

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

R. O. Francis has been a business visitor in Albany the past week.

Ed Felton and Ed Mahr, both of Jobs addition, are convalescing after severe attacks of la grippe and pneumonia.

Frank Hubler is expected home from Astoria this week, where for quite a while he has been employed in a meat market. He is to again enter the Hout & Jones market in this city.

Mrs. By Frantz of Kings Valley, who was in a very precarious condition last week, is improving and is considered out of danger, which is pleasant news for her many friends.

The W. F. M. S. of the M. E. church had a very pleasant meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ruth Buchanan. A program of much interest was rendered and a luncheon was served.

E. W. Durkee has filed suit with the clerk of Benton county for a divorce from Annie E. Durkee, on the grounds of cruel treatment. The plaintiff resides at Philomath and defendant is in California.

Mrs. Caroline E. Marvin has been appointed administratrix of the estate of William Marvin, deceased. Appraisers have been appointed by the court. They are T. W. B. Smith, George W. Davis, and Jesse Porter.

The high water this week did no damage of consequence in Kings Valley, according to a telephone report from there Tuesday evening. The J. P. Logan mill dam which has suffered in previous floods, has not been damaged so far this week.

There will be a Saturday market at the Blackledge furniture store tomorrow, where good things to eat will be on sale. The Methodist ladies are progressive and are doing everything possible to keep up their part of the church work.

Work on the S. L. Kline house, which has been going forward at a rapid rate, came to a standstill Tuesday night on account of lack of material. The windows are not obtainable just now and parts of the heating plant have not arrived. It is uncertain when work can be resumed.

The remains of the late Thomas Felger were brought up from Portland Monday night and the funeral occurred at 10 a. m. Tuesday in Philomath. The remains were interred in Newton cemetery. Deceased was about 45 years old and leaves a wife and other relatives to mourn his loss. Death occurred in Portland Saturday.

All day Tuesday and Wednesday men, women, and children visited the river banks in Corvallis and viewed the rushing waters that extended eastward as far as the eye could see. Even beyond the timber belt, water could be seen between the trees and on to the eastward, and the condition furnished a topic of conversation from one end of town to the other.

Dick Kiger had quite a time Monday rescuing a band of sheep from the high water on his place north of town. It seems that Mr. Kiger has a large platform, conveniently located, on which his sheep can climb to safety in times of high water, but Monday the flood carried the water over the platform and the animals had to be taken to safety in a row boat.

Articles of incorporation were filed at the county clerk's office Tuesday by the Willamette Valley Banking Company. The capital stock is given at \$25,000, divided into 250 shares. The incorporators are William Leese, N. Wilkinson, and William Scarth, and the place of business is to be Corvallis. The purpose stated is to do a general banking business.

The Gazette acknowledges the receipt of a copy of the seventh biennial report of the Oregon Soldiers' Home, issued by Commandant W. W. Elder. The report states that \$16,000 will be necessary for the support of the home during 1907-1908, as much of the work heretofore done by the old soldiers in and about the home will hereafter have to be hired, as the old veterans are becoming too aged and infirm to perform the labor required.

Miles Starr, Jr., and Richard Kiger went to the Ireland place below town Tuesday to attempt the rescue of four horses belonging to W. O. Trine. The animals were safe Monday night but when the men arrived Tuesday no trace could be found of the horses and it is supposed they were swept away in the rushing waters. One animal was valued at \$500, and Mr. Trine certainly has the sympathy of all in his loss. So high was the water that Messrs. Kiger and Starr could not get back to Corvallis Tuesday but were obliged to remain at the Ireland place until Wednesday.

Mrs. George Emerick has arrived home from a trip to Southern Oregon.

News has reached Corvallis of the birth in Portland last week of a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Logan Hays.

Notice of final settlement has been filed with the court in the Sechler estate and March 9th has been set for the final hearing.

Mrs. Bergen and children passed through Corvallis the first of this week from Portland en route to Philomath where they are to visit Mrs. Bergen's sister, Mrs. Will Horning.

Bob Wilson, the youngest telegrapher operating on the main lines in Oregon today, has taken charge of the office at Summit, Mr. Boles, the former operator, having been transferred to Mill City.

A petition has been presented to and granted by the county court appointing E. E. Wilson guardian of the estate of Mrs. Eliza Knight. The estate is valued at \$1,500.

Thomas Stacy came down from Eugene Tuesday to look after his property here during the high water. He will take his family to Eugene as soon as arrangements can be made.

The Plaster barber shop is to move into the building two doors north of its present location. The room was until recently occupied by a shooting gallery. It is being considerably repaired.

Dr. E. E. Jackson has a broken arm. It happened Sunday. While on a trip to Blodgett the rig was overturned on a side hill and Mr. Jackson was thrown out, with the result stated.

Student Richard Wright who has been ill with pneumonia for several weeks at the Rev. McCausland home was taken to his home at Athena, Eastern Oregon, Monday, accompanied by his mother. His friends in this city hope to hear of his speedy restoration to health.

The Kaupisch creamery wagon that comes from Bellefountain each week with cream from that neighborhood has been tied up by the high water this week, and it is probable that residents of that locality will have more cream for a few days than can be disposed of conveniently.

A telephone message from Hugh Finley's place at Irish Bend Tuesday stated that the water was then up in their house and was still rising at the rate of two inches an hour. Another message from Martin Butler's home at the same time said the water was over the floor in their house, which is on Beaver Creek.

Word has gone abroad that the rural mail carriers are to receive an increase in wages, and the Corvallis carriers are eagerly awaiting further tidings of the promised good fortune. The life of the rural carrier is far from being a bed of roses, and there is no one who will not rejoice with them in their "raise" of salary.

The Kemp launch had a strenuous time again Monday. It had gone down the river, and met with some sort of a mishap that prevented its being brought back to town, the water was so high. The Strong launch put out to rescue the party on board, and it was eleven o'clock at night before the latter boat made it back to a safe landing place below the sawmill.

Because of the severity of the storm that prevailed Monday night there was not as large an audience as usual at the lecture of Dr. Merritt Driver, but those who went declared the lecture well worth the price of the entire season's ticket. Many persons whose opinion has weight state that the lecture was the best they have ever heard. The subject was "America Facing the Great East," and Dr. Driver gave a masterful discussion of the conditions of the world today, holding his audience spell bound with his eloquence and oratory. The entertainment was the fourth in the regular Lyceum course and was up to the standard of the series.

J. C. Lowe is the worst abused man in Corvallis. While he is a bachelor with no domestic cares, he vows that the oft-quoted troubles of a married man are no comparison to those that beset the manager of a telephone system. From early morn'til dewy eve there are telephone tongue lashings for Mr. Lowe from irate female patrons who have a multitude of grievances to relate against the "hello girls," the line-men, the instruments, the manager, and the whole "concerned concern." Mr. Lowe is meek and lowly; he takes his medicine like a man and does not "sass back," but he has firmly resolved that, if all females are as peppery-tongued as those he has to deal with over the wires, he will forever remain a bachelor. The cause of all his woe is the change that is being made in the Independent system to give patrons a better service for their money.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Whiteaker, George Jones, and Miss Grace Jones returned Friday afternoon from an overland trip on horseback into the Alesca country where they went the first of the week to locate timber claims for Mrs. Whiteaker and Miss Grace. The trip was quite a long one for this season of the year. The trip required a horseback ride of more than fifty miles and the condition of the roads was not any too good either. The ladies secured timber claims, however, and are more than satisfied with the results of their trip.—Independence Enterprise.

According to reports from all sections of the state, local dealers estimate that 20 per cent of the hop roots of the 25,000 acres of the state have been killed, and that the effect will be to increase the price for 1906 holdings in dealers' and growers' hands at least five cents per pound within the present week. Blight to the hops was due to the extreme draught of the summer, which sapped the vitality of the roots, followed by the winter's freeze, which penetrated to and froze the crowns of the stands. In some cases reported almost entire yards will have to be replanted.—Salem Capital Journal.

Wilbur Croft returned Tuesday evening from Seaside and Astoria, where he had been to look over the situation with a view of opening a confectionery store. He has not decided on a location.

Wallie Harris, a mute printer who has been in Corvallis the past few months, left yesterday for Oakland, California.

E. J. Garrow has returned from a several weeks' business trip to California.

Mrs. Grant Elgin, who was operated on for an abscess in the side a week ago in Portland, is rapidly recovering. Mr. Elgin returned Monday evening from the bedside and has since been suffering with a severe attack of la grippe.

At a congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church, held at the close of the service last Sunday evening, Rev. J. R. N. Bell was elected pastor of the church for the ensuing year by a unanimous vote, a large congregation being present.

Rev. J. R. N. Bell will fill the pulpit at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening at the usual hours. Everybody is cordially invited.

Upmeyer of Linn county introduced a bill in the House the other day that, had it passed, would have taxed every dog in the state so high that there would have been few survivors. There are many people in Corvallis—and no doubt in every other Oregon town—who would be devoutly thankful if the bill would pass.

Charles Beach, who has staked on his place across the river from Corvallis, spent Tuesday night on the ranch keeping watch over his flock to prevent them from drowning. Mr. Beach placed a gauge on the river bank, visiting it every hour, and he states that the highest point that the river reached was at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning. Between that hour and 8 a. m. the water had fallen four inches. Other people have other reports as to when the highest stage was reached, but Mr. Beach had every opportunity for an accurate estimate and feels certain that he is correct.

Three poles were washed out between Albany and Corvallis by the high water Tuesday, and as night came on the tall "dip" and coal oil lamp took the place of the electric light in dwelling and business houses. The entire town was in darkness and all sorts of apparatus that depended on electricity for power came to a standstill. The men employed by the Willamette Valley company in this city went to Albany yesterday to assist in repairing the damage.

Over at Toledo Tuesday the Fir and Spruce Lumber Company began remodeling the Toledo saw mill recently purchased of G. L. Gray. The president of the company is F. R. Stokes of Portland and H. C. Jorgenson is secretary. The board of directors consists of F. R. Stokes of Portland, Martin Foard, Astoria; H. C. Jorgenson of Toledo, and C. H. Williams and P. H. Johnson of San Francisco. When completed the mill will have a capacity of 50,000 feet per ten hours and will give employment to 120 men.

Captain Robinson has a new kind of a mouse trap, and in consequence he made a "catch" a few days ago that was as much of a surprise to him as to the animal caught. A mouse had been bothering in the real estate office Robinson & Stevenson put a sheet of fly paper near the hole in the wall and awaited results. The plan worked. Next morning a mouse lay glued fast to the sheet of tanglefoot. About this time a neighborly John Thomas cat strolled in and seeing Mr. Mouse, nabbed him. Then there was a squall from the cat which made a wild dash for the door, and as cat, fly paper, and mouse whirled past, "Pap" Robinson made a frantic grab at the combination but got only a corner of the paper as the John Thomas flew madly down the street. Out of breath with laughter and running, Mr. Robinson finally overtook the frightened cat in a nearby store and rescued his new faugled mouse trap and also relieved the meddling Tom.

Tuesday Flood Notes.

Albany, Or., Feb. 5—Rising four inches an hour, the Willamette has reached 27 1/2 feet here. The water front is now flooded. The river is a mile wide on the lowlands opposite Albany and indications are for 31 feet above low water mark.

The Santiam is now falling, after reaching the highest point in ten years. Big damage has been done at Lebanon. The bulkhead washed out of the head of the Santiam canal, where it leaves the Santiam below Lebanon, starting for Albany. Workmen trying to save it had a narrow escape. The canal flooded and swept into the floors of the Lebanon paper mill.

The whole country is inundated about Lebanon. The house and barn of F. M. Parsons on the Santiam nine miles east of Albany, from which the family and furniture were moved yesterday in boats, was swept away last night.

No big bridges have been damaged, except at Waterloo, where drift broke down a railing at one end. Short bridges on some small creeks were washed out.

Eugene, Ore., Feb. 5—The Willamette at Eugene reached a height of 22 feet some time last night, but it is now falling and at noon was 19 feet. The McKenzie river and Upper Willamette were higher than they had been for twenty years or more and there has been considerable property damaged along the bottoms. The McKenzie Valley is a vast lake of water, hundreds of settlers being compelled to flee to save their lives. The same condition exists on the Upper Willamette, but in the vicinity of Eugene the water was lower and while it spread over considerable farming land, doing some minor damage, it was not deep and very few if any farmers were compelled to leave their homes. Numerous small wagon bridges on the Upper Willamette and McKenzie washed out.

Mr. Hyde transacted business on Beaver Creek last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ireland, Duke and Gray and Mrs. Daniel were Philomath visitors last week.

George Mercer has returned from a brief business visit at Portland.

Martin Butler has returned home from an extended visit at Corvallis where he has invested in property.

There was a party given to Mrs. Henry Starr in honor of her 50th birthday last Friday evening and was a very enjoyable affair to all present.

Jesse Starr has been lately engaged in digging ditch for Mr. Ish.

Mrs. Duke Gray and children are reported to be much improved after their attack of la grippe.

Mr. Duffey and wife were Corvallis visitors last week.

Henry Starr was a Philomath visitor last Monday.

Miss Peterson is visiting at the home of her uncle, Bert Peterson.

The revival services at the school house are to continue until next Sunday night. They are having a large attendance and had 19 converts Sunday evening.

Mr. Coons of Bellefountain visited with friends on Beaver Creek last Friday and Saturday.

CATARRH GROWING LESS.

Due to the Use of Hyomei. Cures Without Stomach Dosing.

There has been a marked falling off of sales of catarrh cures in the local stores the past year. Medicines which were formerly purchased in gross lots are now seldom called for, and the druggist seldom buys more than a dozen at a time. Hyomei is a notable exception to this decrease in sales. It is, in fact, largely responsible for the lessened sales of catarrh medicines, as it has cured so many people of catarrhal troubles that naturally there is less call for remedies for that disease. There is no disagreeable stomach dosing with Hyomei. It is breathed through a neat pocket inhaler that comes with every Hyomei outfit. Graham & Wells give their personal guarantee that the money will be refunded unless the treatment cures, so that you run no risk at all in buying this reliable medicine. The complete Hyomei outfit costs but \$1, extra bottles, if needed, 50c.

- 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.

OUR CLEARANCE SALE HAS BEEN A GRAND SUCCESS. But has left us with a great many Remnants, Odds and Ends, in Dress Goods, etc., which for the next 10 Days we will close out at 50 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR. F. L. MILLER'S CORVALLIS, OREGON.

25 Brands of BREAKFAST FOODS We Carry 25. BUT YOU WANT TO TRY THE LATEST TOASTED CORN FLAKES. This food is put up in one pound packages and sold for 15 cents a package at HODES GROCERY.

D. G. Hiestand, Chas. Blakeslee. CORVALLIS STEAM LAUNDRY. Patronize Home Industry. CORVALLIS, OREGON.

Don't Put Off. Until tomorrow what you can do today. WHEN YOU BUY AN ARTICLE. A. K. RUSS. Fresh country butter all the time at the City Market—50 cents a roll. 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.