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PERSONALS.

Wm Dugan took the morning train for the metropolis.

Mr. Charles Calvert has returned with his family from Nestucca.

Mr. Idleman has been visiting his ranch, near Salem, returning home to-day.

Mrs. W. W. Buck, the guest of Mrs. P. H. Hatch, was re-called to Oregon City on account of the death of a grandson.

Prof. M. G. Lane is shaking in his boots. Not because he fears Harrison won't be elected, but because he has the "ager." Cause enough.

Rev. S. P. Davis of East Portland editor and publisher of the Pacific Baptist, will preach at the Baptist church to-morrow both morning and evening.

Mr. Lucien Heath and wife left for their home in Santa Cruz, Cal., to-day. Mr. A. Bush, with whom they have been staying accompanied them to Portland.

Rev. J. B. Bean, of Albany, will preach to-morrow at the German Reformed church in this city at 10:30 o'clock a. m. All Germans are welcome to hear him.

Wm. Dunbar, of the Oregon Milling company, on his way to Silverton and Turner, visited last night with his brother-in-law, John Moir, of the First National bank.

Mr. Wicke, sen., of Portland is in the city to superintend the painting of the exterior wood and iron work of the state capitol which will be in full blast on Monday. His wife returned home to-day.

Capt. Apperson, a leading spirit of the State Agricultural Society, came to town this morning to consult Secretary Gregg in the interests of the State fair. He feels confident it is going to be very successful this year.

Rev. J. M. Dick, of the Evangelical church, resigns the pastorate of the Evangelical church of this city, to enter the wider field as an agent of the American Bible Society. There will be no interruption in the church services each Sunday.

Major Frank Hodgkin recognizes that there is not rest for the—insurance special agent of the London and Lancashire fire company. He came home yesterday from Coos county and this morning left for Summerville, Union county, to adjust losses in the late severe fire.

Rev. H. A. Newell, wife and daughter returned from their vacation at Clatsop beach. Mrs. Newell is very much improved. Services in the Presbyterian church will not be resumed till a week from to-morrow as the interior is being re-fitted and embellished very beautifully.

Rev. Dr. Irwin, of New York, the newly elected secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Home missions, is in Portland having been in attendance at the centennial commemoration of the organization of the first Presbyterian church in what in those days was part of the territory of Oregon. It was held at Walla Walla because it is Dr. Whitman's burial place. The reverend secretary has gone on to Alaska to visit the missions. He is a very able man, and Mr. Newell hopes to induce him to speak in Salem before he returns east.

Fruit Dryer.

We understand that the authorities at the asylum are contemplating the purchase of a fruit dryer, for the use of that institution, which seems to us to be a most excellent idea. In this connection we desire to call their attention to the Oregon dryer, an advertisement of which will be found elsewhere in this paper. This dryer is recommended by such men as Dr. J. Reynolds, W. B. Simpson, S. M. Fletcher and Lewis Pettyjohn, of Salem; Seth Luelling and Daniel Harvey, of Milwaukie; Dr. O. P. S. Plummer, C. B. Comstock, Chauncey Ball and others of Portland, which should be a garantee as to the merits of the dryer. We understand that these dryers are adapted to all kinds of fruits and vegetables and we think an Oregon dryer would be a most valuable addition to the asylum, as it would likely save to the state several times its cost in a season.

For Sale.

A nice piano—a bargain. It will pay to make inquiry at this office. aug-20-tf.

Cream soda, ice cream soda, milk shakes, lemonades at Strong & Co.'s

IS IT INCENDIARISM?

Yesterday Morning's Conflagration Followed by One in the Same Block this Morning.

At half past two o'clock this morning, again the clang of the fire bell broke on the quiet air of this "city of peace." And again the intimation was that the blaze was in the third ward. It was soon discovered that the fire was again in the Moores' block and also up stairs and close to the fire of yesterday. Policeman Lake first noticed it, and yelling "fire" with all his might, while Doug. Minto ran to ring the alarm, there were soon enough on hand to extinguish the flames. Before the engines, of which Capital obtained first water, could render service, Lake, H. B. Callahan, John Detriech, Walter Lowe and Doug. Minto had the Tiger hose attached to the hydrant at the corner of State and Commercial streets and were directing the stream on the burning wood. It was over Staiger Bros' boot and shoe store, and had burned clear through the floor and ceiling. It could not have caught from any remains of yesterday's fire in Dr. H. Smith's dental office because a fire wall intervenes. The only stove pipe goes into the brick wall but not near the place, and there is no stove or lamp on the upper floor where the fire originated. The spot can be reached by open staircases from Commercial street and the rear. No theory of accident suggests itself or can be conjured up. Neither can any reason be assigned for firebugs making both attempts on that particular building. Our vigilant police are watching closely this and the other parts of the city. If needed, a detective will also be employed.

The damage to stock in the store caused by water was fully covered by insurance in the State and other companies.

During the excitement a clerk sleeping over the drug store went crashing through the French window on to the porch leading to the fire. No damage—to the clerk.

In From Kansas.

Yesterday we mentioned the return of Mr. H. M. Branson, with his wife and child, from Kansas, with the intention of taking up his abode amongst us. He spent several weeks in Salem earlier in the season, and purchased some property after a thorough quest, the conviction being forced on him that this is a desirable country to settle in. He says a fair corn crop will be gathered in Eastern Kansas, two or three copious rains having saved the grain from the withering effects of long and intense heat. But in the western part of the state the heat and drouth have affected it again, and the new settlers have another season of disappointment. Mr. Branson says in the section he comes from (Greenwood county, which borders on the Indian Territory,) a lively interest is felt in Oregon, our more equable climate being a great attraction, and the certainty of crops as the attribute of the promised land. But Kansas is not going to be depopulated Mr. Branson wants it understood. The newspapers of the state are still resonant with its unsurpassed advantages; the towns and cities are putting up substantial buildings, and the westward flowing tide of population still washes over its boundaries. The average Kansan is insensible to discouragement, and will boast of his climate when parched with sirocco heat, and hoot at the idea of famine while waiting all day for his turn at the public well. The Jayhawkers make very desirable citizens, however.

HEAVY WHEAT TRANSACTION.

The Empire Commission company bought 48,000 bushels of wheat yesterday; paying sixty cents a bushel therefor. This is the largest quantity sold at one time, and the best price obtained in Pendleton for many a day. Quite a number of honest grangers went home smiling and happy, because they had only expected 58 cents, and had received 60 per bushel for their golden grain. The company also shipped 26,000 pounds of wool yesterday, the clip of J. H. French, to the firm of Christy & Wise, San Francisco.—East Oregonian.

It will be readily noticed from the above that Salem wheat buyers are able to do better than that. Over sixty-six cents was paid yesterday here. We are so much nearer than Pendleton to Portland and Yaquina, the shipping ports, and as soon as the river rises a still greater advantage to sellers and shippers will accrue. It is reported that Corvallis purchasers are giving 70 cents.

LOCAL NOTES.

Circus next Tuesday.

Call on Winters & Thomas for the best groceries in town 1

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

Cream soda, ice cream soda, milk shakes, lemonades, at Strong & Co.'s

If you have oats to sell read the ad. of E. E. McKinney & Co., Turner.

Sells' Bros.' mammoth circus will parade the streets Tuesday of next week.

Prof. Parvin desires the Congregational church choir to meet at 8 o'clock this evening.

Prof. Arnold is thanked by the JOURNAL force for a liberal supply of college-bred Gravensten apples of fine appearance and excellent flavor.

Miss Teresa D'Arcy will open her select school, at the northwest corner of Chemeketa and Summer streets on Monday, September 3rd.

No services in the Christian church to-morrow. It is expected that the repairs will be finished and the house ready for the following Sunday.

At the Woman's college, the new dean, Miss Hansee, from New York is expected to-day. At the same building Prof. Parvin is repainting and fitting up his music rooms in anticipation of large classes.

There is no longer anything problematical about the Oregon Pacific railroad extension. Contracts are let and the work is being vigorously pushed towards the Cascades. This means the expenditure of a great deal of money, and the opening up of much new country.

At the next meeting of the city council, being on the first Tuesday in September, the place of Alderman Bush will have to be filled by appointment, as he has moved his residence just over the line from third to fourth ward. He now occupies the late Chapman cottage, corner of Ferry and Cottage streets, which he has bought and improved.

T. W. White, of Hubbard, was in town over night, staying with W. J. Herren. He reports crops good, about an equal acreage of wheat and oats. While the price of the latter is low, the yield is extra. Some new comers and buyers of land are noticed. He thinks there is fruit enough to make a drier profitable, and seconds the suggestions of the JOURNAL that neighbors combine and purchase and run one on the co-operative plan.

Sells Brothers' Circus.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that this most popular of all the tented exhibitions will be with us at an early date. It is praise-worthy and meritorious in each of its departments, and will commend itself to everybody as a respectable, reliable and artistic exhibition. The fulsome advertisements of shows in general seldom make good their promises, but with the Sells Brothers the rule is exceptional, and, although their announcements read like a tale of the "Arabian Nights," the exhibition always verifies their claims. We speak by the card, for the Sells Brothers' show has been here before, and the impression left by it, both with the press and with the public justifies our assertions. This year it comes to us with the important augmentation of a Roman hippodrome, presented on an immense elliptic track, on which are faithfully reproduced the chariot, standing and Roman races of Cæsar's day, in connection with the steeple chases and jockey races of our modern era. Other important addenda to the show are the world-famed trapper, hunter, scout and frontier veteran, Capt. A. H. Bogardus, and his four equally remarkable sons. Captain Bogardus has been designated by the Indians as "The Man Who Shoots to Kill," and has general recognition as the wizard rifleman of the West, champion wing shot of the world and winner of 1,000 contests. Salem, Aug. 28th.

The Fruit Trade.

The fruit trade of this city is expanding rapidly. Dunbar, Battin, Page and Levy are giving the subject their close attention and study, determined to take advantage of every turn of affairs to advance the interests of Oregon fruit in the market. And not to be behind, Messrs. J. Farrar & Co., of Salem, and other enterprising men up the valley are taking hold in earnest. Oregon Bartlett pears are now being shipped to Chicago by all these houses; and as soon as the Bartletts are harvested, other varieties together with the crop of fall and winter apples, will be taken up, and pushed along to Chicago and Minneapolis, which seem to be the central points for Oregon consignments.—Pacific Farmer.

WANTED—ITEMS OF NEWS.

Accounts of Business, Social, Political, and Religious Doings Solicited.

Some people have an idea that the editor of the local pages of a paper is ubiquitous, that is, that he can be here, there and everywhere at the same time. They suppose him to have as many eyes as Argus, and ears in proportion, so that nothing occuring worth public notice escapes his observation. More than that he is supposed to be something of a mind reader, and can forecast a great many things that people are planning to do. As to nerves, necessity for sleep or rest, they are supposed to be quite unnecessary. This individual also is supposed to be, day and night, like a rat terrier after rodents, running down items.

Need it be said that it is very unfair to expect these impossibilities or, what is very much the same, to suppose that the paper should contain notes of all that is going on in town and country unless, many friends aid in gathering the news from many quarters? This is particularly so with a paper like the JOURNAL that circulates both in city and country.

It aims and determines to be specially a newspaper—a paper full of news. This department is to tell its readers, without regard to political faith or religious creed, whatever of public interest is going on.

Should it be thought best to have red hot partisan politics in its columns, that could be attended to elsewhere than on the local page. Here a mistake is often made by some reporters and by readers and friends of a paper. The latter refrain from handing in, and the former from preparing for the printers, items of news and accounts of doings, because they might not accord with the political predilections of the management, or might not help to swell the vote of the standard bearers whose names appear at the head of the editorial columns. Just as well might a photographer refuse to put in his show case photographs that do not suit his taste as to features or style of dress. News columns are supposed to reflect the day's doings, and it is not necessarily swearing allegiance to the republican, democrat, prohibition, labor or women's rights party, because items of news concerning Harrison, Cleveland, Fisk, Streeter or Belva Lockwood, are inserted. Nor can you judge of the religious tenets of the faith of the proprietors, editors or reporters of any journal from the fact that it tells the world what is being done by Protestants or Catholics, Methodists, Baptists or Presbyterian denominations. If a prayer meeting is attended or a sermon reported, it does not follow that the writer is a church member, any more than his stating that odds are offered in favor of a certain political candidate, horse or boat, proves him to be a gambler. Nor is it needful for a local itemizer to report everything not in accord with the bias of the paper in a burlesque or insulting manner.

After this explanatory prelude it is time to say that it will be an esteemed favor if city and country friends will kindly take the trouble to send us items of news of all kinds, due care being taken to be strictly accurate and to avoid personalities. Many things devoid of interest to ninety-nine persons may be just what the hundreth wants to see. Send, therefore, all sorts of items, subject to the judgment of the management of the paper.

The fact that the JOURNAL is published in Salem does not make it desirable that the bulk of its news should be merely of local interest. It has an increasing circulation throughout the county and beyond. It is the intention to treat all localities impartially. If short of time or unaccustomed to writing for the press, send in the facts, being sure they are facts, and legibly written and they will be put in proper shape for the printer. Be sure and give name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith. We want to hear from every locality in the county. If you meet with anything of public interest and can call you will be always welcome at the office.

Just From California.

Messrs. R. R. Fimble and Jas. Thompson came in to-day from Durham, Butte county, California, with letters of introduction to the Oregon Land Company. They are looking for investments and report that the enquiry about this State and the travel this way from California are very noticeable. We may expect many more. They are highly pleased with this valley.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria