

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Casper Z. ... visited in Corvallis, Friday.

Wilbur Starr of Bellefontaine visited Corvallis relatives Thursday and Friday.

Charles Fifer left Friday for Portland, after a two days' business visit in this city.

The annual Thanksgiving dance occurs at the armory Wednesday-tonight.

Mrs. Thrift came over from Albany Friday for a visit with the McKinney family in this city.

The Presbyterian ladies are to hold a tea at the home of Mrs. John Spangler tomorrow afternoon.

The two daughters of T. M. Condon at Bellefontaine who have been ill with typhoid fever are now convalescent.

The OAC second football team played the Monmouth Normal at Monmouth Friday evening winning by the score of 5 to 0.

Two hundred barrels of cement arrived the last of the week from Portland to be used by A. Snook in the new building at OAC.

Dr. G. R. Farra, M. M. Davis, and B. W. Johnson have been appointed appraisers in the estate of Dr. C. H. Lee, deceased.

L. A. Peek, one of the Southern Benton rural carriers, is confined at home with illness, and his place is being filled by Norman Miller.

Reuben Patty, at one time a baker in this city, was among the Eugene people who witnessed the OAC U. O. game here Saturday.

Earl Rinehart of the class of '04, OAC, came from The Dallas the last of the week to witness the football game Saturday and visit old friends.

Jack Kilpack of Portland visited old friends in this city the last of the week, while here as manager of the Monticello-Goodnough concert company.

A chicken dinner is to be given at Simpson's chapel on Thanksgiving day by the ladies of the M. E. church. Preparations are being made for a big time.

Miss Helen Steiner of Jefferson was among the out of town guests who attended the OAC-U. O. football game Saturday. She was the guest of Miss Mabel Withycombe.

Saturday morning the OAC freshmen and Sophomores had a practice game of football on OAC field, in preparation for a big game that they intend to play in the near future.

Harry Waggoner arrived home Friday from Coburg where he has been employed for sometime. He met with an injury to his limb while working in a logging camp, and is still on crutches.

The extremely wet weather that has prevailed this fall has materially interfered with farming operations. Farmers in from Southern Benton report that not more than half or two-thirds the usual acreage has so far been seed, and the ground is still too wet to admit of work being done.

One of the most unique "football" windows in town Saturday was at Welsher and Gray's. The window seat was laid off in regulation football field square, miniature goal post were in place, and 22 tiny flaxen haired dolls held down the positions usually occupied by the gridiron warriors at the beginning of a game.

Benton county has been heard of in Indiana. A gentleman of that state writes the Gazette for a sample copy, and says: "Have you a board of trade or some enterprising real estate dealers that could furnish some literature or information on the resources of Benton county? Several Indiana families wish to come to Oregon and want some knowledge of the county. The county paper usually gives a good idea of the county."

Because of the affair not having been properly advertised the Monteith-Goodnough recital at the Presbyterian church Thursday night, was not very largely attended although the attraction was one that should have been met by a crowded house. Mr. Goodnough is too well known in this vicinity as an artist of rare ability to need commendation, and those of his old friends who heard him play Thursday night state that he has improved very much since he left this city. Mr. Monteith, as a baritone soloist, is a success, possessing a voice of great strength and sweetness. Should the young men decide to give another recital in this city at some future date, and let the fact be made known in time, they will undoubtedly be met by as large an audience as such an entertainment merits.

Fred Ewing of Portland spent Sunday with Corvallis friends.

M. C. Starr of Bellefontaine has leased his place for a year to the Wilhelmes.

Ben Elgin of Carlton was an over Sunday visitor in Corvallis with relatives.

Miss Elizabeth Snipe of The Dalles was an over-Sunday guest in Corvallis. She formerly attended OAC.

Miss Minnie Buxton of Portland has been the guest of Corvallis relatives since Saturday. She leaves for her home tomorrow and her father, Ed Buxton, will go with her to spend Thanksgiving.

Walter Humphreys of Bellefontaine gave a very enjoyable party at his home Friday evening, a large number of young people being present. Games and refreshments were features of entertainment.

Little Mary Miller was operated on late yesterday afternoon for appendicitis. Dr. Cathey operated, assisted by Dr. Pernot. The little girl has been ill about two weeks. She is a sister of Ernest Miller, operator for the Western Union.

Karl Steiner of the class of '04, OAC, who has been appointed to a lieutenancy in the Puget Sound constabulary has been in Corvallis the past few days. He sails for the islands a week from next Friday December 7th.

The lower floor of the opera house was filled with people Saturday evening to witness the moving picture show given by French & Co. The views of ruined San Francisco were good and the comic films were enjoyable. The production as a whole was worth the money and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

The new cable for the Corvallis gravel ferry has arrived. It is 500 feet in length, 7-8 plow steel transmission, and weighs about 600 pounds. The cable is made especially for ferry purposes, being of very great strength and superior wearing quality. It was ordered by R. H. Huston and is to be put up as soon as possible.

Mr. Charles Hout gave an "afternoon" Saturday to 20 lady friends, and a delightful time is reported. Each lady was given a mother goose rhyme which she was required to illustrate, and some of the pictures produced were truly remarkable. The rooms were tastily decorated with chrysanthemums, and at five o'clock dainty refreshments were served.

The girls' basketball team played the State Normal at Monmouth, Friday night. The score was 8 to 4 in favor of Corvallis. Miss Mary Sutherland acted as chaperone for the local team and all speak in the highest praise of the treatment accorded them. A reception was given, and a program was rendered in the chapel, Mr. Reynolds, captain of OAC giving a talk during the evening.

Ambrose Cain was brought to Corvallis Friday afternoon from Salem in charge of Deputy Sheriff Wells and will be held to appear in the circuit court which convened yesterday. The lad stole \$25 from the Bird Rickard home near Monroe, and went to Salem where he was traced by the officers' and brought back to this city as stated. He is but 17 years of age, and when taken in custody had but 15 cents of the stolen money left on his person.

The frame is now up and work is being rushed on the fine new hall that the Odd Fellows are building at Bellefontaine. The structure stands just across the road east of Simpson's chapel, and when completed will be very sightly. In the lower room there will be a store, and upstairs the Odd Fellows will have a large hall with all modern equipments. The work is in charge of J. W. Walters. So far the store room has not been leased.

There was a special meeting of the missionary society at the Presbyterian church Saturday evening, with a program that included special music by the choir, a paper by Mrs. M. S. Bush, vocal duet by the Misses McGinnis, and an address on "Missionary Work in Corea" by Rev. Bush. Mrs. Horner was to deliver an address but at the last moment was unable to be present. The meeting, however, was very enjoyable.

A retired miner, who worked 35 years in Wales and who now resides in Womung Valley, in Pennsylvania, says that while superintending the loading of cars with hard coal he discovered the perfect print of a boot or shoe on a bright chunk of coal mined 1,800 feet below the earth's surface. The piece of coal is now in the Royal museum, London.

STILL BUYING TIMBER.

In Southern Benton—What the People Say of it.

Several thousand acres of choice land in Southern Benton has, according to report, already been purchased by a big eastern company through the agent, Mr. Buck, and other tracts are being taken as rapidly as the deals can be made. No one on the outside knows exactly how many acres have been purchased already.

This is the statement of a prominent farmer from the Bellefontaine neighborhood, in Corvallis the last of the week. Byron Woolridge of the same locality is engaged as timber cruiser for the big company, and the report is that J. W. Waters, who recently sold out his big milling interests for \$40,000 is to some extent interested as a stock holder in the concern.

It seems that this company has given out the promise that in due course of time they will put in a plant that will furnish employment for 300 men. This is to be located, according to the general belief, either at Junction City or Corvallis, probably at the latter place, where the surplus or waste lumber would meet a ready demand as wood.

Mr. Buck, the company's representative, spends a good portion of his time in the Southern Benton territory, investigating the various tracts of timber that are offered for sale.

The people of Bellefontaine and vicinity are intensely interested in the maneuvers of the easterners, and are looking forward to a time when they will thus be placed in touch with the outside world. Railroad facilities have long been denied them, but with the prospect held out by the big company it is only a matter of time, in their opinion, until all this will be changed, and Bellefontaine transformed into a thriving little city.

Open River.

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The League in full is as follows: Whereas, the principles of toll taking as once applied to toll roads, toll bridges, and other forms of locomotion and transportation is a relic of primitive civilization and in the main has long since been discarded along with the flail, the grain cradle and kindred implements; and

Whereas, toll taking as applied to water ways is even more outworn in principle, and wholly out of harmony with the progress and requirements of the age; and

Whereas a toll taking establishment is maintained at the Willamette Falls at Oregon City in the form of a canal and locks on which a toll of fifty cents per ton is taken on all freight that passes up and down the Willamette river, together with a toll on every passenger, every horse, every head of cattle or other domestic animal; and

Whereas, the said fifty cents per ton differential in the lockage charge on the river enables the railroads traversing the Willamette region to and fifty cents per ton to freight they carry to or from Willamette Valley points; and

Whereas, the said lockage fee by reason of the differential it affords, the railroads add from \$100,000 to \$200,000 every year to the transportation cost of the Willamette region; and

Whereas, the said lockage fee takes one and one-half cents from the sale of every bushel of wheat exported from the region and is in effect a toll of 2 1/2 cents on every sack of potatoes, 2 1/2 cents on every sack of sugar, 2 1/2 cents on every sack of salt, 4 cents on every bale of hay, 5 cents on every bale of hops, 5 cents on every barrel of flour, with proportionate exactions on every other article shipped in or shipped out of the Willamette basin, a section of country 200 miles long and 50 to 75 miles wide and supporting a thickly settled citizenship; and

Whereas, government engineers have reported that a new and modern canal and locks can be built by the general government at the said Willamette Falls at a cost not to exceed \$500,000 a sum that would be saved to the people of the territory by reason

of lowered freight rates within three to five years; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Benton County Citizens' League of Corvallis, being the commercial body of the city, hereby petitions the congress of the United States at its coming session to appropriate such sum as may be necessary to purchase the present locks and canal at the Willamette Falls, or to build a new canal and locks there, to be maintained and operated under the direction of the general government with provision for freight to be allowed to pass through such canal locks without charge by which the said Willamette shall become a free and open river to the great advantage and benefit of a vast, rich and populous territory, and for the granting of this petition your petitioner will ever pray.

CORVALLIS LYCEUM COURSE.

What the Second Entertainment Will Be.

Reno B. Melbourn the "Wizard of Electricity" will appear in an evening of marvelous experiments entitled "In the Year 2000."

This prophecy was prepared with the personal assistance of Nicela Tesla, Lord Kelvin, Signor Marconi, Sir William Crooks and other noted scientists, and the Tacoma Ledger says of it: Mr. Melbourn's experiments are numerous, quickly done, and stunning in their import. The dreams of humanity are made realities before the eyes of the audience, and nothing seems to longer remain on the list of impossibilities. At times when Mr. Melbourn becomes warmed up to the marvelousness of his theme he displays an eloquence which holds his audience enthralled."

Opera house Sat. Dec. 1. Box office opens for benefit of season ticket holders, Friday Nov. 30, 8 a. m.

He is Dead.

A. J. L. Cator who was accidentally shot in the ankle a week ago last Wednesday by a 33-calibre rifle, at the family home southwest of Corvallis, died in this city at 9:15 yesterday morning, despite the best efforts of the attending physician and the loving care and attention of family and friends.

The funeral will be held at two o'clock this afternoon at Plymouth chapel, the services to be conducted by Rev. G. H. Feese, and interment will be in Newton cemetery.

Mr. Cator was born in England September 6, 1850, and was 56 years and 2 months of age. He came to the United States in 1871, settling at Wakefield, Kansas, going to Texas in '73 where he hunted buffalo for nine years, and later operated a cattle ranch on the Palo Duro creek and in the Pan Handle country.

August 15, 1882, Mr. Cator was married at Dodge City, Kansas, to Miss Jennie Ludlow and in 1892 the family came to this city locating in a couple of months on the ranch at Oak Ridge where the accident occurred that resulted in Mr. Cator's death. Deceased had been ailing, however, for two years, ever since he met with severe injuries in a runaway accident. The morning of the shooting he was obliged to wait several hours until a physician could arrive from Corvallis, but in spite of all he seemed to be doing well until Friday, when spasms and lockjaw developed and death ended the struggle yesterday morning. Mr. Cator was an upright, honorable gentleman and his death is mourned by many.

The immediate survivors are the widow and four children, Bertie P., Arthur L., and Osbaldeston Cator, and Mabel Cator-Conger.

Market Report.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Eggs per dozen (35c), Butter 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).

New Fall Coats advertisement for S. L. KLINE, The People's Store, Corvallis, Or. Includes text: "A replenishing stock of the most popular late fall style just received—some rather startling in their sudden departure from the old lines." and "There's a coat for everybody in the choice we offer—from the short jacket to the elaborate Empire wrap for evening."

Kuppenheimer Clothing advertisement featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and hat. Text: "When You See it in Our Ad IT'S SO If You Want To Know What Smartly Dressed Men Will Wear This Season... CALL ON US" and "F. L. MILLER Sole Agent Corvallis . . Oregon"

CORVALLIS STEAM LAUNDRY advertisement. Text: "D. C. Hiestand, Chas. Blakeslee. CORVALLIS, OREGON. Outside Orders Solicited. All Work Guaranteed."

A Wise Merchant advertisement for THE GAZETTE. Text: "ALWAYS USES THE BEST STATIONERY Up-to-Date Printing IS NECESSARY FOR A DESIRED EFFECT THE GAZETTE Is the only office in Corvallis that can deliver the goods. We Can Show You See Zierold for Economy Jan. 74t"

A. K. Russ advertisement. Text: "WE INVITE you to call and examine our fall and winter samples of MADE TO MEASURE clothing. Satisfaction Guaranteed If they don't fit you do not have to take them. GIVE US A TRIAL A. K. Russ CORVALLIS, ORE. Opposite the Postoffice. Ind. Phone No. 484 For Sale.—30,000 acres of land in Lincoln and Benton Counties, Oregon, along the C. & E. R. R., known as Road Lands, now owned by an Eastern Company. For prices and terms, call or address, L. H. Fish, Western Agent, Albany Oregon. 78-t"