

CITY HALL ONCE MORE.

Editor Democrat:—It is amusing to read the different opinions about the location for a city hall. One would wedged alongside other buildings in the congested business district, shut off from light and air, and another would have it located almost out in the suburbs. Wonder nobody had as yet suggested Hackleman's grove and Goltra Park, slightly locations, sure. For several reasons the city hall must be located close to the business district. The principal reason for this is that the building is to house the fire department. The council chamber, city offices and a commodious city hall, meeting and banquet room for the firemen, etc., would be located in the building, and all this necessitates a close-in location.

FOR A BETTER COUNTRY LIFE.

The Governor has appointed a country life commission, whose business it will be to look after the interests of the farmer, and as much as possible suggest ways that will make country life a pleasanter one to live, so that the boys and girls will be more contented at home. This is a splendid move, and one that should be enlarged upon and made of practical benefit, not merely a matter of sentiment. It is certainly needed. In Linn county, for instance, the school census just reported shows a decrease in a majority of the districts outside of the cities, some of a striking character. There are less children between the ages of 4 and 20 in Linn county, outside of Albany, Lebanon, Brownsville, Harrisburg, Halsey and Shedd than there was a year ago, a fact that calls for attention. It is the same in other counties. The increase has been in the cities. All over the United States there are reports like this. The city population has increased greatly, the percentage being more than double what it was only a few years ago. Hence these country life commissions have a place of importance, and they should be made to count for something, and not merely be a thing to talk about.

Dr. Cook built his own grave. Good holiday weather, don't it. Stores packed with gift buyers. Well, Peary knew what he was talking about. Oregon is to be the center of great railway activity. The wets are going to reform Walla Walla. What rot. When a city goes wet the Oregonian uses the biggest head if it had, and would have red paint too if it had any. The Corvallis Gazette-Times says the Oregonian is perverse and willful in its attitude toward the liquor business. The Democrat started out as a friend of Dr. Cook, but now it looks mightily as if the Dr. had given the people a hoax, and we might as well take the medicine. Chas. Edward Russell in Success just received says the press of the country is the slave of business, and dares do nothing except at the dictate of the generally that even the president's cabinets and the federal judgements are controlled by business. Even Portland's booster literature sent east never has anything about the immense number of saloons in the city. If they are such a trade getter and booster for a city why doesn't Portland do more bragging about them. The truth is they are a mighty poor advertisement for any city, and the commercial clubs know it.

Reduced Rates.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. has reduced the rate for conversations to Portland to 25¢ a minute. A change which is always appreciated. 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.

A HOBO'S EXPERIENCE.

Found in a Barn, Half Starved, With a Frozen Foot

Constable Green, of Lebanon, last evening brought a stranger down and placed him in St. Mary's Hospital, under direction of County Judge Dunear. He was certainly in a bad shape, after a very rough experience. The man, known as a hobo, was found in the barn on the John Grishman place, where he had been three or four days, without food, and with very poor protection. One of his feet was frozen from the cold nights, and his condition was said to be serious.

DOINGS OF THE WORLD.

D. R. Stewart was reelected mayor of Prineville by one vote. Henry Conner is in the hospital at Portland with a broken ankle. Geo. D. Widener, of Philadelphia yesterday gave his wife a \$750,000 necklace. The revolutionists under Estrada yesterday completely whipped the Zelaya army. Dr. Cook has made \$100,000 anyway, a small recompense for a guilty conscience. A prominent Eugene wedding was Judge C. A. Wintermier and Mrs. Katherine Hawk. Ashland went dry yesterday by 408 majority, an immense one for a city with less than 1,000 votes. Portland's annual poultry show is being held this week. It is called a state show, but is only one in name. Stayton is stirred up. It is heard that Scio was trying to get a bridge of steel across the river at Shelburn instead of at Stayton. Roseburg will do some more paving this year, under the same old system, the property owner paying half, the city the other half, issuing bonds. \$30,000 was issued on the first contract. The next will be for \$40,000. The E. A. J. H. and Albert Weddle have bought W. H. Cooper's general merchandise store at Sweet Home and will continue the business under the firm name of Weddle Bros. They intend to carry a seven or eight thousand dollar stock of goods.

At the Hotels.

B. S. Martin, Brownsville. J. M. Stewart, F. E. Stewart, Lebanon. H. P. Moyer, Brownsville. L. T. Dike, Gates. R. H. Lewis, Portland. L. A. Miller, McMinnville. Isa Taylor, Waterville. J. E. Fay, Mt. City. G. L. Gray, Newport. Dr. W. H. Booth, Lebanon. Horace B. Coburn Jr., Portland. H. W. Brass, Salem. A. C. Stock, Tonopah. Rose Sandner, Scio. W. H. Bilyeu, Portland.

Free Exhibition.

Mr. Terry, of Terry & Shultz, rope experts, will give a free exhibition of scientific rope-twirling tomorrow night in front of the Empire Theater at 7:30 sharp. Terry & Shultz will appear three nights at the Empire in the The Cowboy and the Lady. The usual program of moving pictures and illustrated songs all for the same old price, 10 cts.

WALLA WALLA HAS \$135,000 FIRE STARTED BY AN OIL STOVE.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 3.—Goods valued at \$135,000 went up in smoke at the Motter-Wheeler department store this morning just as the clerks were arriving to open up a large "expansion sale." The fire quickly gutted the building, except one bank of shelves, and water completed the damage. Tonight 40 employees are out of work. While the fire department was suppressing the flames a number of the clerks stood amid the wreckage weeping. The insurance on the stock is estimated at \$82,000 and messages have been sent for agents to come and adjust the loss. Tomorrow morning men will separate the damaged goods. "I have been here 27 years," said Manager W. P. Hooper, "and this is my first fire. I have seen many fires but this is the worst I have ever saw. One thing that has been gratifying is the kindness of my competitors." The fire started from an oil stove in the "3rd" department in a balcony over the main floor, and successive explosions of gas are given as the cause of the spread.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

Christmas and New Years Round Trip tickets on S. P. lines will be sold as follows: Dec. 24th and 25th, Dec. 31st and January 1st, all limited to return not later than January 31st, at rate of fare and a third for the round trip. No stop overs on these tickets. No round trips sold where the one way fare is \$10.00 or over, or less than 35 cents. For further information call on or address, R. K. Montgomery, Agent.

C H NEWS

Timber contract E. C. and D. L. Tarnidge, to R. G. Lewis, all saw, piling and tie timber on 160 acres within 2 years and 4 years, at \$1.50 per thousand feet. Total \$2,000.

Notice of claims of S. P. holidays by John W. Erous and 53 others, by H. W. Millers of Portland, with tender of \$2 50 per acre, the property being in 9, 10 and 11, 2 and 3 East.

Probate: Final account approved in estate of S. T. Crooks. Seventh account approved in estate of A. Boenicke.

Deeds recorded: Lydia Wodt to S. W. Patterson, 118.64 acres \$3560. S. W. Patterson to G. M. Geisen-dorfer and wife, same 3560. Robert Jones to John W. Davis, 89.60 acres 5376. R. H. Liggett to I. J. Estes, 160 acres 10. H. L. Schnaakenberg to G. W. Rockwell, 45 acres 2500. Curtis Lumber Co. to School Dist. 129, block Mill City. Ida E. Rose to M. C. Carolin, 67.51 acres 10. C. H. Paxson to Lewis Regelsber-ger, 10 acres 1.

Final account approved in estate of Elizabeth Whitehead. Sale of realty in estate of Nora Troutman confirmed.

Demurrers in Cooper agt. Althouse and Poland agt. Cox.

7 mortgages, 3 releases.

Deeds recorded: Claus Schoel to Henry Schoel 24.05 acres \$ 10. A. W. Marks to Eva Blodgett lot Lebanon 200. L. L. Swan to C. W. Sears 50 by 67 1/2 feet lot 50 Albany 10. W. E. Lawrence to L. J. Morris 78 by 129 feet Lebanon 450. Jas. Ramsey to C. J. Frolich 2 lots Lebanon 6000. Jos. V. Smith to Ed Kellenberg-er 160 acres 1200. Eliz. Torrridge to Jasper D. Turn-ridge 40 acres 1. Riley W. Swank to J. D. Turn-ridge 200 acres 10. J. R. Keebler to Sarah M. Stew-ard 2 lots Lebanon. J. J. Barnes to Melcham Mully & wife 11 acres 450. A. S. Graham to E. G. Margason 5 lots Lebanon 10. W. A. Howell to Dist. 54 1 acre. M. Mehly to H. C. Miller 13.05 acres 520.

The Pesky Coyotes.

The E. A. D. C. Bellinger called at this office yesterday and requested us to announce that there would be a meeting at Berlin next Monday at 10 a. m. for the purpose of organizing a coyote club. Mr. Bellinger stated that coyotes were killing more sheep and goats this winter than usual. His idea is to form a club and each member pay 25 or 50 cents for each coyote killed, a certain part of the amount to go to the man who kills the animal and the balance to the owner of the dogs that do the chasing. With 100 members the amount each would pay would be small, still the reward would be sufficient to induce men to hunt the animals and aid in their extermination.

Have You Noticed

What a fine stock of all kinds of jewelry F. G. Will has for the holiday trade, nothing better in the Willamette Valley. Watch 5, from those that will suit a boy or girl, to the highest grade makes, in latest designs, for ladies and men. Diamonds, in rings, cuff links, stick pins, lockets, earrings, brooches, etc., a choice line. Many novelties in silverware, little and big, always acceptable. Some beautiful hand painted goods. A large line of cut glass, in small and large pieces, from a dollar or two up. And many other things. Call and see them whether you buy or not.

Reduced Rates in Effect.

Tickets will be sold on the certificate plan at reduced rates to meetings noted below. Full fare going, one third fare returning, provided fifty or more have attended the meeting: Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers Association, Portland, Jan. 18th and 19th. Annual Assembly Church of God, Portland, Dec. 24th to January 2nd. Apply Union depot for full information. R. K. MONTGOMERY, Agent.

Lower Rates by Home Co.

Effective Dec. 21st the Long Distance rate to Portland over the Home Telephone Co. line will be 25¢ for first minute and five cents for each additional 30 seconds.

FRAMED PICTURES—Come in and select a nice framed picture. We have a nice line to select from. Prices are away down. BURKHART & LEE.

"Also Chocolates," a new and delicious chocolate, put up in especially designed packages. Extra good. Elite Chocolate Shop.

Heavy, impure blood makes a muddy, pimply complexion, headaches, nausea, indigestion. Thin blood makes you weak, pale, sickly. Burdock Blood Bitters makes the blood rich, red, pure—restores perfect health.

OREGON.

Big Advertising Campaign to Make Oregon Famous.

An advertising campaign that will reach no less than 27,428,750 readers of newspapers throughout the country has been planned by the Portland Commercial Club and will be opened up in January and run for three months. Oregon banks show a remarkably healthy condition according to the report of State Bank Examiner Steele. Assets and liabilities of the private and national banks of the state at the close of business on November 16 are compared with the same statistics on November 27, 1908, much to the disadvantage of the earlier date. An increase of 21 per cent in loans and discounts and individual deposits is shown for the current year. Everyone in Portland seems to be planting roses and to a greater or less extent the same is probably true of other cities of the state where the rose attains perfection. Never before has there been such prevalent idea of beautifying cities as now. The State Railroad Commission in its third annual report just issued shows 35 miles of the Deschute Railroad has been graded and that it is expected to have 90 miles of the new line in operation by next July. James J. Hill, who was in Portland during the past week, gives assurance that the Oregon Trunk will be in operation by next fall.

FOUR ASSASSINATIONS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Four assassinations of public men occurred in the far east. The British minister was murdered at Bombay; at St. Petersburg Col. Karpoff chief of the secret service, was killed by a bomb; the Prime Minister of the Korean Cabinet was stabbed to death and the Roumanian Prime Minister was killed by an anarchist.

Got 6 Years.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 22.—Warner was deposed as treasurer of the Big Four and sentenced to six years in prison.

Cook's Records.

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 22.—The Mount McKinley party starts to explore Cook's records today.

A Big Victory.

NICARAGUA, Dec. 22.—Estrada won a great victory and defeated Zelaya's troops at Rama. Captured 2500 soldiers.

The Weather.

Range of temperature 42-17. Without a breeze it didn't seem that cold. The river is down to 5.3 feet. Prediction: fair tonight and Thursday.

The Albany Optical Co. are doing business six days in the week at their office at 226 Broadalbin St. Why wait for a traveling optician, why not patronize home industry. All work guaranteed.

WOMEN'S WOES. ALBANY WOMEN ARE FINDING RELIEF AT LAST.

It does seem that women have more than a fair share of the aches and pains that afflict humanity; they must "keep up," must attend to duties in spite of constantly aching backs, or headaches, dizzy spells, bearing-down pains; they must stoop over, when to stoop means torture. They must walk and bend and work with racking pains and many aches from kidney ills. Kidneys cause more suffering than any other organ of the body. Keep the kidneys well and health is easily maintained. Read of a remedy for kidneys only that helps and cures the kidneys and is endorsed by people you know. Mrs. M. Custer, of 138 W. Ninth St., Albany, Ore., says: "I have had no occasion to use Doan's Kidney Pills for nearly three years and think that fact alone is proof of their value. At the time I procured this remedy at Foshay & Mason's drug store I was suffering from an acute attack of kidney complaint, the result of a cold that had settled in my kidneys. I was so weak and lame that I could scarcely move from one place to another and the kidney secretions were too frequent. I used Doan's Kidney Pills until cured and in March, 1903, I told of my experience in our local papers. Now that the cure has proved permanent I am firmly convinced of the value of Doan's Kidney Pills." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

FOR SALE.—16-horse power Stieckney gasoline engine in first-class running order with Apple Dynamo Sparking attachment, large enough to run a threshing machine, or hay baler or wood saw, economical enough to run your cream separator or pump. Double Burr Grinder capacity of 60 to 80 bu. per hour goes with engine at \$500. Box 221 Brownsville, Oregon.

MISFITS.

Give as the other fellow gives to you. Peary thinks he has Cook by the neck. Leopold left \$3,000,000 and a bad name. About the busiest place in town is in the P. O. Good evening, have you seen Haley's comet. The Democrat's guess is Nit. If a woman thinks she isn't dressed as well as her neighbors there is misery around the house. One who tries to make a showing according to the greater wealth of some one else is bound to be in a pickle of trouble. Haley's comet will keep in its skid-oo until it gets within 23,000,000 miles of Albany, about next May. Don't get impatient. Los Angeles will give \$50,000 in prizes for a great aviator contest. For distasters it will probably beat a prize fight or foot ball game. Some people think the climate is changing here; but the probability is that it will remain substantially the same on the average. Permanently clean water for a city is a great problem, as is evidenced by the trouble Salem and Eugene have had from their typhoid fever infected supplies. The Eugene Register says the fathers ought to be happy in having the dough to put up for others. Correct, but the trouble is that some of them have to put up whether they have it or not, just for the sake of appearances. A Western Or. man recently saw a bull fight in Mexico, and wrote home: "It is the most cruelly inhuman sport imaginable. After three bulls had been slaughtered, one horse gored to death, several matadors injured in the arena, I had seen enough and left; but the game still went on."

ANNUAL MEETING.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Albany Creamery Association will be held at the Creamery in Albany on Tuesday, Jan. 13th, 1910, at 1 p. m., for the purpose of electing five directors and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting. C. L. SHAW, President.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Linn. Elva O'Dell, plaintiff, vs. Joshua L. O'Dell, defendants. To Joshua O'Dell, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint of the above named plaintiff in the above entitled court now on file with the clerk of said court on or before the 17th day of February, 1910, and you are hereby notified if you fail to appear and answer the complaint as herein required, that the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit, for the dissolution of the bonds of matrimony, now existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for the costs and disbursements to be taxed.

This summons is served by publication by the order of the Hon. Wm. Galloway made on the 20th day of December, 1909, directing that the said summons be served by publication and that the same be published in the Albany Democrat for six consecutive weeks, the first publication thereof to be made on the 31st day of December, 1909, and the last publication to be made on the 11th day of February, 1910. Dated this 20th day of December, 1909. J. K. WEATHERFORD, Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned the executor of the last will and testament of Elizabeth Whitehead, deceased, has filed his final account with the clerk of the County Court for Linn County, Oregon, and the court has fixed the 7th day of February, 1910, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. for the hearing of objections to said account, if any, and for the settlement of said estate. Dated this 20th day of December, 1909. J. E. WHITEHEAD, Executor. J. K. WEATHERFORD, Atty. for Exr.

TELEGRAPH.

MEACHAM, Dec 20.—The extra west-bound freight on the O. R. N. slipped a vacuum at 10 o'clock this morning while the engine was coaling, the crew assisting, an! run away from the summit at 70 miles an hour. Attached were twenty construction cars with 65 Greeks aboard and the caboose contained 15 stockmen who were shipping 10 cars of stock to Portland. A car of lumber broke away, which slackened the speed, then the construction and bunk cars heaped up and stopped the stock cars trailing behind. Miraculously no one was injured. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Out of the receipts of the public land sales Oregon last year received has received \$888,043, a credit to the state on the reclamation fund at 41,144 for the schools. SALEM, Dec. 20.—Diplomas from the Seattle exposition were received for fruits in jars, prunes, chinook salmon, shellfish and manufactured woolen goods. COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.—The University of Copenhagen today rejected Dr. Cook's claim to "having discovered the north pole." SALEM, Dec. 21.—The Supreme Court holds the act of the legislature creating additional judges for the supreme court is constitutional, and that the five justices are legally on the bench. HILTIPO, Dec. 21.—Roscifair was found guilty of murder in the first degree. The jury was out one hour.

Grange Election.

Officers elected by Fairmount Grange No. 252 P. of H. for the year 1910 are: Master, D. Buzard. Overseer, Mr. Maymire. Lecturer, Mrs. Bussard. Steward, Will Phillips. Assistant Steward, T. J. Risley. Chaplain, Mrs. Risley. Treasurer, A. A. Hawley. Secretary, Mrs. E. J. Phillips. Gate keeper, W. B. Shannon. Ceres, Mrs. Waymire. Pomona, Mrs. Weaver. Flora, Mrs. R. M. Shannon. L. A. S. Mrs. Charles Berry.

A fine line of fruits, vegetables, nsh, canned goods, etc., always on hand at the Metropolitan Market, Broadalbin street. Only the best is kept.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Deborah Ann Davis, deceased, has filed with the clerk of the County Court for Linn County, Oregon, his final account in the above entitled estate, and the court has fixed the 17th day of January, 1910, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. for the hearing of objections to said account and the settlement of said estate. Dated this 2nd day of December, 1909. H. C. DAVIS, Admr.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Jonas Davis, deceased, has filed with the clerk of the County Court for Linn County, Oregon, his final account in the above entitled estate, and the court has fixed the 17th day of January, 1910, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. for the hearing of objections to said account and the settlement of said estate. Dated this 2nd day of December, 1909. H. C. DAVIS, Admr. J. K. WEATHERFORD, Admr. Attorney.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE WINTER COURSES.

Practical work, lectures and demonstrations will be given in such vital subjects as General Farming, Fruit Culture, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Poultry-keeping, the Business Side of Farming, Forestry, Carpentry, Blacksmithing, Mechanical Drawing, Cooking, Sewing, Dress Making, Home Management, etc.

All regular courses begin January 4th and end February 11th. Farmers' Week, February 14th to 18th. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested.

Good accommodations may be secured at reasonable rates. No age limit above 16 years. No entrance requirements. Prominent lecturers have been secured for special topics. The instructional force of the College numbers 100. Excellent equipment.

A special feature is the Farmers' Week which comes this year Feb. 14th to 18th. Lectures, discussions, and a general reunion.

For further information address Registrar, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administratrix of the estate of S. T. Crooks, deceased, has filed her final account in said estate with the County Clerk of Linn County, Oregon, and the County Judge has set the 20th day of December, 1909, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. and the County court room of said County as the time and place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement thereof. MARY JOSEPHINE CROOKS, L. L. SWAN, Admrx. Attorney for Admrx.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Vetch Growers Union will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 4th, 1910 at 1 o'clock p. m. in Tangent for the election of five directors to serve one year each to amend by-laws. And any other business which may come before the meeting. By order of the Board of Directors. W. E. PARKER, Pres. J. E. JENKS, Sec.