

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A dancing party is to be held to-night in Raymond's hall.

William Smith of this city is visiting in Eugene this week.

Donald Yantis has returned from a visit with Salem friends.

Prof. Raymond has just returned from a week's visit with friends in Forest Grove.

Miss Edna Allen was the guest the first of this week of Miss Mame Stevens, in Albany.

"G.O.'s Commonplace" is the morning subject at the Presbyterian church; "Doses" will be the evening subject. C. E. meeting at 6:30 a. m.

N. L. Grant and wife of Big Elk were in Corvallis Wednesday, transacting business and buying in a supply of holiday goods, as this is their last trip to the valley before Christmas.

The Corvallis male quartette composed of Messrs. B. W. Johnson, John Allen, Prof. Fulton and Prof. Bradley were among those who attended the Elks' memorial in Albany Sunday. The quartette sang two numbers which were very much appreciated.

Will Hull of Bellefountain had a disastrous runaway a few days ago. With a brand new buggy he started out and the horses became unmanageable. After a brisk run the rig was upset and smashed into a dozen pieces. The accident is quite a heavy loss to the young man.

Rev. M. S. Bush of the Presbyterian church delivered an address at Shedd Wednesday evening. His subject was "What the church can do for the Young People and What the Young People can do for the Church." The church at Shedd is observing "Rally week" and this was the occasion of Rev. Bush's visit.

The largest and prettiest bunch of mistletoe ever seen in Corvallis was brought in Wednesday by Clay Starr of Bellefountain. It measured about three by four feet and contained hundreds of the waxy berries peculiar to mistletoe. Had this bunch been laid down in Portland it would have brought several dollars.

The funeral of the late Clay Shepard occurred yesterday at 11:00 o'clock from the family home in Polk county. Death came Tuesday, after a long illness with tuberculosis. Deceased was a graduate in the class of '04, O. A. S., and was always an ardent worker and leader in the college. Y. M. C. A. Being a young man of exemplary character and amiable disposition, Clay Shepard numbered his friends by the score, and his early death will be widely and sympathetically mourned.

Every paper is filled with articles on the car shortage, and every man, woman and child is in a state of worry. The shortage is resulting from the condition of being all over the country by rail in Oregon, and what promised to be a banner year in the history of the state, because of big crops and good wages, is likely to turn out a year of heavy loss and financial disaster unless the situation is speedily relieved. Already the loss is great and daily the situation increases in all lines of business.

Clifford Benson, Glenn Gardner and students Esman and Gagnon who went to Eugene for the purpose of "floating down" the river in their little red canoes on Monday found the trip anything but a pleasure. The day was bitterly cold and a heavy fog hung over the land. The boys upst a one canoe, losing a good camera, hat, rifle, one boy's glasses, and they were towed to on island, but a fire and they spent the night. They suffered intensely with the cold and because of the fog the skills were lost to each other. They were separated fifty feet. The party arrived in Corvallis at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, having left Eugene at 3:30 a. m. Monday. It is not likely they will care for another pleasure trip of this sort.

Only a short time remains in which farmers and business men can assist the two Corvallis young ladies who are working for a free trip to the Jamestown exposition. The contest closes the last of December and the friends of the young ladies should see to it that votes are sent in by the dozen before the closing day. Miss Alda Metcalf has been handicapped in the race from the beginning, having started after the contest had been in progress several weeks, and being engaged at other work which occupies her time. It is probable, however, that her many friends will see to it that she makes a fair showing at the closing hour. Miss Anna French has spared neither time nor labor in the work, and will undoubtedly make a hard race for the prize. Let everyone join in the effort to send a suitable representative from Benton to the big fair next May.

John Fisher is very ill at the Raber home in this city.

Mrs. George Campbell has been visiting friends in Lebanon this week.

W. H. Dilley arrived Tuesday from Portland and will remain for the present in this city.

Miss Camille Carroll of Eugene was the guest the first of this week of her aunt, Mrs. Carroll, in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Johnson and two youngest children have gone to Eugene for a visit with Mr. Johnson's sister.

Tuesday was "pension day" at the clerk's office and all hands were busy at the task of signing papers for the old "vets."

The Washingtons had a social time at their hall Monday night, and officers were nominated. Light refreshments were served.

Mrs. C. H. Lee arrived home Tuesday evening from a week's visit with the Currier and Foster families in Southern Benton.

Byron Hunter, government farm inspector, is spending a week with his family in this city. Mr. Hunter travels most of the time.

Miss Ryth Gatch has returned to her home in Salem, after a visit with her grandparents, Pres. and Mrs. Thomas Gatch in this city.

Workmen are hard at work setting poles and doing other work for the Bell telephone company, as many improvements are to be made by the Bell people to their system.

The J. Fred Yates residence is completed and Mr. and Mrs. Yates will occupy it immediately. It is one of the finest dwellings in Corvallis. Norton Adams was the contractor.

Ernest Perin has arrived home from Rogue river, where he has been since last August. He visited Corvallis relatives the first of the week, en route to his home at Bellefountain.

Mrs. Wilbur Starr was in Corvallis this week from Bellefountain, having brought back her son and daughter, Clyde and Claire, from a holiday visit at home. The young people attend OAC.

Stanley Herbet, formerly a popular OAC student, has arrived from Oakland, Calif., for a month's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Herbet. Stanley is employed with a big coat acting firm of Oakland.

The first basketball game of the season will take place in this city next Wednesday night, between the OAC and Pacific University boys' teams. A good game is assured and a large audience will probably be a large attendance.

There was an election of city officers at Polkath Monday. DeLeon, elected mayor by a majority of 11, over George Bennett, a resident of the city. W. P. Bales is the new recorder, Chas. Davis, treasurer; councilman in first ward, George Allen; second, White and Mes-a-thet; third, Robert Clark.

At their meeting this week the K. of P.'s elected officers for the coming year as follows: Robert Johnson, C. C.; Geo. Kerr, V. C.; Chas. Gilbert, Past.; B. F. Burnett, M. A.; C. T. McDewitt, K. R. & S.; Thos. Whitehorn, M. or E.; F. Francisco, M. of E.; G. B. Whitney, M. W.; W. W. Baker, I. G.; M. M. Long, O. C.

The basketball boys leave a week from Monday on their tour of Washington, Montana, Idaho, Utah and California. Mark McCallister will act as advance man for the team, and W. O. Trine will accompany the players. Games are already scheduled with various Washington teams, two games being arranged with Vancouver, one with Seattle, one with Tacoma, another with Spokane and one with Snohomish.

B. W. Johnson, president of the Benton County Citizens' League, recently determined to interest the various newspapers of the state in the subject of free locks and an open river. That his efforts have been crowned with success is evidenced by the editorial attention the matter is now receiving throughout the state, in all of which the Benton League is mentioned as having been first to agitate the matter so effectually.

Mr. Rycraft who drives a freight wagon between Corvallis and Alesia met with a mishap while enroute to this city with a load of poultry. The road was bad and a four-horse team is hard to manage, which caused Mr. Rycraft to miss the end of a culvert and upset his load of chickens and geese. Had the crates not been so securely tied onto the wagon, everyone in the vicinity would have had a free lunch on Christmas birds, but without much trouble the wagon was righted and Mr. Rycraft arrived in Corvallis without further accident.

Henry Robinson of Alesia was in Corvallis on business Wednesday. He formerly drove a truck team in this city.

While going from Portland to Eugene last Monday, Glenn Gardner of OAC had his pockets picked and \$24.75 taken. He was asleep when relieved of his coin.

The large maple trees are being grubbed out along the east and south sides of the block on which the S. L. Kline cottage is being erected.

This week E. E. Wilson and Peter Callahan sold to Edward Imbler one lot located north of the college. Price paid \$600. Mr. Imbler will soon begin the erection of a beautiful home to be completed by June 1st, 1907. Chas. McHenry is the contractor. SparE-mat & Co. of this city made the deal.

Sparkman & Co. negotiated this week the sale of one lot located north of the college to Milt Millhollen. Messrs. Wilson & Callahan were the former owners. The price paid was \$600. Mr. Millhollen will build a modern home on this property.

Baptist Church. "Reasons for Failure in Christian Work" is the subject for Sunday morning, Dec. 9th. For Sunday evening, "The Joy of Salvation Restored." Come and worship with us, you will be welcomed. Frederick W. Carstens, pastor.

Coach Beazack, of the U. of O., and Coach Norcross, of the OAC team, will both play with the Seattle team against Malaham in the Christmas game.—Salem Statesman.

Rev. N. H. Gibbs, pastor of the M. E. church South, preaches Sunday on the following subjects. At 11: a. m. "The Palm Tree Christian." At 7: 30 p. m. "The Transfiguration of Christ."

Mrs. Mary Miller and children are very grateful to all neighbors and friends for sympathy and aid extended during the illness and death of little Mary Miller. These acts of kindness make the sorrow easier to bear.

At the Christian church next Sunday morning the pastor will speak on "The Marks of Jesus." Evening theme: "The Evils of denationalism."

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Smith of Alesia arrived a few days ago and will spend Christmas with relatives near Corvallis.

Sam Whiteside has resigned his position on the tugboat and took possession of his truck yesterday.

There was a meeting of the United Artisan lodge hall Wednesday evening, with the following result: P. M. A., H. H. Cronise; M. A., W. E. B. Bann; Capt. Mrs. Minta Cole; Insp. Mrs. Scott; King; Miss Eva Starr; tree, Levi Wooster; Sr. con, Mrs. R. C. Willis; M. C., Guy Clark; Jr. con, Mrs. Brant; field commanders, Mrs. Tillie Reed and Scott King.

Burd and Wilbur Croft, of near Oakville were in Corvallis yesterday, and they as the roads across the river are in terrible shape, having been so badly cut up by the gravel hauling that the mud is very deep. The Croft boys have just finished a big job of picking up potatoes for Clyde Beach, 2500 bushels having already been stored away. One more day will end the job.

The latest real estate transfers filed for record are: W. H. Malone and wife to W. R. Barclay, 2 acres in Alesia, \$20; J. R. Sellers to Emma E. Berman, 1 1/2 blk. 3 county ad., \$425; C. A. Troxel and wife to R. B. Ward, lots 72 & 85, blk 20, Polkath, \$1,750.

County court was in session Wednesday afternoon and yesterday morning, but nothing of special importance was done. The usual list of bills was brought out and A. M. Gray, supervisor of 1044 district No 22 presented the minutes of the meeting held in his district for the purpose of levying a special seven-mill road tax. The proceedings were found to be correct and were approved by the court.

The fall training which has been going on all winter under the covered track and on the quarter mile track around the University athletic field will be discontinued Saturday when a try-out meet will be held to determine the relative strength of the new material that has come into the university this year. Among the freshmen who have been showing up well in the fall work are Husten of Forest Grove in the sprints and hurdles and Dodson of Baker City in the quarter and half mile. After the fall training is over the men will take light exercise in the gymnasium and outside when the weather will permit. Trainer Hayward will keep the men in condition all winter and lead them in good shape for spring work.—Eugene Register.

That's It

Cough yourself into a fit of spasms and then wonder why you don't get well. If you will only try a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup your cough will be a thing of the past. It is a positive cure for Cough, Influenza, Bronchitis and all Pulmonary diseases. One bottle will convince you—at your druggist, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

Miss Ethel Burr of Philomath is the guest of her aunt, Miss Ella Johnson, for a week.

Seeds of all kinds of grass seed, orcha, timothy and clover seed. 74tf

Coal of a poor quality is selling for \$8.50 to \$14 per ton in the Palouse country, as well as all of eastern Washington and rich and poor alike are suffering from the fuel famine. Orders for coal sent in July have not yet been filled, and in many places actual suffering is feared. Threats are made in some places to raid the railroad yards and take coal by force.

Have your eyes fitted by one who knows how—Matthews, the optician. 84tf

Starr's Bakery has secured the services of Dick Llewellyn, the wonderful bread maker. 89tf

All kinds of grass seed for sale at Zierolf's—Timothy, clover and orchard grass seed. 74tf

Economy Fruit Jars at Zierolf's. 74tf

The Corvallis stores and shops are now assuming the usual holiday air, and every day the streets show an increase in the number of persons out for holiday trading. The Christmas shopper is wise who begins buying early and avoids the rush and worry so common to the last few days before Christmas. Besides this the early shopper has the advantage of a much better stock to select from, since the goods have not been "picked over."

Public concerts owe their direct encouragement to John Banister, who had won fame by his playing on the violin and who succeeded the celebrated Baizar as leader of Charles H.'s band of twenty-four violins. Peppy, in an entry in his diary for February, 1907, tells us the court gossip of the day—"how the king's violin Banister is mad that the king hath a Frenchman come to be chief of some part of the king's musiquer."

Banister's concerts at the close of the year 1907 were advertised in the London Gazette as follows: "These are to give notice that at Mr. John Banister's house (now called the Music School, over against the George tavern in White Fryers, the present Monday will be music performed by excellent masters, beginning precisely at 4 of the clock in the afternoon, and every afternoon for the future precisely at the same hour."

Four years later on we read again: "At the Academy in Little Lincoln's Inn Fields will begin the first part of the Parley of Instruments, composed by Mr. John Banister." The admission was at this time as a rule a shilling, and these concerts seem to have been held pretty regularly down to within a short time of Banister's death, which took place in 1679.—Chambers' Journal

BIRTH OF THE BUS.

This Class of Vehicle First Appeared in Paris in 1662.

The omnibus appeared in Paris in 1662 as a "carrosse a cinq sols" (coach for a price halfpenny), by authority of Louis XIV., under the management of Pascal, the mystic and philosopher. Whether this eminent thinker originated the idea is not clear, but there is no doubt that his influence assisted in the establishment of the service under the auspices of a royal decree.

Later on these earliest omnibuses ceased to run owing to lack of support, and did not reappear in Paris until 1827, when Lafitte, the banker, who was among the largest proprietors, was credited with originating the revived service.

The new coaches started to ply in London on July 4, 1829, when the first one left Paddington for the Bank of England, and another ran from the bank to the Yorkshire Stingo, New road. These first British busses were known from the man who organized them as "Shillibeeers," and the conductors of the first two are said to have been the sons of British naval officers. Three horses drew them, and they carried twenty-two passengers, all inside.—London Standard.

Just Grit.

When your towels seem to care for nothing you give them just offer them a little grit. When hens molt slowly it is usually due to impaired digestion, which means that you should give them a little grit. If you wish to prevent chicken cholera by keeping your flock in full vigor, just give them a little grit. If you wish to derive every particle of lime from the food given your poultry, just see that they have plenty of grit. If you wish to starve your hens to death, give them plenty of good wholesome food, but withhold the grit and they will starve in the midst of plenty. The best general purpose medicine I know is good, sharp, well prepared grit, with a whole lot of exercise, every day in the year, says a writer in Ohio Farmer.

The Wheat Crop.

Sept. 1 the department of agriculture finds:

The average condition of spring wheat when harvested was 83.4. This is the third year that spring wheat has been separately reported upon on Sept. 1. Comparison is therefore made with the condition one month ago, which was 86.9, with that reported Sept. 1, 1905, which was 87.3, and with that reported Sept. 1, 1904, which was 66.2. The condition in the five principal states is reported as follows: Minnesota, 79; North Dakota, 84; South Dakota, 88; Iowa, 93; Washington, 75.

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