LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

Itemized Account of Doings in City and Country.

ABATE THE NUISANCE.

A Ditch that will Breed Disease and Death.

At the last meeting of the council Jno. Wright drew attention to the covered drain commencing at sidewalk on Court and running thence north through the alley between Church street and Cottage. No petition was presented concerning it, and no action was taken in the matter.

This morning a reporter armed with desinfectants and an accident policy, visited the spot and discovered a terrible condition of affairs. The ditch was dug years ago, before the Court street sewer was laid, and serves a large neighborhood as a receptacle for slops, dead cats, old boots, barn yard drainage, etc. It is covered with boards from Court north to Marion street. This cover is rotten and dangerous. Down Marion to Church and thence sometimes north, sometimes west, mostly covered, gently meandering its way to the sea, via Mill creek. Distilling doctor bills and death on the evening air.

The stench is particularly horrid from the stagnant water and rotten muck in the vicinity of Center, and in fact wherever it is confined with the covering. What it will be when the hot days of summer come we leave to the undertakers to prognosticate.

Our reporter counted in one spot eight little children playing over this ditch, in a place where the stench forced him to walk rapidly away. Diphtheria would have killed them long ago, in any other climate than ours. A sewer is needed from Cottage to the river, through Center street. The most objectionable portion of this nuisance could then be abated. The remainder could be filled up.

The council only needs to be petitioned, and they will order laterals corresponding with those in diagram in another column. These laterals were paid for by the city and the property holders combined, the former paying 20 per cent. Let an organized effort be made immediately, before summer is on us.

WOODBURN NOTES.

Houses are still scarce and plenty.

Major Leonard's new store building is fast approaching completion.

Drs. Borret and Byland are kept quite busy at present.

Henry Hall is suffering with neuralgia and is unable to attend to business.

Mrs. Barnes, of Bridgeport, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Crow, who is quite sick with bilious fever.

Mrs. Thomas Fitzgerald, of Pendleton, who has been visiting her father-in-law for several weeks past returned home to-day.

Pete D'Arcy was in town this week looking after business, he claimed, but rumor says he wanted Newt to stump the county for Prohibition.

The machinery for the cannery has arrived and will be placed in position as fast as possible. The foreman will commence the manufacture of cans soon so as to be ready for early berries and vegetables.

J. H. Settlemire has twelve men at work in his nursery pruning and putting things in order generally after the spring digging. Mr. Settlemire has made many valuable improvements, and is branching out till there is no better nursery in the state.

Miss Allie Hicks is quite low with consumption, and the very warm weather of the past few days is very sickening to her. Hers has been a remarkably sweet nature, intellectual, earnest and pious, having been a Christian from childhood. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

ARGO.

Scotch Entertainment.

Our readers are requested to bear in mind the entertainment in Reed's opera house on Friday evening, April 13, for the benefit of the Congregational church. It will consist of Scotch music, Scotch costumes will be worn, and the manners of that country illustrated. A military company will appear in Highland dress. Portland talent has kindly volunteered to take part. A unique and profitable entertainment will be afforded.

LOCAL NOTES.

Start that sewer petition.

Dressmaking at Mrs. A. H. Farrar's.

A. F. Blackaby, of Silverton, is in the city.

C. C. Walker of Zena, was in the city to-day buying a new buggy.

Painless dental operations at Dr. T. C. Smith's, 92 State street.

Sam Burch, receiver of the Dixie, Polk county, mills, was in the city to-day.

Mrs. Riley is having erected a neat cottage on High street north of Chemeketa.

Just received a full line of John B. Stetson's hats at G. W. Johnson's.

Ladies' fine handkerchiefs at Bridges & Bozorth's new store, bank block.

Hon. R. F. Wells, a prominent Polk county republican, was in the city last night.

Mrs. J. W. Johnson of Mehama is visiting at the residence of Mrs. A. Grant in this city.

A fine lot of new millinery just received at Mrs. A. H. Farrar's, will be sold cheap.

Chas. Phillips of Zena, illuminated our office with his genial presence this morning.

Ice cream, soda water, milkshakes, candies, oysters, meals at all hours at A. Strong & Co's.

The largest stock of clothing and gents' furnishing goods in the city at G. W. Johnson's.

A. Strong & Co. are selling out their large stock of Key West Imported cigars at cost.

Fit your children with shoes at Wm. Brown & Co's. An immense stock from which to select.

The republican county candidates will hold a meeting in Geo. Burnett's law office this evening.

The passenger depot presents a pioneer appearance. Agent Skinner has his office in a canvas tent.

Saratoga Congress, the very latest in Hanan's make of men's shoes, are among the attractions at Wm. Brown & Co's.

Geo. Goodhue has moved into his recently completed residence in Albert's addition, and is now a resident of the city.

Those who wish a cabinet portrait of Ex-Gov. St. John, will please leave their orders at W. P. Johnson's photograph gallery.

Will H. Parry will start out to visit the various parts of Marion and Polk counties in the interest of the CAPITAL JOURNAL next Monday.

The Eola republican league meets at Eola this afternoon. Several speakers will address the club, and the issues of the campaign will be generally discussed.

W. T. Hall has sold his 220 acre farm in Abiqua precinct to the Benedictine Fathers, who will take possession of the property this fall. Mr. Hall will locate elsewhere in the county.

Mr. S. B. Watkins has opened the Rocky Mountain restaurant, just south of the JOURNAL office, where you can have a nice meal served at any hour, and pay from 5 cents to 25 cents for it. Call and see him.

Our city council should have the streets all named. Strangers have a wearisome time trying to find their way, with so few name boards up. Prepare for the rush of strangers that will be here this season.

Mr. W. W. Gardiner and wife of this city took the morning train for Clickitat county W. T. They go in quest of health for Mrs. G. and to visit relatives and friends in that locality. They expect to be absent about a month.

The young ladies of the Y. W. C. T. U. are preparing a "season festival" to be given May day evening in the W. C. T. U. rooms, Court street, which promises to be immense. They will give for entertainment as well as amusement the short drama entitled, "The Doctor and his Patient." Refreshments will be served.

We are pleased to learn that the wife of Rev. R. C. Crawford, who has been sick with pneumonia for several weeks past, is now convalescent and able to be about again. The lady is aunt to Martin Chamberlin, and is on a vacation trip with her husband who is taking a year's holiday after 46 years of continuous labor in the pulpit.

POMONA GRANGE.

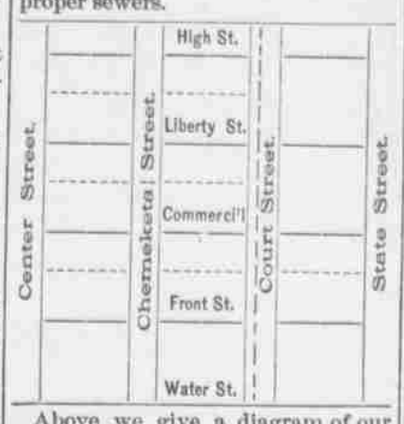
Marion County Pomona Grange will hold its next regular monthly meeting in Woodburn, on the second Thursday in May. All patrons invited.

W. M. HILLERY.
Secretary.

CITY DRAINAGE.

New Sewers Through Ferry and Center Streets Demanded.

The fact was developed yesterday, when our reporter interviewed the property holders concerning their views on macadamizing the streets, that another and possibly a greater want existed in the absence of proper sewers.



Above we give a diagram of our only sewer, running from the asylum and penitentiary through Court street to the river. The sewer is but 15 inches diameter, and serves the state buildings named, also the state house and is expected to be used by the four tiers of blocks lying between Ferry and Center streets. The dotted lines represent the main sewer and laterals through Court street and the alley ways.

It will be seen that north of Court there are three laterals running through the allies from Center to Court, lying between Front and Commercial, Commercial and Liberty and Liberty and High. South of Court street there is but one lateral, from State to Court through alley between Front and Commercial. Another lateral is needed north of Court, between Church and Cottage streets, to abate the horrid nuisance discussed elsewhere.

There should be added to this a sewer through the greater part of Ferry street, and also through a portion of Center street to be extended east as occasion demands. By means of laterals running a block north and south none would be overtaxed, and six tiers of blocks would be accommodated, lying between Trade and Marion streets.

There is great complaint of the numerous cesspools in the central part of the city. The general health demands these sewers, as well as public economy and convenience.

Newspaper Jokelets.

Kansas sculptors are now making angels out of a new kind of clay. The Texas desperado, however, continues to make them the same old way.

A Detroit paper tells of a man who "barely escaped death at the hands of an infuriated bull." This is supposed to be a romance of the Stock Exchange.

No sweetness and perfume comes from the life of a mean man. It is partly because such a man hates to give up a scent for any purpose.—New Orleans Picayune.

A man in Colorado wanted to open a saloon on the summit of Pike's Peak, but was refused permission, and high license has received a temporary backset in that section.

Sales Gentleman—Stockings? Yes, mam. What number do you wear? Customer—What number! Why, two, of course. Do you take me for a centerpede or a one-legged veteran of the war?—Life.

This is the latest style of ball reporting in a daily paper: "Mrs. Brown's costume was simplicity itself. She wore no jewelry, and the remainder of her toilet was after the same unpretending character."—Truth.

Miss Vassar—How did you like Miss Warbler's solo? Mr. de Brilliant—Very well; but it struck me that she sang—it was barely noticeable, you know—but it struck me that occasionally she sang freid.—Town Topics.

V. Stuart Mosby wrote a very pathetic poem entitled "After the Battle." It told of two brothers one a "blue," the other a "gray." The former was shot in the battle by the latter. The poem would have made a decided hit but that the printer who put it in type, with the felicitous imbecility of his kind, made the Johnny Reb's "whiskers" sink low instead of his "whispers."

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Misses Belle Buell and Lena Leabo were at chapel Tuesday.

Miss Jones and her conservatory pupils will give an entertainment in chapel in May.

Prof. Van Scoy has called in the essays and orations of those who intend to graduate.

Miss Ola Stryker left Monday for her home in East Portland and will not return again this year.

Miss Nettie Meredith, Messrs. Singleton and Keller witnessed chapel exercises Thursday.

Miss Eastham a former student was visiting her sister, Mrs. Van Scoy, the first of the week.

The joint societies have begun preparations for their annual reunion to be given June 8th.

Miss Frankie Richardson of Salem, and A. L. Brown, of Seattle, W. T., entered school Monday.

The catalogue for the present school year is being arranged, it will make a good showing for the school.

W. P. Matthews came in from Oak Grove last evening and reports his school progressing equally with Polk county.

A. C. Epley left this morning for his home at Scio. His health will not permit him to return to school again this year.

Mr. McMinn Dodson and Mr. Stevens of Polk county, visited the school Tuesday and were present at chapel services.

Miss Marie Craig is painting an excellent picture of the Woman's college; it is reported the picture is for a friend of Miss Craig's back east.

A son of the renowned Charles Dickens will give a reading under the auspices of the University, May 2nd, which promises to be a novelty in the way of an entertainment.

Prof. Starr was called away Thursday to visit his brother Miles, who is very sick at his home near Monroe. Members of his classes heard his recitations during his absence.

Dr. Bates of Canyonville presented the museum with some nice specimens of ores. The University is always willing to receive any kind of specimens that will add to her collection.

The Philodosian society at their meeting yesterday afternoon elected their officers for the ensuing term as follows: President, Minnie Frickie; vice president, Maggie Brown; secretary, Mamie Parvin; treasurer, Eva Adams; sergeant at arms, Jennie Wood; censor, Rebecca Brown.

STAYTON ITEMS.

Frank Thomas has gone to Salem to work this summer.

C. R. Briggs, deputy assessor started out Monday on his work.

F. M. Henline has been visiting his brother in Portland for the last two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gardner have a new daughter at their house born on Friday, April 13.

Miss Ella Burson of this place who has been making her home in Fox Valley for the last four months has returned home.

A portable saw mill which has been located above Mehama was seen passing through here this morning.

Miss Pearl Hobson has gone to Eastern Oregon with her aunt who has been visiting in this section for some time. We wish Pearl a pleasant visit.

We noticed yesterday, J. O. C. Winer in town. He is now a resident of Ashland, but was formerly a hardware merchant in this place. We are glad to see him among us again for while here he and his estimable family made many friends.

M. QUAD.

Romance and Reality.

"James, dear, will you bring me up a hod of coal from the cellar?" said a busy wife.

"That's just the way with you," said James, with a black frown, as he put down his book and rose up from the lounge.

"Just the way with me?"

"Yes," he snapped. "As soon as you see me enjoying myself, you have some chore or another for me to do. Didn't you see I was absorbed in my reading?"

"Well, dear, I will do it myself."

"Yes, and tell everybody, your mother especially, that you have to carry your own coal up from the cellar. No, I'll do it. Let me mark my place."

So he marked the place in the book at which he had ceased reading, and when he went down to the cellar, grumbling all the way, she picked up the volume and found it was a love story, and that the passage he had been absorbed in was as follows: "My darling, when you are my wife I will shield and protect you from every care, the winds of heaven shall not visit your face too roughly, those pretty hands shall never be soiled by menial tasks, your wish shall be my law, your happiness——."

Just then he re-appeared, and dumping the hod on the floor, said: "There's your darned coal. Give me my book."

Is life worth living?

Fresh cakes, French bread, milk bread, Boston brown bread, graham bread, hot buns, coffee cake, this morning at A. Strong & Co.'s.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The regular meeting of the Salem Pastors' Union will be held at the Baptist parsonage Monday, April 23, 1888, at 9:30 A. M. A. R. Medbury, Secretary.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—H. A. Newell, pastor. Service at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 12 M. All are welcome.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Corner of Liberty and Marion streets. Rev. A. R. Medbury, pastor. Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at noon. Young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M. All are cordially invited.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Corner of Liberty and Center streets. Rev. Wm. Crawford, of Michigan, will preach to-morrow morning, and Rev. P. S. Knight in the evening. Sunday school at 12 M. Young people's meeting at 6:30 P. M. All are cordially invited.

M. E. CHURCH.—Services will be held in the M. E. church to-morrow as follows: Morning, at 10:30; subject, "One-sided Men, and the Remedy." Evening, at 7:30 subject, "Voices from Spring." Sunday school at 12 M. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 6:30. All are invited. Seats free. W. Rollins, pastor.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH.—J. M. Dick, pastor. Preaching on Sunday at the usual hours, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subject for the evening discourse, "Preparation for Retribution." Four small girls will sing an appropriate and beautiful hymn during the evening service. All are cordially invited.