

LOCAL LORE.

(Advertisements in this column charged for at the rate of 15 cents per line.)

—Mrs. Fruit, of Peoria, is visiting Corvallis friends.

—President Gatch and Prof. Horner arrived Tuesday from a sojourn at Lake Friday at Elk City.

—Mrs. Samuel Bape arrived Friday from a visit of several weeks in California.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Read arrived Saturday for a visit at the Young home in this city.

—After a week's visit with Corvallis friends, Miss Helen Steiner left on Monday's boat for Salem.

—J. A. Watkins of the R. M. S. arrived Friday on a visit to Benton county relatives.

—Ozell Butler returned to Portland Monday after a week's visit in Corvallis.

—Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Porter are visiting relatives and friends in Linn county.

—Mrs. T. H. Gate and daughter, Alleen, of Ridgefield, Washington, left Monday after a visit of several days with Cleve Gate.

—Edwin Rose is confined at home with a severe attack of typhoid fever. He was stricken with the disease last Thursday.

—Joseph Bryant has purchased 120 acres of land out of the Vineyard place. The deal was made some time ago.

—Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Eva Greenwalt of Portland to Rocky Mason of Albany, to take place in Portland on March 2.

—Mrs. H. C. Miller and family desire to publicly thank the Order of Lions and the Knights of Maccabees for prompt payment of policies held by the late H. C. Miller.

—C. P. Leth of Good Hope, Illinois, writes the Times that he is thinking of coming to Corvallis in the near future. He wants information about Oregon.

—David Heaton and family arrived Sunday from Idaho Falls, Idaho, and are to remain. Mr. Heaton came to Corvallis a couple of years ago with Mr. Thompson, who started the steam laundry, but subsequently returned to Idaho.

—Robert Walters has sold his farm in Frontier County, Nebraska, and is expected in Corvallis shortly to locate. His family is already here being at the home of Mrs. Walter's father, Mr. Morgan, in Job's addition. Later they are to occupy one of the Mrs. McKinney cottages.

—An incident of Monday afternoon was a concert given on Main street by the cadet band of the college, in observance of Washington's birthday. A number of selections were played with a snap and flut that attracted much favorable comment.

—Albert Truitt of Greer county, Oklahoma, with his family passed through town Monday, enroute to the farm purchased by him last week near Wren, mention of which appears elsewhere in this paper. There are eight persons in the family.

—In another column is the call of the county treasurer for outstanding warrants. The amount available for the call is \$7,241, and it cancels all warrants outstanding up to and including those endorsed October 8, 1908. The number of warrants called in is 171.

—A big real estate deal was made last week by Henry Ambler, the Philomath real estate man. He sold the H. S. Pittman stock farm of 637 acres west of Wren to Mr. Truitt, lately arrived from LeJor, Oklahoma. The sale includes considerable livestock and farm implements, and the price paid was \$4,000. Immediate possession is to be given.

—The junior class at the college entertained the seniors Saturday night. The function took place in the lecture room at Agricultural Hall, and was largely attended. Pitt and Finch were among the amusements, and a leading feature was the banquet. After the spread there was a season of speech making, in which various members of the senior class responded to toasts. Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Truitt acted as chaperones.

—Friday afternoon occurs the first of the series of inter-society debates at the college for the Gatch cup. It is between the Ferolians and the Zetageans, and the question is, "Resolved, That Capital Punishment should be Abolished." The Ferolians have the affirmative, and their team is, Miss Gilbert, Miss Florence Adams, and Miss Alice Jones. The team of the Zetageans is J. C. Clark, Ralph Shepherd and Claude Gate.

—Instead of a payment on state taxes County Treasurer Buchanan has determined to call in county warrants with funds turned over to him last week by Sheriff Burnett. The sum was \$10,000. Of the amount, a portion is set aside as state school tax, and the balance is to be applied to cancellation of county warrants, the figures appearing elsewhere in this issue. The treasurer has until May 1st for payment of state tax, and by applying present funds to cancellation of warrants, interest on warrants is stopped and a considerable saving made to taxpayers.

—Mrs. Mary Bryson arrived Monday from a winter's visit in Southern California.

—Dolph Kerr, who is an employe of the Silverton flouring mill, paid his parents and friends in Corvallis a brief visit, returning Monday.

—Tom Case came over from Albany Monday to pay his taxes, greet his friends, and exchange comments on the weather.

—Mrs. E. A. Cummings came down from Cottage Grove on a short visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wells. She returned home Tuesday.

—A very good house greeted the Jubilee singers at the Opera house Monday evening. The performance is warmly commended by some of those who attended.

—A carload of dried prunes is to leave Corvallis Thursday morning for Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The fruit came from the Paddock orchard across the Willamette, and is shipped by Mr. Paddock on consignment to a Milwaukee commission house. The sizes are 30-40's, 40-50's, and 50-60's. All the fruit has been processed and packed by the Corvallis Prune Processing Company. The packing is in 20, 50 and 80 pound boxes being faced. Packing began Friday afternoon and was completed yesterday, eight men and half a dozen women and girls being employed. The car will carry away about 50,000 pounds of the fruit.

—Monday evening was a gala occasion in Rebeccah hall. The local lodge was at home to the Independence and Philomath lodges of the order. The Independence members came by special train to the number of 30, and there were a dozen Philomites. Three candidates rode the goat and this feature was followed by a banquet. There was an address of welcome by Mrs. Pernot and a response by Mrs. Walker, noble grand of the Independence lodge. Miss Spangler sang vocal solos and there were selections by the Woodcock orchestra. The special train, carrying the Independence delegation home left at 12 o'clock.

—School patrons of smaller districts complain much at the provision of the law which permits apportioned money to follow pupils who attend school in adjoining districts. The fault is mostly found in districts adjoining Corvallis, Philomath and Monroe, where advantage is taken of the larger schools by pupils of the smaller districts. Considerable sums of apportioned money thus finds its way out of districts already weak as to school resources and diminish school terms all ready abbreviated. By all these, the test of the law likely to be made at the coming term of the circuit court will be watched with interest.

—In the state circuit court of Multnomah county, Alma M. Miller has begun divorce proceedings against Charles Miller. The parties disagreed to such an extent that both concluded some time ago that marriage, so far at least as their relations were concerned, is a failure. In her complaint Mrs. Miller accuses Billy of being a very bad actor generally, and if all the meanness laid to him is proven he is a harder citizen than his friends here ever believed him to be. Billy will not combat the allegations of the complaint, there having, it is said, been a full understanding between the uncongenial parties, respecting their affairs, pecuniary as well as personal. Mrs. Miller asks neither for property nor for alimony. She desires to resume her maiden name of Alma M. Dow. There are no children. Both parties are well known here. They were married in Linn county March 13, 1901.

—That august place, the city council chamber, is in a state of almost total wreck. A Heppner flood or a Galveston horror could scarcely have left it in a more dilapidated condition. The roof has leaked from time immemorial, and at various times makeshift efforts to repair holes have been made. Some times these attempts have been temporarily efficacious, but in some instances they have yielded no benefit. In the late rains the roof for a space about 12 feet square directly over the chamber has practically collapsed, and almost as much water runs through it as falls outside. The matting on the floor is completely soaked, and puddles of water stand here and there, sometimes an inch or two in depth. The plaster on the ceiling is likewise soaked, and will probably drop. The whole interior looks more like some deserted and haunted house than the assembling place of the solons of a great municipality.

—Charles Colbert has made a queer kind of a dining table on which he has applied for a patent. One section of it is an ordinary circular table five feet in diameter. A circular iron tube passes through the center from below, the upper end of which is even with the upper surface of the table. A secondary part of the table is a circular plane two feet in diameter. At the center of the upper surface of this is attached a spindle fitting within the tube aforesaid. It is arranged so that the lesser section, when adjusted, is about six inches higher than the larger one. Thus, the attachment, or second story of the table, may be revolved. Upon this, all the eatables are placed while the platter, cups and saucers, knives, forks, etc., rest on the stationary section. The advantages of this dining table are many, and they are all incidental to the fact that any individual seated thereat is able to help himself to anything before him by the simple act of turning the "dumb waiter."

TURNING SALMON LOOSE.

From Elk River Hatchery — Nearly Four Million to set Adrift.

Along the line of the C & E railroad west of Corvallis, they are turning adrift now, millions of baby salmon that are being hatched in the Elk River hatchery, near Elk City, Lincoln County. In all, nearly four million of the little fish will be turned loose during the season. In four years, the mites, which meantime will have gone to sea and grown into big salmon, are expected to return to the waters of the Yaptuna and Elk Rivers to spawn, and die. Science has it that each fish as a result of instinct, returns invariably to the place of birth to spawn, and that then having accomplished so much in the way of reproducing its species it gives up the ghost and dies. The period usually ascribed between the birth and death of this greatest of all fish, is four years, though some hold that in instances they are known to have come back from the sea within three years from the time of birth.

At the Elk River hatchery, located two and a half miles up Elk River from Elk City, operations have been attended with very good results this season. A temporary hatchery, built there as an experiment a year ago last summer, was unfortunate in its operations by reasons of freshets which carried away the plant. A large number of salmon were in the pens, and many eggs were in the hatching troughs when the floods came and enough information was gained by the experiment to lead to the erection of permanent works, and last summer a permanent building and appliances were constructed. During the salmon run that followed something over 400 female fish were taken and the work of hatching has now been reached where the little fish are, fast maturing to the point when it is necessary to turn them adrift in the waters of the vicinity, and it is on this work the hatchery force is now busily engaged.

When set adrift, the little fish are about an inch in length. They are hatched in troughs, in which the eggs are placed in wire baskets. The water from a spring with a temperature of 45 degrees, flows through the troughs and over the eggs, and is the means by which the hatching is effected. The process of hatching requires fifty days at a 45 degree temperature. At the end of that time a miniature tail protrudes from the egg, and the thing begins to swim around. Afterward a little head appears on the other side of the egg, and the thing begins to take on the appearance of a fish. The egg globule remains a part of the embryo thing of life however, for a considerable period, and sustains life. At the end of about seventy days, however, the little fellow begins to feed. He must then be turned loose, or he will eat the egg globules on his smaller companions in the trough, and that of course will kill the latter.

It is in the tributaries of the Yaquina and Elk Rivers that the little salmon are turned adrift. The smaller streams are selected, and as many different ones of them are used as possible, in order to make sure that the little fish have fresh feeding grounds, and every opportunity to survive. They are hauled from the hatchery to the streams in big milk cans, and while the conveyance is in motion they are active and thrifty. As soon however, as the vehicle stops and the water in the cans becomes inactive and still, the little fellows become faint, and if allowed to so remain for a considerable time, they perish. The movement of the water seems to be necessary in order to afford them sufficient oxygen.

Two and a half millions of eggs were secured at Elk River hatchery this year. In addition a million eggs taken at the Clackamas hatchery have been shipped and hatched, making an aggregate of three and a half million little salmon that are to be set adrift in neighboring streams. The per cent of eggs that are thus artificially hatched is about ninety. By the natural method in which the females deposit their spawn on gravel bars where the eggs are preyed upon by trout, the per cent hatched is very much lower, some authorities placing it as low as fifteen per cent. The main building at the Elk River hatchery is 100 by forty feet.

Remember Nolan & Callahan's Remnant and Rummage sale will close Wednesday evening Feb 23.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
Stenography and typewriting done.
Office in Burnett block Corvallis, Ore.

ARE WITH JAPAN.

In Sympathy—Local Chinamen Say Old Lady Will aid the Japanese.

Corvallis Chinamen are favorable to the Japs in the present struggle between Russia and Japan. They don't like the war, and hope it will soon end. A love of peace is a national trait among them, but if it must be a fight, their preferences are, in spite of the recent unpleasantness between Japan and China with the little Yankee of the East. The faces of several operatives in a local Chinese laundry lighted up with unmistakable signs of pleasure when told Monday that the Japs had been victorious in a big land battle.

"Oh, Lussia, think he smart," said Big Jim, the old time cook. "Putty soon Lussia find out he not smart, Japan ketch 'em guns, ketch 'em soldier, ketch 'em glub, ketch 'em warship, knock 'em debble out of Lussia."

Jim refers to the empress dowager, the present ruling monarch in China as "The Old Lady." He has unbounded faith in her ability warming up with enthusiasm, he continued: "Lussia likee ketch 'em every-body land. Like steal 'em all China county. Make 'em Old Lady heap mad. Old Lady send 'em 200,000 soldiers and 15,000 boxes fight 'em Lussia, make 'em Lussia stay out of China. Old Lady make 'em Lussia heapsick. Kill 'em all. 'Old Lady got lots money—800 million dollar. Lock 'em all up, she ketch 'em key. Japan not got mucee money, Japan telegraph Old Lady send 'em money quick, Old Lady send 'em. Japan telegraph, send 'em glub quick,' Old Lady send 'em glub, heap quick; quickern forty seconds." Jim has read in a Chinese newspaper of the purpose of "The old Lady" to send a big army to the frontier to prevent Russian occupation of Chinese territory, other than Manchuria. He has a distrust of Germany and France, as well as Russia, and fears they may at any time make war for the further partition of Chinese territory. He says that the Chinese do not care so much about the Russian occupation of Manchuria, because it is, as he says, "The King's country," but if ever an attempt is made to tear off a piece of China proper, there is no doubt that big Jim will go home to fight, and that for once the invaders will encounter a frenzied resistance not expected from the peace-loving people of the Flowery Empire.

A BOY'S INVESTIGATIONS.

Figured out Strength of College Armory Trusses, and Found Them Ample.

The policy of the various scientific departments at OAC is to require the graduating thesis of students to be of the highest practical character. Steam engines, dynamos, and other appliances are thus built by boys scarcely out of their teens.

A new and interesting thesis of this character has just been handed in by Mr. Underwood. It is an investigation and computation of the strength and adequacy of the trusses in the Armory building. The strength of each piece is measured, the weight it sustains computed, and the adequacy of the whole for the part it plays in sustaining the big building is shown.

Of curious interest in the matter is that the results show the building to be perfectly sound and its strength more than adequate to all requirements. The information gained by the young man during the course of his investigations is of far more utilitarian value than poring over the mysteries of ancient mythology, dead and forgotten languages and like requirements of other lines of education.

Mr. Underwood conducted his work in the mechanical department under Prof. Covell.

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Wells, Windmills and Pumps.

I am now prepared to do all kinds of well, windmill and pump work. See me before you have your work done. Send orders to Simpson's Hardware store.

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Rent for Taxes.

E. W. Fisher has three acres of land close by the College for rent to any person who will pay taxes on same.

E. R. Bryson, Agent.

FEBRUARY INVENTORY SALE

This month is cleaning up month, stock adjusting time—cleaning the deck for spring business. Therefore you will find here that goods are lower in price, not because they have decreased in value, but because our policy will not permit carrying them over another season.

Ladies' Jackets.	Brussels Carpet
\$3 00 Ladies' Jackets \$1 50	50c Per Yard.
4 00 Ladies' Jackets 2 00	35c Cottage Carpet 25c yd.
5 00 Ladies' Jackets 2 50	40c Win. Shades, 25c each.
7 50 Ladies' Jackets 3 75	1-3 off on all small pieces of Matting.
10 00 Ladies' Jackets 5 00	1-3 off on broken lines of Lace Curtains.
Children's	
5 00 & 6 00 Jackets 2 50	

1-3 off on Ladies' Furs.
1-3 off on Ladies Wrappers
1-3 off on Ladies Skirts.
Corsets in broken lines 50c on the dollar.
A few pieces of 50c Dress Goods at 25c per yard.

1-3 off on Wool Waists
\$1 25 Ladies Waists \$1 05
2 00 Ladies Waists 1 35
2 50 Ladies Waists 1 70
3 00 Ladies Waists 2 00
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Art Calendars, Sofa Pillow Covers, And other Photographic Novelties.

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GROCERIES.

Look our list over, see the reductions, and save money while it rains.

D. G. Sugar, 100 pounds.....	\$5.65
A. & L. Rld. Oats, 22 pounds.....	2.00
Padlock brand Peaches, 35c cans, for.....	.25
Palo Alto brand Peaches, 25c cans, for.....	.20
Extra Standard corn, two cans for.....	.25
Extra Standard tomatoes two 3-lb cans for.....	.25
Corned Beef, 20c cans, three for.....	.50
Dried Beef, 20c cans, three for.....	.50
Three cans fancy sardines in oil.....	.25
One pound Seeded Raisins in bulk.....	.10
Two 1-pound packages Seeded Raisins.....	.25
Four packages A. & L. Soda.....	.25
Two pounds 15c Coffee.....	.25
Three pounds 20c ".....	.50
Three pounds 40c ".....	1.00
Six bars Silk soap.....	.25
Seven bars Daisy soap.....	.25
Young America Full Cream Cheese.....	.17 1/2

DISHES.

One set decorated eups and saucers.....	50
One set decorated dinner plates.....	50
One set decorated soup plates.....	50
One set decorated breakfast plates.....	40
One set decorated pie plates.....	40

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