his cousin, Miss Lulu Turner, in Corvallis.

Mrs. Mecklin has been ill for several days and is reported as in a very critical condition. She is a sister of James Lewis.

George Harris, owner and operator of the saw mill at Harris station, was in Corvallis Friday, looking after business.

W. G. Emery will start at the task of experting the county books today. This is a task that will require from a month to six weeks.

Mrs. B. A. Cathey and daughter, Marie, are expected home in a few days from a two months' visit with relatives in Kirksville, Missouri.

Miss Effie Smith, who resides across the river from Corvallis, and who recently was ill with appendicitis, is again in a serious condition with the same ailment.

Farmers are beginning to call for binder twine, although there is as yet no rush for it. The price is quoted at 12 cents per pound for standard and 15 cents for clover leaf.

Misses Iva and Berthile Barclay have gone to housekeeping in the apartments above the Blackledge furniture store, where they will be near their place of business, in the millinery store.

Mrs. E. F. Green gave a pleasant dinner party Friday evening to a dozen friends in honor of Miss Pearl Guthrie, who is to leave shortly for Iowa, on a visit. Miss Guthrie has resided in Corvallis for about two years, and may decide to return here after a visit to her old home.

W. G. Emery has been appointed by the county court as the proper person to expert the books of the county. Just when Mr. Emery will start at the task allotted him is not known to us, but we presume the work will be taken up ere long. Mr. Emery has the reputation of being a thoroughly competent man to undertake this work.

Clyde Williams and Pearl Locke of Independence were in Corvallis Friday on their way to Alsea, for a week's fishing trip. Clyde is a brother of Lieutenant Floyd Williams, the former OAC football man, and he stated Friday that Floyd, when last heard from, was in Manila and liked his position very much, but that he expected to be transferred July 1st to another point.

Secondarily, the business of W. G. Emery in Portland yesterday was to secure a number of half-tone cuts for the fine souvenir program for the convention of the Photographers' Association of the Pacific Northwest. The convention is to be held in Spokane, Washington, during the first week of September. The Gazette office is printing the 40-page program for the occasion.

Clean-up day did not create as much of a stir in Corvallis Friday as had been anticipated, interest in the affair having waned somewhat on account of the frequent postponements. Much good work was accomplished, however, and two drays were kept busy all day in hauling away the accumulations of trash. Bonfires burned in various parts of town, showing that residents were engaged in disposing of rubbish about their premises. Men with rakes were observed in numerous alleys and in front of places of business, so taken altogether considerable progress toward cleanliness was made. People need not sit down, even now, but can carry on the good work begun, and by individual effort a great improvement can be made in the appearance of the city.

W. G. Emery left for Portland Saturday on a brief business visit.

Miss This Johnson left yesterday for Newport for a three weeks' outing.

Miss Villa Fields arrived Friday and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Victor P. Moses.

Mrs. J. S. Booth and Miss Ethel Hollister left yesterday for Newport to occupy the Booth cottage.

A. P. Johnson left the last of the week for Yamhill county, Portland and other points, looking after business.

Misses Inez Johnson and Ethel Watters returned home yesterday from a week's visit with friends in Newberg.

James Platt filed with the county clerk Friday a petition for probate of the will of the late Mrs. Ann Compton.

William Halman has arrived from Oroville, California, and will visit for some time with his sister, Mrs. Mercer, in Benton.

Rev. and Mrs. Clay Starr have arrived from Ballston, and are to move back to Benton in a few weeks, to occupy their farm.

Born, last week, to Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Swann, of Albany, a son. The parents are well known in Corvallis, Mr. Swann being a graduate of OAC.

The task of repainting the Kiger house, occupied by Byron Hunter and family, was begun Saturday. Clifford and Fred Kerr are doing the work.

Mrs. Alice Jackson and Miss Olive Eaton left Saturday morning for Keokuk, Iowa, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Blackledge in this city.

Frank Strong and family left Friday for a two week's stay at Blodgett. They will enjoy camp life while Mr. Strong is engaged in sealing logs.

The Fourth at Philomath was enjoyed by a large crowd, although there was not a very lengthy program of events. Rev. Fesse of Corvallis delivered the oration.

John Allen and family left Friday for Newport, to occupy a cottage for a month. During the absence of Fire Chief J. K. Berry in Seattle, Mr. Allen has been acting chief, but he has in turn appointed Alex Renzie to the position, while absent at the coast.

A party returned Thursday night from spending the Fourth on Mary's Peak. A splendid time was had by those who went, the trip being made on horse back. Returning, the start was made at 8 a. m. and Corvallis was reached at 6 p. m. Those in the party were: Misses Libbie Rice and Olive Mallow; Messrs. Wallace Colbert and Augustine Miller, the latter a cousin of Miss Mallow, visiting here from Portland.

The celebration at Bellefontaine on the Fourth is reported as both successful and enjoyable. There was a good attendance and I. D. Driver gave a splendid address. The Bellefontaine Park Association made about \$106 from their stands, the money to be applied in final payment for the camp ground, which has recently been purchased by the Association. This will clean up the debt and leave a snug sum in the treasury.

Jessie Watkins, residing on the old Gird place, near Monroe, met with a serious accident on the evening of the Fourth. While logging, the skid broke and rolled a heavy log over Mr. Watkins' leg, breaking both bones between the knee and ankle. The victim passed a very painful night Thursday, but was resting easily Friday, and it is thought by the physician that he will get along nicely. The wonder is that the injury was not greater.

It has been decided by the county court that a halt must be called in regard to people driving on a trot across Mary's river bridge. There are notices on the approaches to the bridge warning the public against fast driving in crossing, but the notices are disregarded and rigs are constantly driven in a trot, thus violating the law and doing damage to the bridge. Here, after any person caught driving out of a walk in crossing will be prosecuted, and this warning should be heeded if trouble would be avoided.

A letter received from Agnes Wilson, now with the Oregonian contest party en route to Yellowstone Park, is full of interesting news of her trip, thus far, and in it she tells of the royal manner in which the girls are being entertained at all points. Nothing is being left undone that could add to their comfort and happiness, and balls, dinners and receptions are tendered them on all sides. In Portland every point of interest has been visited by the party, and at Astoria and Long Beach they have been the observed of all observers.

For economy fruit jars see Zierolf. 53-1

Teams wanted at once to haul wood. P. A. Kline. 53-1

Miss Melissa Whitney, who has been the guest for a week of Miss Ella Foster in Corvallis, leaves today to visit friends in Chitwood. Her home is at Monmouth.

James L. Lewis is home again from his trip to Portland. While down there he was the victim of a runaway accident in which he was badly bruised and one horse was killed. At present Mrs. Mecklin, a sister of Mr. Lewis, is very ill in this city.

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Economy fruit jars are found at Zierolf's. 53-1

O. J. Blackledge and family arrived home Thursday from a visit at Newport. They report an enjoyable celebration at that place, and state that there were many entertaining features, including girls' races, tug, boat and swimming races and other things. Saturday was closing out day of the "wet" goods in Newport, and one liquor dealer is declared to have gone about voicing his determination to "lick three 'Prohis' on sight no matter who they are nor where they are from," and while Mr. Blackledge is a brave man and a staunch prohibitionist, he is said to have been uncommonly quiet while the ex-saloon man was in his vicinity.

Will be Acquitted.

O. V. Hurt arrived home Sunday evening from Seattle, where he had been a witness in the case of George Mitchell for the killing of Edmund Creffield, the Holy Roller Joshua. Mr. Hurt thinks that the case will go to the jury within a day or two and feels certain of a verdict of acquittal for Mitchell. In speaking of the case Mr. Hurt says that the statement given out to the effect that E. H. Baldwin, of this city, had said on the witness stand in Seattle that he would kill his own daughter rather than see her in the snare of a Holy Roller such as Creffield, was untrue. Mr. Baldwin did not make such statement. What he really said was that he would kill anyone who lured her to such a fate rather than see her a victim of such practices.

Back From the Mines.

Saturday afternoon Brady Burnett arrived home from Southern Oregon, where he has some good paying mining property. Lack of water is the excuse for Brady's vacation. It is eight months since the gentleman was last home. Brady brought back a very fine large nugget that is enough to inspire any man to try his luck in the "digging." The nugget weighs a trifle more than three ounces and its value is about \$50. It is a fine specimen of gold, free from quartz and alloy. Mr. Burnett appears well satisfied with life in the mines and his prospects in Southern Oregon. He expects to pass the greater part of the summer at home in this city.

They Ought to Go.

The tearing down and hauling away of the old China wash house on north Main street is an example worthy of emulation by other property owners in Corvallis. With the removal of such eye-sores from numerous streets of the town, and a general and thorough cleaning up of the lots on which they stand, the city would look like a different place, even if no new buildings were built to replace the old.

With a good, substantial building on one lot, and a tumble-down, defaced and battered old wreck on the lot adjoining, very little improvement will be made in the town as a man naturally feels as though it is money thrown away to build well and then have his structure look like thirty cents because of the disreputable old shack that stands next door.

The watchword for Corvallis should be "Progress," and one of the first and best signs of this spirit would be the abolishment of these old China dens, which give the average passer-by a chill, and cause the stranger to think twice before seeking a location on certain business streets.

His Epitaph.

Julius Caesar, the old negro who for years resided in Corvallis with the Taylor family, has been laid to rest in Lone Fir cemetery, Portland. The Telegram has an account of the last services, as follows:

Julius Caesar, the well-known negro character who was found dead on the Alder street dock a few days ago, is to have a respectable burial. Funeral services will be held over his remains at Lone Fir cemetery this afternoon at 5 o'clock, and the remains will be laid to rest there.

The baseball fans, headed by Jack King and others who have known Julius, raised a subscription of \$105 to give the old man a burial. A monument will be erected at the head of the grave, with the simple inscription, "Here lies Julius Caesar. Play Ball."

The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Jackson, pastor of one of the colored churches of the city.

Real Estate Transfers.

Michael Coffee and wife to John Coffee, 12 1/2 acres of land near Monroe; \$1.00

John Price to Lincoln Allen, 50 acres in Kings Valley; \$2,000.

F J Chambers and wife to W D Bayless, 90 acres in Kings Valley; \$1,812.

Anna Farra and husband to Willamette Valley Co., 22 foot front on Second street, Corvallis; \$1.

William Fanton and wife to J W Walters, 159 acres near Monroe; 1,600.

Independence National Bank to J W Walters, 160 acres near Bellefontaine; \$1.

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