

IN CORVALLIS

BUSINESS ON THE R. F. D. ROUTES IS RAPIDLY GROWING.

Over Twelve Thousand Packages in December—Firearms and Exploding Cartridges in a Fire in the McMahan Home—Other News.

How well the R. F. D. routes are appreciated by patrons, is shown by the constant growth of business handled on each. During the past month there was a large increase in the number of packages handled by the carriers. The total number of packages on the three routes during December was 12,337. A surprising thing in the business is, that on Route 3, from which the least was expected, the business was greater than on any of the others, including Route 1, the oldest of them all.

The number of packages delivered and collected on each was as follows: Number 1, collected, 692; delivered 3555; total 4,247.

Number 2, collected 523; delivered, 3,003; total 3,526.

Number 3, collected, 705; delivered, 5,862; total, 4,564.

Total collected on all routes, 1,917; delivered, 10,420; total 12,337.

The letter of George Armstrong, published in the Times has caused other patrons on Route 1 to volunteer contributions for additional pay for the carrier during the winter months. Richard Riger has phoned the local postoffice, proposing to contribute a dollar per month. A list has also been sent to Postmaster Johnson, in which other patrons along the route volunteer to contribute each the sum of fifty cents per month. The contributors are as follows: John Smith; George Linderman C. E. Moor, Robert Wylie; Fred Elliott, W. S. Locke, William Knotts, W. O. Davis, A. Wilson, B. W. Harris and S. Bicknell.

A CLERK'S MISTAKE

Law Prohibiting China Pheasant Hunting Failed to Pass—Local Sportsmen.

A change has come over the spirits of Corvallis sportsmen. Where there was lamentation and a few Methodistian words there is now repose of soul and smiles of serenity. The new law that prohibited the killing of China pheasants until October 1906 did not after all, pass both houses of the legislature, at the extra session and therefore there will be an open season next summer, and pheasant hunting will go on as in the past.

It seemed that the measure failed to get the required number of votes in the house of representatives. When a vote is taken, it appears that the record is kept on printed lists which bear the names of all the members. In the hurry of business on the day the bill was thought to have passed the house, the clerk who figured out the vote made a mistake. And this mistake entered into the announcement that the measure had passed.

The senate accepted the statement, and the governor filled the bill as having passed both houses. The error was discovered by the legislative committee that is always appointed at the close of a session to review and correct the journal. This committee came across the list showing the vote on the pheasant law, and discovered that only 30, instead of 31 members had voted for the bill. The law provides that a majority of all the members elected to either house shall be necessary to the passage of a bill. With sixty members elected to the house, the 30 votes received was not a majority, and therefore the bill failed to pass that body, and consequently did not become a law as has been reported.

Of course, there is balm of Gilead for local hunters in this newest news, and their present pleasure atones for the late week of disgust. One thing in the incident is, that if Alex Reenni's horse Dick did die as a result of the reported passage of the law Alex has a good case for damage against the legislative clerk who made the mistake.

Cheaper Rates.

Commencing Jan. 1, 1904, we will sell lights per metre in residences at 10c per 1000 watt hours with a minimum of 7 cents per month. Should you use 7,500 we will charge you 75 cents. In Albany or Portland the same amount would cost you \$1. Should you use 15,000 we will charge you \$1.50. The same amount in Albany would cost \$2.25; in Portland, \$2.70. Should you use 20,000 your bill will be \$2. In Albany you would have to pay \$3 and in Portland \$3.60.

Hereafter you will have to furnish your own lamp renewals. Corvallis Electric Light & Power Co.

WHERE THE SHOOTING WAS

There was Also Fire—Corvallis Residence Aflame.

While the family at the William McMahan home in southwestern Corvallis sat at dinner Friday, the repeated discharge of firearms up stairs attracted attention. The report were more or less muffled, and an investigation followed. It developed that a closet on the second floor, about the center of the building was on fire. In the closet was a quantity of clothing, particularly that of the young lad in the family, and all this was aflame. Three guns and a quantity of cartridges were also there, and the discharge of the heated cartridges were the reports that had given the fire alarm.

A general alarm of fire was at once turned in, and the department hurried to the scene. Without fire hydrants or cisterns at hand however, the apparatus was largely useless, the vicinity being woefully without fire protection. By use however of a small hose, served by a water tank on the premises, together with the buckets of the H. & L. Company, the building and practically most of the contents were saved. The damage, however, ran into several hundred dollars, much injury being done the walls and floors as well as contents by smoke and water. Everything in the closet was burned, including a five shotgun, valued at \$100, and two valuable rifles.

The origin of the fire is supposed to have been a spark from the chimney, which passed in close proximity to the closet, and in which soot was burning at the time. The latter was noticed by W. J. Ding's who appeared on the scene about the time the family discovered the fire.

Mr. McMahan requests the Times to express the thanks of himself and family to neighbors for the assistance rendered during the fire.

EXPENSIVE CORVALLIS CHICKEN.

It Sold for Fifteen Dollars—Three Others win Prizes in California.

Fancy Corvallis chickens are on exhibition at the big poultry show now going on at Seattle. They belong to F. L. Miller and Gene Simpson, each of whom has about a dozen birds on display. All of them are extra fine, the parent stock of the Miller fowls having been imported from Ireland and England, at a first cost of about \$35 each. They are Buff Orpingtons, while the fowls of Mr. Simpson are Buff Leghorns. Mr. Simpson has been in the fancy poultry business as a side enterprise for several years, and has prospered at the business, having established a trade through three states. His net profit from the business last year was \$300.

Three of his birds went against the best that California could produce in a big poultry show at San Francisco recently, and two of them took firsts and a third fourth prizes. They were a young pullet and two young cockrels, and first prizes went to the pullet and one of the males.

Mr. Simpson sold the other day a single bird for \$15. It went to a man in the state of Washington. The buyer had heard of the character of the bird, and without inquiring the price, he wrote Mr. Simpson, offering \$15 as a purchase price. The owner considered that a fair figure and closed the deal on that basis.

The exhibition birds that Mr. Miller and Mr. Simpson have at Seattle, were taken there by Mr. Miller, who left Corvallis with them Monday. It is hoped that blue ribbons may fly from the mast head of all of them on their return to Corvallis.

MOUNTAIN WATER.

For Corvallis—Some Facts About it—Eleven Miles to Rock Creek.

Out at the college, there is reliable data bearing upon the question of mountain water for Corvallis, and for the Agricultural College. The data is the result of investigations made by two students in the preparation of a graduating thesis. The figures show that Rock Creek at the point has a flow of water sufficient for a city of 35,000 inhabitants, and that in order to secure a sufficient pressure the water would have to be piped for a distance of about 11 miles to reach Corvallis and of something less than 11 miles to reach the water tower at the college.

The students who made the survey and estimates were J. Edwin Johnson of last year's graduating class, and David Hirstel, who graduates this year. Their computations and other work were under supervision of Professor Skelton, head of the department of mathe-

matics and engineering at the college.

The boys ran a line of levels from the college to a point on Rock Creek at an elevation of 200 feet above Main street at Horning's corner in Corvallis. This point is on the main or north fork of Rock Creek about 1/2 or 3/4 of a mile above the old Henkle saw mill. At this place the creek is very precipitous and any desired additional fall could be obtained by going only a short distance farther. The boys decided the best way to bring the pipe line in would be to follow the general course of Rock Creek to its confluence with the South Fork of Mary's river, to follow the South Fork to Philomath, and the railroad from Philomath until the college farm was reached.

Following the above line the distance from the college water tower to this point on Rock Creek is very nearly 10.6 miles or following the railroad to the C. & E. depot, instead of going to the college, the distance would be about 11.2 miles. This line it will be noticed, passes near the foot of "Old Baldy" an excellent site for a city reservoir.

Gaugings of Rock Creek made in September—the season of lowest water—showed a flow of 5,640,000 gallons in 24 hours. This amount is sufficient for a city of 35,000 inhabitants or more than 15 times the present population of Corvallis. The water was found to be of excellent quality and the source of supply free from contamination.

The boys before deciding upon Rock Creek, investigated both Oak and Woods creeks, but abandoned them as unsatisfactory.

The work involved, not only the preliminary surveys and measurements but the preparation of maps, drawings, plans, specifications, etc. for a complete water system. No estimate of cost was made as it would depend so much upon the current market value of labor and material that it was deemed useless. They estimated that a 6 inch pipe would supply all the needs of the college both present and future.

WANT THE JAIL MOVED.

To More Healthful Site—Some Philomathites do—Other News There.

The new city councilmen took their seats Monday night.

There is a petition being circulated asking that the jail be moved to a more healthful and salubrious situation. Many signed the petition.

O. Felger was fined fifteen dollars and costs at the trial last week. He says "there are others" who do not get arrested.

F. Williams was married last week at Junction City to Miss Emma Love of that place.

A Rodgers of Lewiston, Idaho was visiting last week at the home of his cousin, Mrs. C. H. Newth.

George Leeper has obtained the agency of the Page spring wire fence and has erected a sample fence near the post office.

Philomite.

At Summit.

People of Summit regret very much to hear of the death of Mrs. J. E. Franklin who formerly lived here.

The Xmas trees were well attended. A good program was rendered, and many were made happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Minor of Corvallis are visiting at Summit.

George Savage expects to move soon to Eugene to reside.

John Larson arrived Saturday from Hoquiam Washington.

Sunday school is held regularly each Sunday now.

Mrs. McFarland and children of Portland are visiting Robert McFarland. Subscriber.

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ALL WERE BIDDEN.

To the Board—And Many Went—Town was Club's Guest.

All Corvallis was the guest of the Ladies Club New Years afternoon. The occasion was the reception annually given Corvallisites by the club. The function has come to be a regular custom in the town, and it is one peculiar to Corvallis. No other town has an organization that stands in the same relation to the community, and in no other is every person, high or low, bidden to accept the hospitality of a club of ladies. It is an occasion so excellent in conception and always so pleasantly planned and executed, that it deserves to endure, and to be copied elsewhere.

As usual, last Friday's affair was in Fireman's Hall, as the large, airy front room in the City Hall is called. Decorations of fir, red paper and ivy, were draped to the center of the ceiling from the four corners and from the windows and walls, forming an effect that elicited unstinted and oft repeated praise. From three tables stretching through the center of the room, coffee, cocoa and tea were served. Mrs. Grant Elgin and Miss Mabel Withycombe presided at the tea table, assisted by Miss Juliet Cooper and Miss Edna Irvine. At the coffee table, were Mrs. John Allen, Mrs. Henry Pernot and Mrs. Henry Allen. At the cocoa table were, Mrs. B. W. Johnson, Mrs. Rennie and Miss Spangler.

On arrival the guests were shown to cloak rooms on either side of the main hall, where wraps were removed. The reception committee occupied a place near the main entrance, and the members were, Mesdames Berchtold, Taylor, Lee, Brunk, Withycombe, Wilson, Lake Callahan and Davis, all of whom were not present. The executive committee was Mesdames Andrews Knisely, Lafferty, Miller and Miss Eda Jacobs.

The reception began at two and ended at six. During the time a stream of guests passed up the stairway, through the rooms with an exchange of New Year greetings and after tarrying for a time left for their homes. The attendance, though not so large as on some former occasions was still very large. The function was extremely successful, as was evinced by interchange of greetings, the smiles of welcome and the general atmosphere of hospitality and good cheer that prevailed throughout the afternoon.

The City Hall building, in which the reception was given is ideal in its conveniences for such a gathering, and though it has been many times said that the building is bigger and costlier than Corvallis could afford, the use to which it is put each New Year's afternoon should certainly make every loyal and patriotic Corvallisite feel glad that there is such an edifice, and such an organization as the Ladies Club.

An informal dancing party in the evening was a sequel to the reception, and young folks as well as numerous people no longer goslings spent there a very pleasant evening.

Try for Health

222 South Peoria St., Chicago, Ill., Oct. 7, 1902. Eight months ago I was so ill that I was compelled to lie or sit down nearly all the time. My stomach was so weak and upset that I could keep nothing on it and I vomited frequently. I could not urinate without great pain and I coughed so much that my throat and lungs were raw and sore. The doctors pronounced it Bright's disease and others said it was consumption. It mattered little to me what they called it and I had no desire to live. A sister visited me from St. Louis and asked me if I had ever tried Wine of Cardui. I told her I had not and she bought a bottle. I believe that it saved my life. I believe many women could save much suffering if they but knew of its value.

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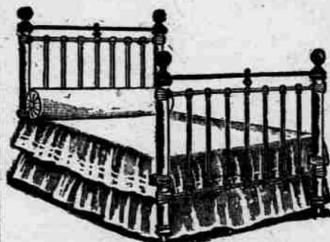
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