

"Good goods at right prices," our motto at the Racket Store.

Buy your cigars at McCormick's; he has a good stock of 5 and 10 cent grades.

The Racket Store has just received its fall and winter supply of underwear for boys and girls.

Last—Time, patience and money by using an inferior article. Get a pair of Claus Shears at The Delta and be happy.

What is the use of "chewing the rag" over a matter that has been settled long ago? Everybody knows that the "Aquilas" is the only clear Havana cigar; so do not be without them. At E. L. McCormick's.

C. I. Leavengood, in the interest of the Evening Journal of Portland, was in Hillsboro Wednesday. He brings word that the Journal is publishing a weekly edition at \$1 and a semi-weekly at \$1.50 per year.

Henshaw & Wheeler have their fruit drier nearly completed and already are ready to receive fruit. A test fire has been started in the furnaces which is found to work perfectly.

If you are ready to purchase your fall underwear you will be interested to know that we have a complete line of wear for girls and boys, also woolen socks. Our prices are low as is consistent with good goods. Our goods are good and our prices right. Racket Store.

Beach & Bowers famous minstrels will appear in Hillsboro next Monday evening under canvass pitched on Washington street next to Houses wagon shop. This company has earned the distinction of being at the head of modern minstrelsy. An evening's amusement is guaranteed.

There were but three county exhibits at the state fair where eight had been planned. These are from Linn, Polk and Washington. Washington county takes first prize and now occupies the place which naturally belongs to us. This is without doubt the best agricultural county in the state, and it is only right that its exhibit should take first place.

The school of the Sisters of Mercy at Cedar Mills, this county, will be open for studies on Monday, Sept. 29. There is room yet untaken for a limited number of boarders. Parents desiring to place children in school surrounded with home influences and comforts should at once correspond either orally or in writing with the sisters at Cedar Mills.

A train of 12 flat cars from the Oregon Short Line R. R. is at the Hillsboro station loading piling which goes forward to Ogden, Utah. The ultimate destination no doubt is Salt Lake. The flats are bigger than we are accustomed to see on this road, their capacity being 50 tons each. The only wood used in construction is the flooring. The entire frame is of steel.

Rev. H. A. Risser who supplied the pulpit in the Congregational church last spring and summer, has accepted employment in an O. R. & N. surveying party and has gone with it in the field. Mrs. Risser spent Sunday in Hillsboro and started on Monday afternoon for St. Paul, Minn., but her permanent address after a few days will be Winona, Minnesota, where several of her relatives live. Rev. and Mrs. Risser are very companionable people and it is regretted that they could not see their way clear to remain in Oregon.

On the fair grounds at Salem there are 300 head of horned cattle, a display that has never before been equaled either in number or quality west of the Rocky Mountains. The exhibition of horses is the best ever made in the North Pacific. California has doubtless had a better show of thoroughbreds and trotters, but in draft and general farm horses there may not be so much difference. In very truth the meeting this year has been justly named the "Blue Ribbon Fair."

Were the appearance of the town the only question to be determined in the passage of an ordinance forbidding cows to run at large, the appearance of two lots at the intersection of Third and Washington streets would be a graphic illustration that would dictate the defeat of the ordinance. The lot on which the Methodist church stands is common and the weeds and grass cropped short. It presents a neat and tidy appearance. Just east across the street the lot is closed. It is overgrown with weeds, grass and brush-cuts that are not inviting. Final action on the ordinance may come up at the special meeting of the council next Tuesday evening.

Until attention is directed to the magnitude of the hop industry tributary to Hillsboro, we are not apt to realize how important it is. This year there will pass through Shute's Bank either by withdrawal of deposits or by loans \$20,000 that will be paid for picking the crop. Five yards in a radius of less than six miles from town will use \$15,000, and the smaller yards will easily take up \$5,000 more. Of this money there will be:

4000 nickels	\$ 200
3000 dimes	300
1000 quarter dollars	400
6000 half dollars	3000
3000 dollars	3000
Eagles and half eagles	6000
355 double eagles	7100
Total	\$20,000

The hops that this money pays for picking will bring as Mr. Shute expressed it, "\$100,000 through that window." In addition to this in the county, there banks with Haines at Forest Grove as great a volume of business. And for the county about Beaverton, Tigardville, Middleton and Sherwood, Portland is the place of banking.

The attention of taxpayers is called to Assessor Wilcox's notice in another column giving information of the meeting of the Equalization Board which is October 20, next. It is a privilege as well as a duty which taxpayers owe to themselves and the county to see that their property is properly listed. Great care is exercised that no mistakes occur, however the assessor gives timely notice that all may appear and inspect listed property. It is just possible that the county court will stubbornly hesitate later, touching changes that should be made before the equalization board.

The residence of Wm. Bander at the southeast corner of Fourth and Railroad streets, occupied by H. E. Donnellson, caught fire Friday morning at 8 o'clock where the sheetiron stovepipe passes through the kitchen roof. An alarm sent the department out on a fast run, though its services were not needed, as a bucket of water properly applied killed the young blaze. Damages trifling. A dozen shingles will be enough for repairs.

Last Monday, Frank, son of Mr. D. Hillers, was on a hop box in the Wood yard releasing twine from the stake, when the box tipped over, throwing the lad to the ground. Although the distance fell was only a few feet one arm was dislocated at the elbow and one of the bones in the forearm broken just below the joint.

It is stated that the Cornel road into Portland is not passable with teams. When the road was built many gulches were filled with timber, and logs by the side of the road held the dirt that leveled up the road. This timber has burned and there are caves in the road that cannot be crossed.

Mr. J. Binkley has installed a set of blacksmith tools in the shop recently occupied by Mr. J. P. Gardner on Third street between Main and Washington streets. Mr. Binkley is a skilled mechanic, especially on heavy work. Jobs entrusted to him will be finished to do the work intended.

Mrs. C. H. Koch, who has been visiting in San Francisco for a month returned this week. The trip was very enjoyable excepting only the imprisonment of a day on the steamship Columbia when that craft was aground in the river above Astoria.

The builders are making better progress at the long bridge this week since lumber is coming forward more freely. The contractor is getting from the mills some magnificent sticks of cedar.

Mr. Jerome Palmatier who occupied a new residence in the fire belt east of Portland, came home from the hop yards the first of the week and found a heap of ashes. The surprise was bitter.

Mr. W. E. Thorn is making thorough and extensive repairs to his dwelling on Second street between Washington and Base Line. The tenant has not certainly been decided, though he may occupy it himself.

It is stated that an academy for students is to be opened at St. Marys Home near Beaverton. But probably studies will not be taken up this fall.

We have the most complete assortment of mens' and boys' negligee shirts—and our prices are low—We guarantee satisfaction. Racket Store.

S. C. Sherrill will preach at Baptist church Sunday at 11 a. m. Theme, Repentance.

Fresh oysters at H. A. Palmer's.

Good goods at right prices at the Racket Store.

If you want anything go to the Racket Store—opposite Tualatin Hotel.

Born, at Reedville, Sept. 12, to Frank Weisenback and wife, a daughter.

Martin Wynch of the Ladd & Reed Farm Co., was in town on Wednesday last.

The prolonged dry weather is hard on corns. Remove them with the Delta Corn Cure.

Go to McCormick's for your necessities; he has most everything, from a sewing machine needle to a bedroom suite.

A light frost on Tuesday morning surprised the people of Hillsboro, who had not yet forgotten the hot days of last week.

Mrs. Grace Poe Featherstone of Wallace, Idaho, is visiting with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilcox. She will be here about a month.

Capt. J. D. Merryman came down on Saturday last with a rather severe attack of cholera morbus. He has been kept at home all the week, though he is now able to walk around.

A small outbuilding and most of the fences around Dutch Johns' place near Nelson & Beeds' mill were burned last week. The employees of the mill had a contest last Friday with the forest fire to keep it out of the green timber and away from the mill. They succeeded.

Dr. C. H. Hall died at his home in Salem last Saturday at the age of 63 years. The doctor has acquaintances in every part of the state for there are but few graduates of the medical department of Willamette University who have not been instructed by his lectures. In the 60's he was principal of the Portland Academy, the Methodist school then located at Jefferson and East Park streets.

Mr. Shephard, living near Nelson & Beeds' sawmill, alighted from a wagon last week while moving. He was thrown against a wheel, striking so hard that one of the ribs on his right side was fractured. He thought little of it at the time, but by Tuesday last the pain had so increased that he thought it necessary to consult Dr. Tamsieis. Relief was obtained and damages are in a fair way to be repaired.

Hon. H. V. Gates has entered into a contract with the city council of Dallas, Polk county, to put in a system of water works for that thriving city. The town gives a bonus of \$12,000. The election by which this was decided was held on Monday last. The bonds were authorized by a vote of 129 to 45 against. A mountain stream will be piped to a reservoir on a hill near town from which water will be distributed in the ordinary way. Work on the contract will be commenced immediately.

Studies were taken up at Pacific University last Wednesday. Among the new instructors who met the students for the first time is Geo. E. Coghill, a graduate of Brown University, at Providence, Rhode Island. Prof. Coghill takes biology, for which he has made special preparation, not only in his college course, but by a visit to Germany, where he critically studied the methods in vogue there. Besides biology, the Professor is a specialist in the nervous system. The chair was filled at the beginning of last year by Prof. Sweetzer, who is now at Eugene. Miss Jessie Lane of the class of 1900 is in the Academy, and Miss M. Hope Chase is to preside at the piano. She is of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and for two years sat at the piano for the "Oratorio Society," Grand Rapids, Michigan. Prof. Bach, while not an entirely new man, is to reside this year at Forest Grove. He has modern languages—German, French and Spanish. A new department has been added to the college course where stenography and typewriting will be taught. H. H. Arnston, late of Tacoma is there. H. E. Wilson though not a football coach, will take care of the physical well being of students and turn them over to the special trainer. Henry D. Smith of Beloit, trains in public speaking. He brings to his work an experience that carried to victory the Beloit team that went against Knox College of Illinois. The trustees seem to have strengthened T. A. and P. U. in every direction except in the presidency. They seem to think that the machine will run itself.

The sawmill and box factory installed on the Neenah creek near Sea Side by Astoria parties has been sold to a company from Minneapolis, Wis. With the mill goes several thousand acres of spruce timber. The consideration was \$100,000. It is understood that the new company is to enlarge the mill and add to the machinery.

The new church at Forest Grove just building by the Free Methodist congregation of that city will be dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 28. The service at 11 a. m. will be conducted by Rev. A. Beers of Seattle.

Married at the residence of the parents near Sylvan, Sept. 17, Miss Martha E. Pointer and Mr. Percival D. Austen, Rev. Gray officiating.

FOREST ON FIRE.

On Monday the 8th instant, a northeast wind hot and dry came down through the Columbia gorge and spread out over all the counties of the Willamette valley and extended even to the Coast counties west of the Coast Range. Before that, many little slashings of brush had been burned and fire yet burned in logs and stumps. The high wind fanned these smouldering fires and they burned acres sending blazing torches to fresh litter. The fire in the forest was on in a hundred places—Multnomah, Clackamas, Columbia, Clatsop, Washington, Tillamook, Benton, Lincoln, Lane, Linn and Marion. This in Oregon, but Washington was not skipped.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Annual teachers institute will be held in the auditory of the courthouse next week, commencing Tuesday morning, September 23, Supt. Ball has made careful preparation for this meeting and it is believed that it will surpass in interest all heretofore held. There are popular lectures on three evenings, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, when the public generally is cordially invited to be present—urged indeed. The lecturers are believed to be the best that has or will appear in the state this year. This statement is made with full knowledge of what the Multnomah county superintendent last week provided for his teachers. The full program for the week is given below:

TUESDAY MORNING.
Opening exercises 9 o'clock.

Recent Educational Advancement.....Preston W. Search
Arithmetic.....Robt. C. French
Through Nature to Nature's God.....Preston W. Search

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.
Opening exercises 1:30 o'clock.

Reading.....Robt. C. French
Pestalozzi.....Preston W. Search
Geography.....Robt. C. French

8 p. m.—Lecture, "A Yankee Schoolmaster Abroad".....Preston W. Search

WEDNESDAY MORNING.
Opening exercises 9 o'clock.

Arithmetic.....Robt. C. French
The Growth of a Child.....Preston W. Search
Business Forms in Every-day Life.....A. P. Armstrong
Reading.....Robt. C. French

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.
Opening exercises 1:30 o'clock.

The Literary Training of Children.....Preston W. Search
Geography.....Robt. C. French
From an Ex-Superintendent's Note Book.....A. P. Armstrong
A Ramble in the Land of Scott and Burns.....Preston W. Search

8 p. m.—Lecture.....Robt. C. French

THURSDAY MORNING.
Opening exercises 9 o'clock.

The Human Hand.....Preston W. Search
Arithmetic.....Robt. C. French
Election of Officers for County Teachers' Association.....Preston W. Search
The Teachers' Improvement.....Preston W. Search

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.
Opening exercises 1:30 o'clock.

Reading.....Robt. C. French
The Prisoner of Chillon.....Preston W. Search
Geography.....Robt. C. French

8 p. m.—Lecture, "An Ideal School".....Preston W. Search

FRIDAY MORNING.
Opening exercises 9 o'clock.

Character Building.....Preston W. Search
Summary of National Educational Association.....Robt. C. French
The New Course of Study.....J. H. Ackerman

From the Cascades down the Columbia to the sea, a stretch of 150 miles, flames raged in every neighborhood. In Clark county, of which Vancouver is the chief city, beside destruction of property, several lives were lost and more people left destitute of both clothes and food.

In Oregon the greatest losses have been sustained in the Eastern part of Multnomah and Clackamas counties. The Bridal Veil Lumber Co. lost their mill and the lumber on the yard. They gave out that \$60,000 went up in smoke. Two or three villages along the foothills were burned. In the western part of Multnomah county near the Washington county line, fire raged. Mr. Bible lost his barn and 700 cords of wood. On the barn there was \$400 insurance in the German Mutual Company of Phillips. The wood was not insured and is a loss of about \$1100. Across the line in our county Mr. Young, son of ex-Commissioner Young, lost a barn and much of his fencing. His fine orchard was also much damaged, especially the fruit which it bears. It was reported that Woodman Hall at Cedar Mill was burned but later word states that it was saved, though at one time it was on fire. Judge Cornelius lost a stock barn on his Glenco place that contained eight tons of hay. Bob and Jeff Haydon on Gales Creek near Glenwood, had fire all about the homestead and it was reported that both houses and barns were in ashes but this has not been confirmed. A gentleman who was at Gales Creek postoffice on Monday could hear of no houses or barns in that neighborhood that

have been destroyed. High up on the Tualatin there was more fire. A county bridge across the river below Patton Bros. mill was burned. Jo Hare's logging camp was burned over but most of his logs were in the water. The few that are yet in the forest are damaged some by having the ends charred. Alarming reports came from Tillamook but the Headlight that was printed on Friday reports the losses as being only nominal. The fires all over the state have been in old burns. But very little green timber has been touched.

The smoke was dense on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On Sunday a light fog with the smoke obscured the sun but on Monday both clouds and smoke were gone, and the weather cooled so that fires were easily controlled. Unless we have wind there is no fear of the fire springing up again, and we are almost certain to have rain next week.

Although the smoke was thick we have had worse. A time in mind is September, 1868. Then, farmers from the north plain of the county delivered wheat at Springville on the Willamette below Portland. They had to observe all rules of the road used at night to prevent collisions. That year Mr. Jas. H. Sewell operated a four-horse heading machine for cutting grain. The horses were hitched behind the sickle which are pushed ahead of the team, the driver being almost or quite twenty feet behind the sickle bar. The afternoons were so dark that a man had to go ahead with a lantern so that he could know where to guide the team. It is probable though that no former fire has been so destructive as the one that raged last week unless the prospective value of green timber is listed. The reason of that is, homesteaders in those days had not settled far back in the forest.

Portland people are generously contributing aid to the burned out people in that county and while hunger and cold will be felt at first, the famine spell will be short.

The Portland papers put the fire damages at \$1,000,000. This is a large sum of money and the independent doubts that a careful inventory will show that loss, though it is admitted that there are no statistics at hand for lowering the estimate.

COURT HOUSE.
PROBATE

Est Martha Spencer decd. Sale of real estate confirmed. The administrator is authorized to pay preferred claims.

Est Margaret Grubbs decd. Final account allowed and estate closed of record.

Est W L Curtis feeble mind. W K Curtis appointed guard on of person and estate. Bond \$1000.

Est H O Christen-on decd. Final account allowed. Property turned over to heirs and estate closed of record.

Est Anna S Baker decd. Final account allowed and estate closed of record.

Est H B Baker decd. Final account allowed and estate closed of record.

Est Mel K Johnson. Final account filed and Monday Oct 20 set for examination.

Marriage Licenses
License to wed was issued Sept. 15, Mr. Percival D Austen 22 and Martha E Pointer 19; Sept 17, Fred W Munley 23 and Elsie M Meyer 19.

Mrs. Sarah M. Smith and daughter have gone to Boston for the winter where Miss Smith is taking a course in music. Their address is 121 Pembroke street.

At the time of going to press last evening there was every appearance of rain. There was some smoke but no dense back like that of a week ago.

Mr. J. P. Cohow of Scholls was in Hillsboro yesterday. He is suffering yet from an injured hand. While working on the Scholls bridge four months ago he thrust a small sliver of wood in his hand. Ulceration followed and he has not done a lick of work since, and he fears that he will be disabled yet for several months.

Mr. Antony of Denver, Col., visited yesterday with his sister Mrs. W. D. Hare.

Bergains at the Racket Store.

Notice of Responsibility.
August 28, 1902.
The undersigned will not be responsible for any debts public or private contracted by Miss Ada Thompson of Forest Grove, Oregon, Washington county from this date.
Mr. & Mrs. N. J. Goodwin.

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Fresh Eggs & Poultry
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Mrs. Beckwith & Mrs. Fuller
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