

THE CITY HAPPENINGS

Newberg

College Building fund \$23,000.
Mr. and Mrs. George Sykes are up from Portland.

Dr. Harry Littlefield is out with his auto again after having it given a new coat of red paint at McMinnville.

W. L. Robertson was down from Willamina last Saturday and Sunday visiting with his family.

Emmer Newby went to Salem last week to close up the sale of some property, his family going with him.

The Allens are about ready to open the Bijou in their new location adjoining the Vincent & Wilson Feed Store.

On account of prevailing conditions all of the May Day events of the high school will be held Saturday afternoon.

Hon. A. G. Beals, of Tillamook, was in town Tuesday. He said he thought he would return next week to attend the Gordon Jersey sale.

Fred Werth has sold his feed barn located on the corner of College and Hancock streets to a man who dropped in from Seattle a few days ago.

W. E. Crozer and family went to Salem Saturday evening for a visit with Mrs. Crozer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pemberton, remaining over Sunday.

Harvey D. Crumly is moving to the parsonage at Springbrook this week. He is expecting to make trips to Washington and Idaho on business in a short time.

Mrs. Sarah Hollingsworth, the mother of W. W. Hollingsworth, and her grand-daughter, Mrs. Wm. Kahun, came out from Portland Monday evening for a visit.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday afternoon at the Imperial Hotel. A good program is prepared and business of importance will be transacted.

I. N. Campbell returned from a trip to Hood River last week where he went to look after business interests. He says the prospect for an apple crop at Hood River is good.

W. H. Moore, of the Moore Investment Co., of Portland, Mrs. E. A. Kessler, also of Portland, and H. A. Page, of Goldendale, Washington, were here the first of the week taking a look at the town and country.

W. L. Garner, a brother of Mr. Garner who bought a tract of fruit land at the foot of Chehalis mountain some time ago, came down from Dallas the first of the week for a visit and to take a look at the country.

Mrs. L. M. Carey, of Springbrook, who left here two weeks ago for her former home at Marion, Indiana, in response to the news of the serious illness of her father, Nathan Hill, writes home that he is now much improved.

Married—On April 24th at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. W. C. Reuter, officiating, Mr. Lincoln Hurst to Miss Carrie Bowman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bowman. The newly married couple will reside in Alberta.

Thomas Withycombe and John F. Forbis and family were out from Portland Wednesday to take a look at the Jersey herd out at the Spring Hill stock farm, in anticipation of the public sale to be made by J. D. Gordon next week.

D. H. Kopp goes east in May to attend the Presbytery at Atlantic City, instead of September as stated last week. Mrs. Kopp will go with him for a visit and they expect to start about May 9. They anticipate being gone for a month or more.

Jo. Bowman was home from Washington the first of the week for a short visit.

J. P. Graham, of Castle Rock, Washington, was in town the first of the week visiting with his brother, G. P. Graham.

Willis Townsend came up from Portland Saturday evening and remained until Monday morning when Mrs. Townsend returned home with him.

The text next Sabbath at 11 a. m. at M. E. church will be "Without controversy great is the mystery of Godliness," etc. I Timothy 3:100. Preaching also at night. All are invited.

John E. Smith has had a letter from his son Hiram saying he has been elected president of the Y. M. C. A. at O. A. C. He has a position in the cabinet shop and will work there all summer.

Miss Frances Schade and Miss Velgroth, of Portland, spent Sunday with Mrs. A. E. Bowman. Miss Velgroth is an accomplished piano player of the Catholic schools.

Miss Gussie Crawford, who had been on a vacation since the first of the month, returned to her hospital work in San Francisco last week. Miss Emma Dorrance went as far as Portland with her.

Miss Alice Hayes who was a member of the graduating class of 1908 of Pacific College, is reported to be making a high record for scholarship in the University of Oregon this year. She has been elected to a position in the Sheridan high school for next year.

Mrs. Vernon Hinshaw and little son returned from Portland Monday evening where the latter has been taking treatment for serious ailments resulting from an attack of infantile paralysis last winter. He shows considerable improvement and will return in a week to continue the treatment.

Frank Nelson, while blasting stumps with dynamite on the road near the S. M. Calkins farm in West Chehalis, this, Thursday morning, was painfully injured about the eyes and face by an explosion. He had placed two charges under a stump and lighted them. After waiting a time and the fuses having apparently gone out, he approached within a few feet of the stump when the charge went off, blowing his face full of dirt and bruising him up pretty severely, though it is thought he will not be permanently injured.

As the Portland business men's excursion will only spend an hour in Newberg Friday afternoon no attempt will be made to take them into the country. A committee will meet them at the train when Mayor Christenson will bid them welcome in a short speech, after which they will be escorted to the public school building where they can get a fine view of Newberg and the surrounding country from the tower. The remainder of the time will be allowed for the representatives of the Portland wholesale houses to meet their Newberg patrons.

Mrs. A. W. Rees and daughter, Mrs. Georgia McCloud, came up from Portland Monday for a visit with relatives. The house they had been living in at Council Crest for several months caught fire from a defective flue one day last week and consumed practically all their furniture and nearly all their clothing. They succeeded in getting a good many things out of the house when the fire was discovered, but in the haste made it was left too near the house and the wind shifting it caught fire and was about all destroyed.

Parke Newlin, formerly from Bloomingdale, Indiana, a nephew of F. A. Morris and a friend of Prot. and Mrs. W. J. Reagan, came out from Portland last Sunday for a short visit. Mr. Newlin has been located at Detroit, Michigan for some time but is now out taking a look at the country. He seems well pleased with the country and expressed considerable surprise at the size and commercial importance of Portland.

W. S. Parker, after a short stay at home, left the first of the week for a jaunt of twenty-one days in the interior of Oregon about Bend in the capacity of commercial man. The trip he said would be a rough one, that he was not looking forward to it with any degree of pleasure, as there will be much rough country to drive over and the wind blows some over in that country. Heretofore he has had a man with him but he will go it alone this trip.

The members of the young ladies club met at the home of Miss Sibyl Woodward Monday evening. Most of the evening was spent in joyous anticipation and hilarious celebration of the new joys which await one of the club members. Those present were the Misses Esther Winslow, Mabelle Gardner, Pearl Cummings, Lenora Parker, Ione Hill, Emma Dorrance, Mrs. Curtis Parker, Mrs. W. S. Parker, Mrs. A. C. Seely and Mrs. W. A. Kiag.

A short time ago the postoffice department issued a circular to the patrons of rural mail routes recommending that neat substantial posts be erected, the same to be painted white, fitted with good boxes, and conveniently located for carriers. C. H. Christenson, carrier on Route 2, says Dave Jones is the first to comply with the recommendations on his route. It will certainly add to the appearance of farm homes on all routes if all patrons will fall in line and do likewise.

"The Oregon State Optical Association" held its annual meeting, April 22, in Portland, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, S. W. Potter, of Newberg; vice-president, E. M. Dallas, Portland; treasurer, D. W. Kolle, Portland; Secretary, C. Christenson, Portland. In accordance with the state laws, the following names were submitted to the governor for his selection of one new member on the examining board in optometry: C. Christenson, E. O. Matteson, and E. M. Dallas.

Chas. K. Spaulding, who recently returned from a trip to Chicago, Salt Lake and San Francisco, came home with the well developed conviction that the Willamette valley is a great country when compared to any other section on the map. He says there is a good section of country about Chicago but coming west it gradually tapers off and by the time the eastern foothills of the Rockies are reached it is poor enough. When over the mountains the country gradually improves coming this way and the garden spot is reached when the Willamette is in view.

Rev. A. J. Weaver arrived home from his trip to Grant county Monday evening where he went to help organize the temperance forces. That county was voted dry at the last election but the vote was defeated on a technicality. Since that time some very expensive litigation has resulted on account of a murder case occasioned by the use of saloon firewater, and the people are wonderfully in earnest about the vote on the question of wet or dry at the coming election. The county is expected to go dry by a big majority. The stage ride of forty miles during the chill hours of the night on top of the over crowded stage, Mr. Weaver didn't care to repeat at present.

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Mrs. Mabel Douglas gave a talk on tuberculosis at the Friends church on last Sunday evening which showed that she had made a close study of the subject, and in the course of her remarks she gave many timely suggestions regarding the prevention and cure of this much dreaded disease.

PUMPED THEM DRY.

It's Instructive Half Hour With Two American Marines.

The Marquis Ito was always eager to acquire information about western civilization. During his four terms as prime minister of Japan his country residence at Oiso, near Tokyo, was at all times open to the foreigner, and his ready command of six languages gave him many opportunities of pumping his "barbarian" visitors.

Two American marines on shore leave several years ago were doing Tokyo, and the course of a walking trip took them into the suburbs. Stopping to rest under a tree, they lighted their pipes and were surveying the passing coolies and rickshaws with lazy interest when an open carriage, with outriders and other evidences of Japanese opulence, came along the road. Seeing a jolly looking, bewhiskered Japanese sitting alone in the vehicle, they saluted in military fashion and smiled back at him. Suddenly the carriage stopped, and the occupant beckoned the marines to approach.

"If you're traveling my way there is room in my carriage for three," said the bewhiskered Japanese in English.

The Americans shook the ashes from their pipes, stiffened into dignity and marched into the seat offered them with all the aplomb of experienced globe trotters. Then followed a catechizing such as they never underwent before. In the language of one of them:

"The old guy asked us all we knew about civilization down to who killed Billy Patterson, and he pumped us as dry as a battleship three months in drydock. He was a wise nut all right and a good judge of a cigar. He was especially interested in the service, and his questions upon the treatment of men and chances for promotion in the United States marine corps showed knowledge of foreign military and naval affairs."

"Now," he remarked as the carriage turned into a private driveway, "this is where I live, and as I have an engagement on hand I will have to part company. You can have my carriage for the ride to Tokyo. I've had an instructive half hour with you, and I appreciate your forbearance in submitting to so long a cross examination. Goodbye, and good luck to you both."

With these words the Japanese handed two cards to the marines, shook hands, got out of the vehicle and disappeared behind a party of bowing servants, while the carriage started for Tokyo.

"But he was a big gun, all right, all right," observed one of the marines reflectively, leaning back among the cushions and taking the card out.

And he was. In English script upon the card were two lines of print, which read: "Marquis Hirobumi Ito, G. C. B., Prime Minister of Japan."

AN OBSTINATE QUEEN.

Her Encounter With the Mentone Road Mender.

Xavier Paoli, whose duty for a quarter of a century was the safeguarding of royal visitors to France, found the late Queen Elizabeth of Austria a recalcitrant charge. He said:

"I was never easy so long as she obstinately refused to permit one of my men to follow her, even at a distance. Once, however, having learned that the Italian laborers who were mending the road to Mentone had spoken in a threatening way of the sovereigns who were always coming to the country, I begged the empress to be kind enough not to walk in their direction. She was much displeased."

"Always afraid!" she exclaimed. "I say again that I have no fear of them—and I will promise nothing." I was as determined as she. I doubled my watchfulness and took it upon myself to send over the Mentone road one of my Corsican agents, dressed like a road mender, but thoroughly armed beneath his clothes, with directions to mingle with the Italian laborers. Wearing a pair of velvet trousers and a cotton jumper and 'made up' to look old and wrinkled, he was quite unrecognizable. As he spoke Italian fluently, he disarmed all suspicion, his companions taking him for a newly hired comrade.

"He was breaking stones as well as he could when suddenly a well known figure appeared at the turn of the road. Darkness had begun to fall, and the empress, with her reader, was returning to Cape Martin. The false road mender waited anxiously. When she came opposite his group she stopped, hesitated a moment, then singling him out, no doubt because he seemed to be the oldest, she approached him, saying gently:

"That is a hard trade of yours, my good fellow."
"Not daring to raise his head, he stammered a few words in Italian."
"You do not speak French?"
"No, signora."
"You have children?"
"Yes, signora."
"Then here is something for them," and she slipped a gold piece into his hand. "Tell them it is from a lady who loves children very much."

"And the empress walked on."
"That evening at the hotel she came to me with laughing eyes."
"Well, M. Paoli, scold me! I have disobeyed you. I have been on the Mentone road. I have talked with a road mender, and I am still alive, you see!"
"I never dared to confess to her that the worthy road mender was my faithful Corsican."—McClure's.

The Origin of Numbers.

The use of visible signs to denote numbers can be traced to remote times, but our present decimal system in its complete form with the zero is of Indian or Hindoo origin. From the Hindoos it passed to the Arabians about 750 A. D. In Europe the complete system was devised from the Arabs in the twelfth century. The use of numerals in India can be traced back to the Mana Ghat inscriptions, supposed to date from the early part of the third century B. C. The earliest known example of a date written on the modern system is of 738 A. D.—Chicago Examiner.

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