DATES OF LOCAL EVENTS.

Steindel Co., Friday May 26.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

T. B. Kay left for Portland this morning.

Hon. Lewis Griffith, of the Waldo Hills, was in town Wednesday.

W. P. Lord was a passenger for Portland on the morning overland.

State Supt. Ackerman has gone to Monmouth and Independence to visit schools.

Mrs. N. J. Hanrahan, an asylum attendant, has returned from a visit at Portland.

Mrs. E. W. Langdon of Albany returned today after attending the Willis funeral.

H. L. Burgess and mother of Dallas left today for their ranch near Brockway, Douglas county.

Rev. H. B. Turner of Portland, will continue his special meetings at the First Baptist church over Sunday.

Mrs. Sanders of Arlington, arrived today to visit her daughter, Mrs. Jake King, five miles east of Salem.

Mrs. W. M. Welch and family, went to Albany today to join her husband, who has a contract on the court house there.

Mrs. Chas. Becke, of Aurora, is visiting her mother and sisters in Salem. She is accompanied by her little daughters.

G. I. Stahl, family manager of the state reform school under a former administration, has been reappointed to that position.

Miss Bancroft visited the Indian school this morning and during her stay at Salem was the guest of Mrs. E. C. Cross on Chemeketa street.

Crawford and Son, the new law firm, dug up the defect in the Salem Charter emergency lause that nullifies the bond election and sidewalk ordinance.

B. F. Hall of Halls Ferry is taking out planks for culverts on his piece of road, and he soon expects to put the river road into the finest condition both as to bridges and other work.

President Wehrung has notified Secretary C. D. Gabrielson to make a change in the date of the state fair which will be held in September, beginning on Friday, September 21, at 6 p. m., and continuing to Thursday, September 51, closing at 11 o'clock of that evening.

David Ashbaugh, foreman of the state printing office, was prominently mentioned for the position of state fish commissioner, and might have been appointed had he not lived in the Willamette Valley. In 1897 a majority of the legislature was pledged for him.

M. T. White of Enterprise, Wallowa county, who has been here with a car load of horses, has about disposed of them. He says that he finds a better demand for a good class of farm horses and money more plentiful than a year ago.

Miss Nell Quine, of Riddles is visiting at the home of Mrs. S. Mynatt near Court and Front streets. Miss Quine is a sister of the man who arrested the Cow Creek train robbers a few years ago.

Miss Lenore Kay went to Roseburg today, where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. O. P. Coshow. A wheel and kodak accompanied her to that beautiful mountain resort.

Rev. Placidus and Rev. Dominick, musical director and instructor, respectively at the Mt. Angel college, drove to Salem to hear the pianist, Leopold Godowsky.

Rev. Maurer, former pastor of the Seventeenth street Evangelical church left today for Seattle to attend conference. Rev. Shupp will follow Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bartlett of La Grande are at the Willamette. Mr. Bartlett is Register of the Land office and has business before the state land board.

Capt. W. Geary, of Company L, Thirteenth infantry, U. S. A., left today for Corvallis to bid farewell to his family. He sails on the 20th for Manila.

E. B. Piper left today for his home at Seattle, after having attended the funeral of his father-in-law, the late Leo Willis. Mrs. Piper will remain with her mother for a short time.

Hon. Geo. S. Downing went to Portland this afternoon to attend the Jefferson banquet tonight.

Rev. W. A. Daly, of St. Joseph's church, is in Portland this afternoon.

Mrs. J. M. Poorman, of Woodburn, was a Salem visitor today.

Wm. Taylor, of Macleay, went to Portand this afternoon.

OREGON FLAX.

Washington Penitentiary Pronounces It a Good Thing.

The Washington state penitentiary, at Walla Walla, uses an immense amount of jute in making grain, wool and other sacks, hop cloth, etc., and the authorities there recently wrote to the Oregon Flax Fiber association for a sample lot of its tow to try. Two bales were sent from Salem and yesterday a telegram was received from Warden J. B. Catron and ex-Governor C. Moore, which said:

"The Oregon flax tow sent Washington penitentiary for an experimental test has been thoroughly tested and is an unqualified success. Accept congratulations. Your persistency and enthusism for flax culture has inaugurated a new era in the northwest."

The telegram was addressed to Mrs. W. P. Lord and other members of the Oregon Flax Fiber Association, all of whom feel justly proud of it.

The association intends to go on with its work of raising flax and introducing the industry; and will plant 50 acres near Salem this month.

The Horticultural Graft.

One of the Republican members of the State Board of Horticulture, who came to the Salem meeting expecting great things under the new Miller-Dosch regime, went home disappointed. He says the expeditious manner in which Harry Miller worked himself into the presidency and in absolute control of a large appropriation with almost unlimited contingent expenses to draw on, was followed by signs of a continuous graft all along the line. Most of the money spent by the board is for per diem and expenses of the members attending meetings, and while the orchardist must rustle to make both ends meet, the general taxpayers foot the bill. But if Oregon had no state board it would soon get one so it is after all a question of whose graft it is, modified only by the modesty of the grafter.

WILLAMETTE HOTEL ARRIVALS.

J. Low, John P. Jones, E. A. Thamer, C. Jacobs, Henry Lang, A. N. Smith, Portland; E. P. Furgerson, J. R. LaFarrett, W. H. Dumphry, San Francisco; H. E. Ankeny, Jacksonville Or.; S. Schintzer, Chicago; A. M. Buchanon, Cleveland; E. W. Bartlett and wife, La Grande Or.; J Michel, Denver Col.

IN JEFFERSON'S HONOR.

Oregon Democrats Will Have a $1 Dinner Thursday Night.

The program for the Jeffersonian banquet, held at Portland, Thursday night, has been arranged. The banquet is to be held at Watson's restaurant, and at the Bryan price. W. E. Robertson will act as toastmaster. The program is as follows:

"Thomas Jefferson," John Burnett, of Corvallis.

"Democracy vs Imperialism," C. E. S. Wood.

"The Menace of National Banks," M. A. Miller, of Lebanon.

"Trusts as the Offsprings of Republican Policies," F. V. Holman.

"Campaign of 1900," T. H. Crawford, of Union.

"Principles Above Party," Dell Stuart.

"Democracy of the Middle West," D. Hutchins.

"Democratic Harmony," W. W. Catlin.

"The Future Democracy," John M. Gearin.

"Oregon," J. H. Smith, of Astoria.

"The Press," J. D. Stephens, of Oregon City.

"The Late Legislature and Its Gerrymandering," N. L. Butler, of Dallas.

New Warehouse.

Workmen today began moving the Geo. G. Brown house standing on Trade street between High and Church. This property, together with the corner on Trade and Church was recently purchased by Clinton Kurtz, who will erect a fruit warehouse. The house on the Brown lot will be moved to the rear of the lot, adjoining and the warehouse built on the vacated lot so as to front on Trade street with one side on the alley. This will be an ideal location for a warehouse as the Southern Pacific side track runs down Trade street.

Prominent Men Dead.

Amos Brown, of Seattle, died in California on Saturday last. His remains will be buried at Seattle today. Mr. Brown was one of Seattle's wealthiest men and has resided there for many years. He was father of Allie Brown for several years a student at Willamette university, whose many friends here sympathize with him in this bereavement.

BEING REPLACED.

The Old Smokestack Which Was Blown Down Is Being Replaced.

The new smokestack for the Salem Light & Traction Company, which arrived last week, is now being put into position by T. F. Royal, the bridge builder. The dimensions of the new smokestack is 70 feet long by 3 feet in diameter, and when it is in position the top will be about 100 feet from the ground. This is a much larger smokestack than the other one, which was blown down by the storm last month. The entire smokestack came on a flat car and was in two pieces. It is of heavy boiler steel, and weighs several thousand pounds.

Metropolan Now.

Yesterday at Woodburn the telephone linemen were busy putting on the finishing touches to Woodburn's new local telephone circuit. All of the leading business houses of the metropolis of French Prairie are on the circuit.

Died.

The wife of Jack O'Neill, traveling passenger agent for the O. R. & N. railroad company, died at Portland yesterday. Jack O'Neil is well known in this city and has the sincere sympathy of scores of Salem friends.

Dr. J. R. Bayley Ill.

FOREST GROVE, Or., April 12.—Dr. James Riley Bayley, of Newport, Or., is seriously ill. He has been failing ever since he was stricken with paralysis, several months ago.

The Sale Goes On.

Geo. C. Will, the sewing machine and musical instrument man, still has his sewing machine sale running and there are still four weeks of it, during which time standard makes of machines will be sold at such bargains as have not been heard of in Oregon before. Don't fail to get the benefit of this sale.

Trades Union Meeting.

There will be a meeting of mechanics, clerks, and all classes of laboring people at Popular hall, in the Turner block, Friday evening, April 14, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a Federal Union. J. E. GODFREY, Secretary

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FUNERAL OF LEO WILLIS.

Laid to Rest in Rural Cemetary With Impressive Ceremonies.

The funeral services of Leo Willis took place at the family home, on the corner of Center and Capital street at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Rev. Copeland of the Unitarian church of which Mr. Willis was a leading member, conducted the services. He spoke feelingly of the high character of the departed brother, and drew lessons of cheer and consolation for the bereaved family, from the promises of scripture and the innate hope of immortality.

The family were all present except Mayor Percy Willis, who is with the Oregon volunteers in Manila. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Piper and Horace Willis having come from Seattle to witness the last sad rites.

The casket was covered with the floral tributes of friends, and the roomy mansion was crowded with those in attendance including many of the leading people of the city.

Several hymns were feelingly sung, lead by a quartet, Mrs. Holland, Miss Wadsworth, Dr. Epply and J. R. Parvin.

The pall bearers were G. W. Johnson, Mart. Chamberlain, G. Steiner, S. Friedman, Henry Fletcher and J. Cox.

Interment took place in the Rural cemetary.

Willamette Presbytery.

The following persons are in attendance at the Willamette Presbytery which is convened in the Presbyterian church in Corvallis:

MINISTERS.

William Gay, Dallas.
Robert Robe, Brownsville.
Jos. A. Hanna, Los Angeles.
John Branch, Dayton.
William Robinson, Salem.
E. J. Thompson, D. D., Corvallis.
D. M. Davenport, D. D., Lebanon.
H. A. Ketchum, D. D., Salem.
W. A. Smick, Albany.
J. H. Cornwall, Sodaville.
Geo. A. McKinley, Zena.
T. Brouillette, Gervais.
J. A. Townsend, Ph. D. Roseburg.
Isaac Knotts, Florence.
James Thompson, Brownsville.
G. H. Whiteman, Independence.
J. H. McJunkin, Eugene.
W. H. Jones, Mill City.
M. M. Ellis, Dallas.
Linn J. Earhart, Turner.
H. L. Reed, Albany.
D. N. McCullough, Dallas.
Robt. A. Smith, Woodburn.
W. C. Scott, Lafeyette.
W. S. Gilbert, Manila, P. I.
W. S. Bannerman, Africa.

ELDERS.

W. S. Dalgliesh, Lebanon.
G. A. Rockwell, Salem.
L. G. Altman, Corvallis.
W. H. McBee, Oak Ridge.
W. A. Bannard, Brownsville.
Robert Glass, Crawfordsville.
J. P. Galbraith, Albany.
J. P. Emmett, McCoy.
Scott Jones, Gervais.
S. G. Irvin, Newport.
S. Scroggs, Independence.
S. Condit, Aumsville.
A. B. Muir, Dallas.
L. Flint, Woodburn.
Prof. John Straub, Eugene.
R. P. Bird, Lafayette.
Prof. W. N. Lee, Albany College.

In connection with the Presbytery the Ladies Presbyterian Missionary society holds its meeting and there will be an attendance of at least fifty ladies. The officers of the society are as follows:

Mrs. W. A. Smick, Albany, President.
Mrs. L. G. Altman, Corvallis, Secretary.
Mrs. Sears, Albany, Corresponding Secretary.
Mrs. M M. Davis, Corvallis, Treasurer.

Two Wonders.

In the state of Pennsylvania are two wonderful curiosities. One is in Cambia county, near Carl Town, where in a brush-covered ravine, with high wooded hills on either side, stands a four-inch iron tube, twenty inches high, ablaze with burning gas. Few people live in that section, and none know how or when, nor by whom the well was bored, but say it has been burning for fifteen years to their knowledge.

The other is a burning coal mine. It is in the No. 2 colliery of the Delware and Hudson Canal Co., near Wilkesbarre. This fire has destroyed forty acres of coal averaging twenty feet in thickness and is still burning. It is twenty-five years since it commenced to burn and it is estimated that it will burn twenty-five years longer. It has cost over $3,000,000, half of which is the value of the coal and the other half is the cost of fighting the fire.

Every known means of quenching the fire has been employed without avail and now the owners are waiting for it to burn its self out.

It was ignited on January 6, 1874 by the caving in of a mass of coal and rocks, which fell upon the engines and the boiler fires ignitting the coal Since that time the engines are supplied with steam generated on the surface and sent below through pipes. This vein of coal is anthracite of the most valuable quality found in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Road Making.

Much needed grading is being done on south High street from Mission street to the Lincoln school grounds.