

CAN RAISE CORN.

Independence Man Gets 453 Bushels from 1-2 Acres.

John F. Groves, of Independence, yesterday sent to Mr. W. J. White a half dozen ears of Yellow Dent, perfect in every way, accompanied by the following letter: "I am sending you today by express some Yellow Dent corn. This corn was planted May 20th, which was 20 days later than it should have been planted. However, as late as it was put in, I husked 453 bushels of corn from a little better than 1-2 acres, and besides this amount husked I had about 65 bushels more. I used all the husking ears they wanted during the picking season."

Mr. Groves' letter conclusively proves that good corn crops can be grown in this section, despite the many and continued assertions to the contrary. All you have to do is to be careful in the selection of your land for the purpose and the climate will do the rest. The Itemizer Realty concern has for sale 1000 acres of land at \$100 an acre that we will guarantee will produce just as good and large a crop of corn as did Mr. Groves' land. We understand that 75 bushels of corn is considered a good crop anywhere, so you see we can raise as big ones as any place.

MARSHALL WARD CANTER.

Father of Our Popular Conductor Passed Away Recently.

Marshall Ward Canter, Oregon pioneer, died at his home in Harrisburg last week, after a lingering illness, which followed a stroke of apoplexy while attending the Odd Fellows' encampment at Eugene last May. Mr. Canter was born in Nashville, Tenn., January 17, 1838. He served in the Confederate army under General Price as lieutenant, came to Oregon at the close of the war and was married to Miss Margaret E. Gage at Mohawk in 1863; an early settler in Harrisburg, where he entered the contracting and building business, which he followed until a couple of years ago. He was twice mayor, and served many terms in the council. He had been an active Odd Fellow since 1876, and the funeral services Saturday were held under his auspices. He leaves his wife, one son, Charles C., of Dallas, and a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Ford, of Harrisburg.

An Old Resident Dies.

C. M. Walker reached Salem at 10:59 Tuesday with the body of Nelson Purvine, who died in Klickitat county, Washington, on Sunday evening. Deceased was one of the early settlers in Marion county, having moved to a donation land claim with his parents and their family, near the present city of Hubbard, in 1848.

They later moved to Zena, Polk county, and while a comparative young man, Nelson, with his brother-in-law and sister, W. B. Walker and wife, moved to Klickitat county, Washington, where he has resided continuously until his death.

He was about 75 years old, and leaves two brothers living, S. Purvine and J. L. Purvine, both of Salem, and sister, Mrs. C. C. Walker, of Portland. C. M. Walker, of North Howell, this county, is a nephew. The friends and relatives accompanying the remains left Clough & Lehman's undertaking parlors at 9:30 Wednesday morning, and a short service was held at Zena at 12 o'clock noon, where burial took place. —Salem Statesman.

Celebrates Anniversary.

Alvis Lynch, Frank Muscott, Arthur Start, Jesse McCarter and Will Kurtz went to Independence Monday evening to help the K. P. lodge celebrate their anniversary. The boys report a fine time. Music enlivened the evening, many speeches were made, and a banquet of unparalleled excellence topped off the celebration in fine style.

PROGRAM OF SERVICES

Of Methodist Episcopal church, Sunday, February 23, 1911.

Revival services are being held every evening except Saturday. We invite you to be present and bring your friends.

Sunday services are in harmony with these special services.

9:45 a. m., Sunday School.

11 a. m., Sermon by the pastor, "Get One."

2:30 p. m., Junior League.

6:30 p. m., Epworth League.

7:30 p. m., Sermon by the pastor, "Four Values of the Suffering and Death of Christ."

Be sure to be present.

Mrs. W. L. Toole Jr. and Mr. Wilbur Ross will sing a duet at the evening service.

GEO. F. HOPKINS, Pastor.

I. W. Elliott left for his Canada home yesterday, where he does his farming during the good weather, spending his winters here.

PASSES HOUSE.

It is now Up to Senate to Give Our People Relief.

Representative Hawley Tuesday called up and had passed through the House his Siletz settlers' bill, which is almost identical with the bill that passed both houses at the last session, but failed to receive the signature of the President. A similar bill has been pending before the Senate all this winter, but has not yet been acted upon.

As passage of such legislation through the Senate is much more readily accomplished than in the House, it is thought that Senator Chamberlain will take up and push through the Hawley bill in lieu of his own, in time to give the President ample opportunity to examine it before adjournment.

The Siletz bill at the last session failed primarily because it was sent to the President only just before Congress adjourned. If he can have several days to consider the present bill before March 4, Mr. Hawley has strong hopes the President will give it his approval.

Senator Jones' bill, which has already passed the Senate, granting an extension of three years to desert land entrymen in Yakima, Benton and Klickitat counties, Wash., when they can show that failure to make proof is due to failure to complete irrigation projects upon which they are depending for water for irrigation, passed the House today.

Falls 18 Feet.

Last Friday Mrs. N. L. Butler by mistake locked herself out of the family flat in Portland, and while endeavoring to gain entrance by means of one of the windows, she fell into the area-way of the basement, a distance of 18 feet, alighting on a solid concrete floor. No bones were broken, but she was considerably bruised and has been suffering a good deal from the shock. At her age, it is remarkable that the lady got off as well as she did. Glenn Butler went down Sunday, and found his mother getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances, with every chance for her recovery.

Mysterious Disappearance, Nt.

Last Wednesday a week Mrs. George W. Lee came up from Portland to look after matters at her farm near town, intending to return the next day. Tuesday her brother, Dr. Perry Langworthy, got anxious and phoned the Itemizer to do a little detective work. Inquiry of Mr. Canter developed the fact that she had reached the farm safely, but it was reported that she had been driven back to Dallas. No one knew of her being in town and she had not put up at our hotels. It began then to look like a mysterious disappearance and our newsy nose got busier, trying to work up a clue between Dallas and Portland. All this trouble was under the statement from Dr. Langworthy that there was no phone at her farm. Yesterday afternoon we found out one had just been installed, and when we called up, the person to answer was Mrs. Lee, who thus relieved the anxiety of her relatives in Portland and spoilt a big item for our editors. But we made something out of it just the same.

More Improvement Needed.

So far our city council has only arranged for three blocks of street improvement work for the summer. More is needed in order that the crusher pay its way, and that the force of men first employed be given steady employment during the working period. There are surely enough streets in the back edges of town which need this work done, and good passage ways provided where now rigs have to struggle through a maze of mud. Running east and west we have several good thoroughfares, and in the second and third wards going north and south there is a first class avenue that all can use. But the first ward is up against it in these latter directions entirely, as east of Main street there is no parallel on which they can travel in those directions. Lyle or Shelton streets should be macadamized this year, and then we will have a belt line that will give service to all portions of town.

Reduction in Price.

Last fall we printed lists of all the registered voters of Polk county, including their postoffice address. There are regular customers for such lists in the big cities, and we have now sold out to them as far as we know at \$3 a list. We find we have more than enough lists to supply the demand, and in order to close them out will give any who want them in this county a price of \$1 a list. This will only hold good for a short time, as we desire to hold a number of lists for orders that are liable to drop in at any time.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Lena T. Gilbert, deceased; bond filed and approved; letters issued; W. J. White, A. Fennell and C. S. Graves appointed appraisers.

In the guardianship of N. F. Nelson, an incompetent—petition to execute deed granted.

In the guardianship of J. F. Leach, insane—final account filed, heard and approved; ordered that the guardian pay over to the administrator the balance of money in his hands, and on filing voucher therefor to be discharged.

In the estate of Elizabeth Fishback, deceased—final account approved and distribution ordered.

In the guardianship of Joseph Tharp, insane—inventory and appraisal filed and approved.

In the guardianship of Ella and Charley Chase, minors, bond filed and approved and J. L. Hanna, W. L. Rice and August Sperling appointed appraisers.

Hop Contracts.

H. A. Jones to McNeill Bros.

Patents.

U. S. to heirs of Isabella Riggs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

G. G. Andrews et ux to Clear View Orchards, 323.40 acres, t. 6, s. 6, r. 6, 1000
Harvey Gage et ux to G. W. Hap-
pistall, 10.00 acres, 454
George R. Thurston et al to Helen E. Thurston, half interest in 101 acres, t. 6, s. 6, r. 6, 1
R. M. Smith et ux to J. H. Truett, about 47.00 acres, t. 6, s. 6, r. 6, 1600
A. L. and C. L. Sperling to G. D. Wilson, 201.00 acres, t. 8, s. 4, r. 4, 70
Mary Bagley and hus. to Levi Joy, lot in Independence, 100
Minnie V. Christianson et ux to Henry Seaton, lots in Buena Vista, 150
Hilda J. Saville and hus. to Harriett Healey, lot in Dallas, 200
E. W. Strong et ux to W. R. Brown, lots in Strong's Fruit tract No. 1, 50
G. W. Johnson et ux to F. W. Waters, lots in West Salem, 100
Wm. Oral Morrow et ux to D. C. Roberts et ux, 20.10 acres, t. 8, s. 8, r. 6, 3800
F. E. Meyer et ux to F. N. Woods et ux, lots in Dallas, 1500
Wm. N. Brown et al to Peter Neumann, 150.00 acres, t. 6, s. 6, r. 6, 4000
W. H. Holmes et ux to A. M. Holmes, 100.23 acres, t. 6 and 7, r. 4 w., 7000
R. E. Hilders to Fred Lopez, one-sixth lot in 86.5 A, t. 6, s. 4, r. 4, 836
S. T. Borch to Hannah Clayton, 1 acre, Rickrell, 200
G. F. Schaefer et ux to J. D. Bates, 238.4 A, t. 7, s. 4 w., 100
Mattie L. Smith et ux to Nora B. Farmer, 150.00 acres, t. 6, s. 6, r. 6, 7000
James T. Moxley to Elizabeth A. Moxley, 12 A, t. 7, s. 4, r. 5, 1500
Elizabeth A. Moxley to George E. Moxley, 12 A, t. 7, s. 4, r. 5, 10
George W. Brown to Mark Siddell, 64 A, t. 8, s. 6, r. 6, 10

LEBANON-FALLS CITY.

Highs Discuss Commission Form of Government in Cities.

The Lebanon High school debating team met and defeated the Falls City High school team by a decision of 2 to 1 on Saturday night. The question was "Resolved, That American cities should adopt a commission form of government." The Falls City team consisted of: Leslie O. Toole, Ella M. Mehrling and Lamar E. Toole. Lebanon was represented by Katherine Kirkpatrick, Minnie Wetzel and Ora Kesler. County Superintendent H. B. Seydell acted as judge. The judges were President W. W. Waters, of the Dallas College; Rev. Dunsun, of Independence, and Superintendent of Schools of Salem. This debate was by far the most interesting ever held in this city.

ROLAND HOLMAN.

Wins Coveted Honors in Prohibition Oratorical Contest.

On March 23 will be held in Dallas the Intercollegiate State Prohibition contest, a speaker competing from Pacific University, McMinnville college, Willamette University, Albany college, Philomath college and our home institution. The winner of this contest will get a prize of \$75 and be entitled to represent the state at Los Angeles in the Interstate contest. Last Saturday night oral orators battled for the right to represent Dallas college at that time, and it was closely contested by the different aspirants from start to finish, all evincing unlooked for talent in that direction and showing good work. Their work was judged by the judges, and they were hard put to render an unbiased opinion at the conclusion of the several efforts. Holman won out, beating Charley Poling by the narrow margin of one point. The orations were all of superior merit and reflected great credit on each student who took part.

The following musical program was pulled off between spectators and was well received by the large audience: Instrumental solo, by Dorothy Bennett; vocal solo, Norval Gates; piano duet, Misses Bessie Dalton and Ada Longnecker; vocal selection, Dallas college quartette.

Those taking part in the debate and their subjects were: Miss Allie Fuller, "Education a Solution for the Liquor Problem," Lester Barnhart, "Cocaine's Portion," Claude Shaw, "The Political Challenge of the Hour," Miss Helen Gurney, "The Supreme Decision," Roland Holman, "Manhood or Gold," Charles Poling, "A Vision of Victory."

Bad Debts.

If anybody owes you money which you can't collect, give the account to us. No expense unless the money is paid. Under 2 years 25 per cent commission; over 2 years 50 per cent; old outlawed debts 50 per cent.

Leave accounts with McBee & Castle, local agents for THE WESTERN MERCANTILE AGENCY, Albany, Ore. M2

"Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is the best remedy for that often fatal disease—croup. Has been used with success in our family for eight years."—Mrs. L. Whiteside, Buffalo, N. Y.

BAND ENTERTAINMENT

During the Last Week in March at the Woodman Hall.

The Dallas band has a committee out to secure new uniforms for the organization, which will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$400. Their treasury not being entirely able to meet this large demand upon it, they have arranged to give a variety of entertainment during the last week in March, on a date not as yet finally set, in which to swell the fund for this purpose. The entertainment will be diversified and novel in many respects, consisting in part of special music by the band, high class tumbling by unequalled amateurs, and other things too numerous to mention outside of a formal program, which will be published as soon as it is fully gotten in shape.

Our land boys are practicing faithfully, and under the leadership of that veteran bandmaster, U. S. Grant, are turning out first class music as we know from practical experience, hearing them play twice a week. They were to secure new and natty uniforms in a loud one, and should receive the hearty encouragement of every citizen. There is no question but what they will give an entertainment well worth the price of admission, and it is a certainty that the Woodman Hall will be chuck full of guests on the night of their debut.

Infant Son Dead.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Middleton died of diphtheria, a disease from which he had been suffering for three months, February 15, aged 11 months and 11 days. Interment was in Dallas cemetery.

A hush has fallen over our home. A voice we loved is still.

A voice we loved is still. Which never can be filled.

New Rental Books.

The 'Rent Call'—Royle. A Reconstructed Marriage—Barr. The Girl of the Limerick—Porter. The Beauty—Woodrow. The Girl of the Limerick—Porter. A Son of the Immortals—Tracy. The Wild Olive.

Easily Defeat Indians.

The game of basket ball at the risk Friday night between the Chemawa Indians and our college team did not amount to much from a spectator's standpoint, it being an easy victory for the local five, the final score standing 30 to 14 in their favor. Dallas is now at the head of the league, and will play the next and final game of the league series will be at Mac tomorrow night, when our boys will play that team and secure the pennant for another year. There will be no more games here unless a post season of all stars against our team can be arranged for.

Will Veto Good Roads Bill.

Governor West will veto the state-aid road bill, carrying an appropriation of \$340,000, according to a statement made by him today. The governor said that in connection with the bill among good roads men in Portland will direct the governor in his course, as the bill fails to make provision as to who shall have supervision over expenditure of the money. "I cannot allow \$340,000 to be thrown away for another year, though it were thrown among so many birds, with no one having supervision of the money," he said.

Father of Miss Anna Kurtz.

Wm. F. Kurtz, whose demise is mentioned in our Prydzdale correspondence, is the father of Miss Anna Kurtz, principal of our North Dallas school, and who has the sympathy of all our residents in her bereavement. Rev. Leon Myers officiated at the funeral, which occurred from the family home yesterday morning, the remains receiving interment at Salt Creek.

Mohair Notice.

Secretary H. L. Fenton requests us to state that the first meeting of the Polk County Mohair association will be held at the court house at 10 o'clock on March 4th, at which time arrangements will be perfected for the date of the sale of Polk's big mohair pool. The time has arrived to list your goats for the pool, and Mr. Fenton desires that all should do so at once, in order that an estimate may be made of the number of fleeces that will be in the pool. Sacks can be had at the Dallas Mercantile in Dallas, at Miller & Alcorn's at Airtie, at F. J. Chambers' at Kings Valley, and at other places, and as they can be arranged for. The sacks must be paid for this year when they are taken, and the amount will be deducted on sale of mohair. It is also requested that growers pay particular attention to the dryness and cleanliness of their fleeces, thereby assuring better prices.

Several Polk Needs.

Monmouth, No. 1, Or. Dear Editor:—It seems to us what Polk county needs most is more 5 and 10 acre farms and intensified farming, more men who are not afraid of a tax levy, more hens and fewer goats. The old hen will help to keep some of the \$5,000,000 sent to Canada each year, for eggs, at home. More berries and fruit trees, less gophers and gray diggers, and 40,000 more men who are not afraid of a grub hoe. If you find room for this little scrap I will contribute a few suggestions from time to time. J. E. HUNT.

Dr. F. F. Butler's mother died while he was at Condon. She was aged 74 years, and a widow, her husband having died in 1881. Her ailment was mostly from old age.

J. I. Reasoner has ordered his address changed from Waldport to Dallas.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Mrs. A. Longnecker is seriously ill. W. L. Toole was a Willamina visitor yesterday.

Harry Hill and wife are living in the Nancy Fowler house.

The college will have a large graduating class this year.

Bert Guy's condition this morning is reported as not improved.

Special singing at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday evening.

Miss Dena Ridgeway has accepted a position in Dr. Hayter's dental parlors.

There will be a mass next Sunday at 9 o'clock at St. Phillips Catholic church.

Mr. McKinney and family will soon move to Airtie, where he has rented a farm.

How long is that unsightly cord of alabaster to remain on the corner of Main and Court?

Alderman W. A. Ayres and J. V. Chitty celebrated George Washington day at McKinney's.

Oil sands were again struck at Whitaker's the other day, and the outlook is promising.

Edgar Lawrence went to Yauhill last Friday to meet his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lawrence, who is seriously ill.

Does anybody know where Theodore Simmons is? If anyone does, Miss Anna Kurtz, of 814 L. M. St., Sacramento, Cal., would appreciate the information.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Campbell will leave next week for California, where they may conclude to locate, although they have not yet decided on any special place.

Joe Levenson, with whom the writer was associated as a fellow worker on the Oregonian 28 years ago, has left that newspaper and bought a paper of his own in California.

Protective associations have been organized at both Monmouth and Independence, to work jointly with the merchants of Dallas in protecting themselves against bad debtors.

Mrs. Nellie Jackson, who as Nellie Haggard was years ago a composer in this office, is up from her home in Portland this week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. A. B. Blair.

Mr. C. C. Canter of Dallas, accompanied by her husband's mother, visited in Salem on Sunday. Mr. Canter is a conductor on the Salem, Falls City and Western R.R.—Salem Statesman.

The 9-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Oscar, who reside on the Dunlop place near town, died last night of pneumonia, which was caused by a cold caught from Portland to assist in the interment of the body tomorrow.

In Justice Hardy Holman's court Tuesday Marcus Peterson was acquitted of the charge of poisoning some hay from H. Schwartz, of Grand Ronde. Several witnesses were examined. Just a difference of opinion as to ownership and the county put to a cost of some \$60.

Ray Craven is setting a good example this morning by sweeping the street in front of the Mercantile. Dirt accumulates wonderfully fast, but if all would use their hand brooms every few mornings and then gather by the refuse it would make a wonderful improvement in the appearance of our streets.

President George W. McBee says there is no meeting of the Liberty Telephone company on the first Monday in March to elect officers for the coming year and transact such other business as may be necessary. The meeting will be held at the Liberty school house at 7:30.

Nightwatch Tupper gave four vague quarters Monday night, and the streets are coming pretty fast nowadays, and we should have better quarters for them. Why could not some arrangements be made for the use of the county jail, which is most generally nearly uninhabited?

Adam Asell, the veteran restaurant business and butcher, who cut meat years ago in Dallas, was lamenting the advent of the cent piece, declaring there never properly where the cent piece prevails. Nevertheless Oregon is now in its most prosperous era says the Albany Democrat.

A. D. James, who is here from Falls City, where he owns several acres of fruit land, says he will finish setting a 200-acre tract to w. nuts, cherries and apples inside of a week, if the weather remains good. Mr. James is a former Eugene resident and is the father-in-law of H. E. Owen, the realty buyer.—Eugene Guard.

Horticultural Meeting.

The attendance at the horticultural two days meeting, which opened at the court house at 10 o'clock this morning, is not being so awfully well attended so far, as our farmers are busy taking advantage of the fine weather. Several professors are here from O. A. C., and this morning Mr. Armstrong, of Salem, and Prof. Lewis and Bonquet made short talks, and together with the morning will speak again this afternoon. This evening other addresses will be made, a stereopticon given, and the organization of a county society take place. The program for tomorrow is along the same lines as given last week. The asking of questions of the speakers is proving a good way of acquiring knowledge, and our people are taking advantage of it.

CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS.

Bible school—10 a. m. Sermon—11 a. m., subject, "The Life of Joseph." Junior quiver—3 p. m. Senior endeavor—6:30 p. m. Sermon—7:30 p. m., subject, "The Kiss of Judas." Last Lord's Day there were 221 present at those schools. A special effort is being made along all lines in our work, especially is this true of the bible school work. Let us study God's word. Every member will confer a favor on himself as well as help a good cause by being present next Lord's Day at 10 o'clock. Come let study together. Don't miss these services. Everybody is welcome.

The question box is becoming quite an important factor for the coming service, questions coming thick and fast. Anyone is welcome to its use. Any and every question will receive careful and considerate attention.

LEON MYERS, Minister.

Notice to Water Consumers. For the accommodation of patrons who find it inconvenient to call at the company's office, we have made arrangements to leave one book at the 20th of each month, where water bills can be paid and receipts will be issued for all payments.

DALLAS WATER COMPANY.

DALLAS MERCHANTS TO HAVE CREDIT GUIDE.

Everybody to be Rated.

The Merchants' Mercantile Company is preparing to publish a Real Book Credit Guide for this district, including Polk county.

By this system this district will be put in direct touch with credit conditions all over the United States and whenever anyone moves here from any other part of the United States, the merchants here will be at once posted through this organization as to how said party paid his bills where he formerly lived.

These credit guides are made up in districts covering nearly every state in the union. They are made from the combined experience of all the merchants in each of these districts and every merchant rates his own customers according to how they have paid him. Before a customer is rated he is given notice by letter that he will be rated and is given a chance to pay up his old account and thus secure a good rating.

Each merchant and professional man is furnished with a copy of the guide so that he may refer to it and look up the rating of any customer or prospective customer before giving any credit.

The trial of J. E. Hunt is taking place before a jury in Justice Holman's court this afternoon, he being charged by G. O. Holman with throwing down a fence.

RICKREALL.

Mrs. B. F. Lucas went to Salem Monday.

Jas Simonson, of West Salem, was here Sunday.

L. C. Koser went to Independence Monday on business.

Peter Cook is still confined to the house with his back.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cook went to Independence Saturday.

Walter Vaughn came home Wednesday evening to visit his parents.

Miss Helen White, of Portland, visited at the home of B. F. Lucas last week.

Mrs. J. O. Price, May Price and Roxana White was in Independence Tuesday.

Millard White sold a fine team to W. W. Percival, of Independence at a good price.

Alex Kirkland and wife visited Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Clark.

Effie Hickerson entertained friends Friday evening. All enjoyed themselves very much.

The ladies aid gave a dinner to their husbands Wednesday evening. A very pleasant time was had by all.

WEST SUMMIT.

We are having fine weather here now.

W. F. Hoels is plowing his garden and hauling up wood and getting ready for spring.

Mr. Ivan Mulkey and Miss Cassie Hunt were married Sunday at the home of the bride's parents on Little Elk. We all wish them a long and happy life together.

Mrs. Mary Roscoe and family, also Mr. Lea and Luther Giddings and Grandmaw McDowell all spent Saturday evening at the Hoel home.

Hearing of the death of Gilbert Graves will say that he was born in the state of Vermont in 1827 and made his home with your correspondent's father 30 years ago.

Grandpa and Grandma McDowell and Mrs. Mary McCoy and family have moved back here and expect to remain with us.

Fred Jones is some better now but he has been down with rheumatism for over a month. Bert Winkle is taking care of Fred's things while he is sick.

The Joy That Killed. A senator was praising the humor of a certain congressman.

"His humor, however," he concluded, "is rather grim. I told him the other day about a mutual acquaintance who had died, a man he had never liked."

"And his wife is dead, too," I said