

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Lewis Edwards and family attended the fair last week.

Oliver Beal went to Drain, Wednesday, to visit old friends.

Prof. and Mrs. Hyslop attended the big fair at Salem Friday.

Lee Henkle is putting in a new concrete walk around his residence.

Sam J. Verney and wife went to Portland, Saturday, for a little visit.

Mrs. B. A. Cathey and daughter are visiting in the Inavale neighborhood.

J. E. Wyatt and son took in the sights at the fair the latter part of the week.

Prof. and Mrs. N. Tartar were visitors at the state fair at Salem the last of the week.

Captain and Mrs. J. W. Crawford were visitors at the State Fair at Salem Friday.

H. C. Montgomery of Bridle Veil, arrived Friday to take up the school work at OAC.

Frank White left Thursday for Vancouver, Wash., to take a position in a music house.

Mr. Beal and daughter, Maida, who have been quite ill for some time, are slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bates and little daughter spent Friday in Salem as visitors at the fair.

Mrs. F. L. Miller was looking after her husband down at the Salem Fair, Friday. Hard job.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hout and daughter, Miss Franke, attended the State Fair at Salem, Friday.

Miss Stella Payne and W. Kittridge were in attendance at the fair, Thursday and Friday.

The little 4 year old child of Supt. Mack has been quite sick, but was reported better on Saturday.

Mrs. M. M. Long left Saturday for a visit with friends and relatives at Monmouth and Forest Grove.

Mr. Templeton and wife, of Prineville are visiting at the home of Victor Davis south of Philomath.

Carl Clark of Portland, formerly a popular student and graduate of OAC, is the guest of Corvallis friends this week.

Prof. J. B. Horner, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Pearl, and Mrs. Skipton, visited in Salem and Chemawa the last of the week.

Mrs. Gilmore, from Astoria, has come to Corvallis for school purposes and rented a house from M. C. Miller on 6th and Washington streets.

Mrs. Jennie B. Adams and daughters, who went to California last September, came back last week and Miss Florence will take a position as a teacher in the public schools.

Joe Edwards has been over in the Yachats country taking the wrinkles out of his face by inhaling mountain air and lying on a fish diet. No need of grub steak over in that country.

Dr. Stickney was to have a paper at the State Fair, Friday, and had it all ready for business, but a \$600 patient demanded his attention over among the fine horses so they had to cut him out.

They are having trouble over near-beer at Eugene, the council having passed an ordinance prohibiting its sale. 'Twas ever thus. The nearer you get to beer the more trouble you will have.

Mrs. Rose Mears left Thursday for Portland for a visit with friends after which she will enter the hospital and take a course of training as a nurse. She is the daughter of R. N. White of this city.

A fine set of harness went out from Amy Cameron's shop to the shingle mill south of Philomath, Thursday. A bystander remarked that it was the slickest set he had seen for many a day.

Don't forget the meeting at the Circuit Court room Tuesday night. Taft Club.

A little accident happened to the cash register at Nolan's last week, but these good people have everything so nicely arranged that money coming in to the till was well taken care of.

Charles Beach has moved from the up stairs rooms of the Beach feed store, on 2d street, to the rear rooms in the old Temple of Justice building, on 3rd and Monroe Sts. The front rooms will be occupied by Dr. Morris, as an office.

Joseph Henkle, an OAC graduate of 1905, and 2 1/2 years' student at Schenectady, N. Y., has been spending his vacation with his parents in this city. He has accepted a position with the Portland Car and Light Co. and went to work Monday.

With 30,000 people in attendance at the State Fair on Thursday it would indicate that the population of Oregon is growing very fast and that they duly appreciate a good fair. The weather has been ideal, making the occasion all that could be desired.

Herman Hector a former OAC student who lives near Granger, was married Sunday to Miss Nellie Taylor, daughter of G. R. Taylor, of Irish Bend. The happy couple will spend their honeymoon at Newport, after which they will take up their residence in Albany.

Six families were on the boat at Lile Washington, Tuesday, Sept. 8 and all bound for Corvallis. Four of these families left us some time ago to stay and the others are new recruits picked up along the lines by the prodigals returning home. One by one they come to partake of the fatted calf.

Mrs. L. E. Casteel of Yaquina was an over Sunday visitor in Corvallis at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Mary Barber. She was en route home from Portland where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Coleman, formerly Miss Sadie Dixon, a popular Corvallis girl.

F. W. Rowland, of California, is visiting his brother, J. R. Rowland, of this city. Mr. Rowland is a prominent stockman of California, having about 1000 head of cattle on his ranch. He is also vice president of the Wasco bank at Reno, Nevada. He is very much impressed with Oregon and her possibilities for the future.

Mayor George E. Lilly had his palatial residence wired for light last Thursday and was so elated over the event that he turned on all the lights Thursday night and left them burning. At about 2 o'clock in the morning the neighbors gathered to see who was sick. They showed him how to turn them off and all is now running nicely at the Lilly residence.

The Electric Line from Salem to Portland has a schedule time of forty minutes. This will give you some idea of the good times we can have when an electric belt will encircle the entire Willamette Valley. It will also have a tendency to impress upon the S. P. railroad the fact that the people are determined to have better transportation and finer equipments.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Woodcock went to Portland Wednesday to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Lyle, who was an aunt of Mrs. Woodcock. She will be remembered by some of our citizens, having visited here on numerous occasions. She was 88 years, 7 months and 25 days old and was an Oregon pioneer of the fifties. She was laid to rest in the Riverview Cemetery, at Portland.

Miss Merle Hollister, the main stay in the typographical department at the Gazette office, made our hearts glad by returning to Corvallis Friday evening and will resume her work in the office to-morrow morning. She was accompanied home by Miss Margaret Fowells and Miss Mae Webster, the young ladies having had a glorious visit of four weeks with relatives and friends at Portland and Hood River.

Lost.—Between Independence and Corvallis, a violin in the case. Finder please leave at this office and receive reward.79

R. N. Williamson and family will occupy the house on corner of 3rd and Washington Sts., during the school year. They moved in Monday.

FOR EXCHANGE.—\$5000 equity in Portland residence property for exchange for ranch near Corvallis. Box 192. 79-80

Misses Vera Means and Anna Kenniburg of Pennsylvania arrived Saturday evening and will spend the winter with the former's uncle, Dr. Morris, and family. They expressed themselves as highly pleased with Corvallis.

FOR EXCHANGE.—\$6500 equity in Hood River ranch for exchange for ranch near Corvallis. 79-80 Box 192.

After Oct. 1st, Dr. Mentor Howard will move his dental rooms from the present location to new rooms over the First National Bank, where he would be pleased to see and wait upon his customers.

Our new stock of Pyrography wood and leather has just arrived. GRAHAM & WELLS. 77-84

The Hood River Apple-growers' Association have just closed a contract for 80,000 boxes of the glowing crop, and now have under discussion the sale of 150,000 additional boxes. This will be good news to all the fruit-growing sections of the Northwest.

The Civil Service examination for mail carriers of Corvallis was conducted at the court house on Saturday by Mr. Worrell, secretary of the Civil Service Board at Albany. There were about 13 applicants who were desirous of serving Uncle Sam in this capacity. It will require about one month to pass down along the tape line and hence the boys will be on the anxious seat until returns come in.

Mr. E. D. Lunt, who has been a general utility man at the Gazette office for the past seven months, has severed his connection with this paper and after visiting a daughter in Silverton, he and his good wife will finally land in sunny California to spend the winter. We are sorry to lose our good brother as he is not only a good printer in every branch of work connected with the office, but also a pleasant companion with whom it was a pleasure to associate. He leaves us with the best wishes of the entire Gazette force.

Fred Raymond's famous comedy "The Missouri Girl" will be the attraction at the Opera House Friday night. The fact that this is the twelfth season for this play is a most conclusive proof that good, clean, wholesome theatrical productions are always welcomed and generously patronized by the theatre-going public. The comedy is so closely interwoven with bits of pathos and such sensational incidents as would actually occur in the lives of such people as exist in "The Missouri Girl," that the entirety is a revelation in simplicity and interest in play building.

Mr. Raymond has equipped the play with the best of accessories, and has spared no expense in making this production one thoroughly worthy the patronage accorded it. Advance sale opens Wednesday morning. Prices 25 to 75 cts.

**The Public Schools.**

The public schools opened yesterday morning and the streets were littered with bright, happy faces looking after school books and other things necessary to delve in the mystery of an education. They come from the hop fields, the coast, the mountains, the country and nearly every quarter like a flock of sheep returning to the fold. The rooms will be crowded to their fullest capacity and it will be necessary to exorcise some degree of patience on the part of teacher and pupil in getting ready for business. The board has used every exertion to provide for the wants of our young people and we predict a successful year in every department.

**HIGHWAY DRAINAGE.**

Tiles Are Best For Gravel or Stone Roads.

**SOME POINTS ON THE WORK.**

Underdrainage Below Surface With Farm Tiles a Great Protection—Side Ditches That Hold Water Make an Inferior Roadway.

Tile drainage, says Professor Ira O. Baker, is the very best preparation for a gravel or a stone road. Gravel or broken stones placed upon an undrained foundation is almost sure to sink gradually, whatever its thickness, whereas a thinner layer upon an underdrained roadbed will give much better service. "Roads tiled without gravel are better than roads graveled without tile."

The road should be underdrained so as to keep the water level well below the road surface. In most localities this can be accomplished reasonably well by laying a line of farm tile three or three and a half feet below the road surface along one side of the roadway. It is sometimes claimed that there should be a tile on each side of the road.

Some writers on good roads advocate the use of a line of tile under the middle of the traveled portion, and some advocate a line on each side of the wheelway. The object sought by these tiles is rapid drainage, and therefore it is urged that they should be laid near the surface. It is doubtful whether any water will reach the tile, since the road surface when wet is puddled by the traffic, which prevents the water percolating through the soil, and it is certain that in clay or loam the drainage thus obtained is of no practical value. More than one farmer has tried to drain his barnyard by laying tile near the surface, always without appreciable effect.

While a line of tile on one side of the road is usually sufficient, there is often a great difference as to the side on which it should be laid. If one side of the road is higher than the other, the tile should be on the high side to intercept the ground water that is flowing down the slope under the surface.

The tile should be laid in the bottom of the slit ditch below the frost line. Of course the tile should have a uniform grade and a sufficient fall and an adequate outlet. The size of the tile required will depend upon the length of the line and the grade of the ditch, but local experience in farm drainage is likely to be a better guide than any general statement that can be made. Farm drainage is almost certain to precede road drainage in any particular locality.

The side ditches are to receive the water from the surface of the traveled way and should carry it rapidly and entirely away from the roadside. They are useful also to intercept and carry off the water that would otherwise flow from the side hills upon the road. Ordinarily they need not be deep and if possible should have a broad, flaring side toward the traveled way to prevent accident if a vehicle should be crowded to the extreme side of the roadway. The outside bank should be flat enough to prevent caving. The proper form of ditch is easily made by the usual road machine or road grader. The side ditch should have a free outlet into some stream so as to carry the water entirely away from the road. No good road can be obtained with side ditches that hold the water until it evaporates.

Much alleged road work is a positive damage for this reason. Piling up the earth in the middle of the road is perhaps in itself well enough, but leaving undrained holes at the side of the road probably more than counterbalances the benefits of the embankment. A road between long artificial ponds is always inferior and is often impassable. It is cheaper and better to make a lower embankment and to drain thoroughly the holes at the side of the roads. Often the public funds can be more wisely used in making ditches in adjoining private lands than in making ponds at the roadside in an attempt to improve the road by raising the surface.

**New Dust Killing Machine.**  
Consul General Robert J. Wynne reports that a new tar spraying machine which the makers claim will do away with the dust nuisance has been tested on the roadway in front of the Horticultural hall, Westminster, London, before practically the whole of the municipal engineers, a large number of county surveyors and suburban engineers and two representatives appointed by the war office. After the tar spraying process a second machine scattered a level-layer of granite grit and chips upon the tar, which when rolled formed a road with a fine, smooth surface, durable and dustless. A tar macadam road made in this way costs from 3s. 6d. to 4 shillings (85 to 97 cents) a square yard as against ordinary macadam, which costs on an average 2s. 6d. (60 cents) a square yard.

**Useful Trees For Roads.**  
French roads are commonly bordered with shade trees. This is believed to be a protection of the roads against the effects of excessive heat and drought. Only such trees, however, are considered useful as have vertically descending roots. The spreading roots of other kinds might damage the road.

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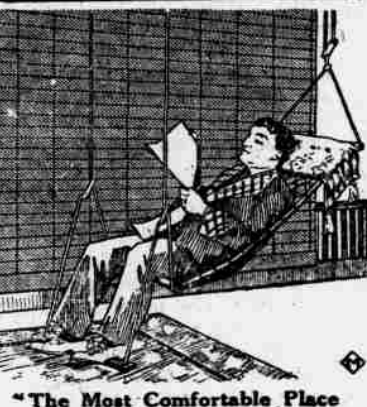
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