

LOCAL LORE.

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—Local news on fourth page.

—Services at the M. E. church, South, tomorrow, morning and evening. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

—Ira Wade, clerk of Lincoln court, was a visitor in Corvallis Thursday.

—Secretary Stone, of the Portland Y. M. C. A., paid a visit to the college yesterday.

—Fred Walling, a Salem boy, died yesterday from blood poisoning from the prick of a buckle.

—Earl Brandeberry was over from Albany Thursday on business and for the pleasure of meeting old friends.

—Vidito Bros. have ordered a safe from the Portland branch of the Hall Safe Company, and it is expected to arrive Monday.

—There is to be a meeting of the Coffee Club Monday afternoon at the usual hour. Members will please take notice.

—A. E. Coates who was out of college week with blood poisoning in his knee, is about recovered, and has resumed his studies.

—Subject at the church of Christ Sunday, Feb. 28th, 11 a. m.: "The Grace of Giving;" 8 p. m.: "The Church Established."

—Mrs. A. M. Wickes entertained the Guild of the Episcopal church, Wednesday afternoon. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Broders.

—Sunday at Congregational church. Subject in the morning, "The Greatest Question That Confronts You;" evening, "Japan, Its History, People and Institutions."

—Rev. G. S. O. Humbert, former pastor of the Christian Church here, is in Corvallis for a few days. Mr. Humbert is field secretary of the Divinity school at Eugene.

—After a visit of several days at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Ann Hays, Miss Naomi Cowan left for her home in Lebanon, yesterday.

—Twenty persons are to be initiated into Corvallis Grange at the meeting this Saturday afternoon. A team from Willamette Grange will conduct the ceremony.

—Up to Thursday evening, the total registration was about 700. The pace will have to quicken, or many voters will still be unregistered when election day arrives.

—Rev. J. Sherman Wallace, now of Rochester, N. Y., in writing to a friend says: "The thermometer is now 10 degrees below. Snow is from four to 10 feet deep. Have not seen the ground since the first of November."

—Mordant Goodnough and Ruthyn Turvey of the musical department at the college, are to give a recital in the College of Philomath, next Friday evening.

—Lester Zumwalt is confined at the Mrs. August Knight home from scarlet fever. The warning flag was placed Friday morning. The malady, however, is in a mild form and there is little apprehension of consequences.

—Thomas Whitehorn and son Claude start today for Oakland, Calif., where they will join Mrs. Whitehorn, who has been in that state during a large part of the winter. The family will return to Corvallis in about a month.

—The Leona has completed the transfer of the Benton Flouring Mills' wheat from up-river warehouses, and about Wednesday the boat will have completed the work of moving the Corvallis Mills' wheat from above.

—Seven tons of baled hay came up from Wells Landing on the Pomona Thursday night, consigned to W. L. Wells, who is farming eight miles from Peoria. The Leona will convey the hay from here.

—Thomas Day and family and P. A. Walton and wife start for Buck Creek next Tuesday, or Wednesday, with household goods and provisions sufficient to last until the roads are better. Mr. Day recently purchased the Wilson place on Buck Creek, and Mr. Walton last fall died on a homestead in the same vicinity.

—An unusually agreeable time was spent Tuesday at the meeting of the Degree of Honor. In addition to initiation and refreshments an excellent programme was rendered, consisting of instrumental solo; recitation, A. H. Campbell; reading, Mrs. F. G. Clark; recitation, Mrs. Edgar Jackson; reading, Mrs. Jesse Spencer; vocal solo, Mrs. A. H. Campbell.

—"It doesn't look like you Corvallisites took much pride in the appearance of your town," said a stranger, the other day, as he pointed to big pools of water standing along the edge of the pavement on a principal block on Main street. He was one of three moneyed Easterners out West, looking for a location. "If you would drain that water off your principal street, it would look more like you had some interest in your town," he continued.

—J. M. Porter received by express Thursday, eight silver spangled Hamburg chickens, six females and two males. They came from Dixie, Wash. Of these birds, three were first-prize winners last year at the Walla Walla poultry exhibits and all are first-class fowls. The three Hamburgs purchased at the Portland exhibit for Mr. Porter were first-class prize winners, and he therefore has the foundation for securing the best yards of silver spangled Hamburgs in the Northwest.

—Wilbur Weeks of Salem, is the guest of Corvallis friends.

—Travis McDevitt spent several days this week at his home at Dallas.

—Seth Fawlk of Marion county, a former student at OAC, visited Corvallis friends this week.

—B. ra at Salem, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward, formerly of Corvallis, a daughter.

—Mrs. Bay Rickerl arrived from Suver Thursday and is the guest of relatives.

—The Ladies Missionary society of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. S. N. Wilkins Wednesday afternoon.

—After a year spent in this city, J. R. Matland and family leave next week to take up their residence in Portland.

—A Pennsylvania man insured his life, got married and the same day committed suicide so that his wife could have the money.

—Mrs. Joseph Smith, who has been for several weeks in a Portland hospital, arrived at her home near Wells Thursday. Her health is somewhat improved.

—Mrs. A. D. Morrison of Carlton, arrived Thursday to superintend the packing and shipping of her household effects.

—The beautiful new home of Mrs. G. R. Farra was the scene of much merriment Wednesday afternoon. The occasion was the bi-weekly meeting of the Ladies Whist Club.

—While in town Wednesday, John Martin of Irish Bend, contracted for lumber for the erection of a huge barn. The lumber alone for the structure is to cost about \$900.

—Revival services at the United Evangelical church will continue throughout next week. Rev. C. O. Polling is here now and will assist in the services. The fourth quarterly meeting will be held over Sunday. The Lord's Supper will be commemorated on Sunday morning.

—The carload of dried prunes from the works of the Corvallis Prune Processing Company, left for Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Thursday's freight. It was an immense car, carrying in the aggregate over 54,000 pounds, including the weight of the boxes. In fruit, the aggregate weight was more than 49,000 pounds, or nearly 25 tons.

—With a price already of 20 cents for next season's hop crop, hop yards are about the best property in the country. Interest in the industry in hop centers is intense. Down at Buena Vista, according to the accounts, they are offering as much as \$50 per acre for rent of ya'nds. A renter offered to pay \$1,000 for the rent of one small yard, and the owner refused the figure, but accepted a subsequent offer of more than \$1,100 cash rent for one year's use of the yard.

—Four hundred and fifty three tax receipts had been issued at the sheriff's office up to Wednesday evening as against 333 on the same day last year. A noticeable feature of this year's payments is that nearly everybody is paying the whole tax, while last year a large number paid but half, leaving the balance to be settled in October. The indications so far are that nearly all are reaching for the three per cent rebate, and that the greater per cent of them will get it.

—A brother of G. H. Root, the well known OAC student, is a resident of Tokio, the capital of Japan. He is a teacher there in a Japanese commercial school, having secured the position after his graduation from the University of California in 1901. For a time he was engaged in a similar capacity in a school in one of the interior towns of Japan, where he was the only foreign resident of the place. About a year ago, however, he was transferred to the Tokio institution, where he meets many Americans. He has a very high opinion of the Japanese people.

—A. J. Hall has been for several days a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hall, near town. Jack's new story is that since he was in Corvallis two or three weeks ago, he has cleared three acres of land, cut 18 cords of wood, built a new ash hopper, been to church twice, licked the hired man, contributed four dollars to the support of the minister, broke a mule colt, and prayed five times for the success of the Japs. He is a handy man in the community.

—The sophomores and freshmen at the college have chosen delegates to the state oratorical association to meet at Forest Grove March 11th. The full representation of OAC at the meeting will be, seniors, John Witly and Mary Sutherland; juniors, Earl Wallace and Maud Hays; sophomores, Archie Burns and Maud Graves; freshmen, Belle Bonney and Glen Goodman.

—A. L. McFadden came over from Lincoln county Thursday, and is to be in Portland today. His case in the circuit court there is expected to be heard within a short time after the 15th inst. Mr. McFadden's lawyer is Mr. Gleason, a well-known Portland attorney. The case, it will be remembered, is one in which Mr. McFadden collected his claim off of one Tillotson, and it so angered the latter that he seeks to transfix Mr. McFadden on a charge of forgery and fraud.

SELLING HORSES.

Nine Head for the Portland Market—They Wanted no Early Morning Boat Ride.

Nine head of Benton county horses are to go at auction in the big sale of horses to be given by McCarthy & Son at Irvington Park, Portland, on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd inst. The sale is attracting the attention of horsemen all over the Northwest. At a similar sale last year, 150 head of fast horses were sold at an average price of \$300.

The Benton county horses that are to go under the hammer are from the stables of R. C. Kiger. Among them are Silverlight and Peek-a-boo, well known in this community. The bunch left for Portland on yesterday morning's boat, and are to be sold on the 3rd.

There was a high old time at the boat landing when the horses were taken on board. They had no predilection for a boat ride, and were finally gotten aboard after a delay of two hours and at a vast expenditure of patience and effort. Even, after that task was completed, the troubles were not over. Every time the boat creaked or other unaccustomed noise was heard there was a general stamping of feet and tightening of halter ropes. The climax was reached when the boat whistled as she pulled out. There was a chorus of wild sports and a noise of feet that indicated that every horse was either standing on his head or trying to turn a back somersault. Above the din was heard the voice of Reuben, commanding the peace, but there was no peace. As the boat continued down stream the racket was still on, and it was surmised that Mr. Kiger and the boat's crew would have the time of their lives before reaching their journey's end.

The horses in Mr. Kiger's bunch are from four to eight years old, and are expected to go at good figures.

COLDEST PLACE ON EARTH.

Fourteen Russian Exiles are There—Two are Criminals and the Others Innocent.

In College Chapel next Friday night, Harry DeWindt, made famous by an intrepid journey from Russia through Siberia to Alaska is to deliver a lecture. On his trip which for daring and hardships almost equals those of the arctic explorers, but three of the six men who started, lived to tell the story. The other three died before the journey's end was reached. The trip was made on sleds, and included visits to the far-famed Siberian mines to which Russian political suspects and criminals are banished for life.

At Sredni-Kolymsk the coldest place in the world they visited the remotest political settlement in Siberia which Mr. DeWindt describes as "an Arctic Inferno." Out of the fourteen exiles there, only two are criminals, the others being absolutely innocent according to Mr. DeWindt. This little band of exiles suffers so greatly from the extreme cold hunger and the maddening silence that reigns all around, that they go insane or commit suicide. "This spot should be wiped off the face of the earth," is the speakers comment upon it.

The journey from Sredni-Kolymsk was continued in the face of terrible dangers. In the days that followed, the reindeer died off leaving but two or three. The dogs too, died, went mad with the cold, or were seized, with hydrophobia. The travelers suffered agonies from the cold and were obliged to travel on and on, exhausted or no, until they found drift-wood with which a fire could be made to thaw out the food frozen as hard as a stone. They pushed on over 1200 miles with despair in their hearts and death almost staring them in the face. The food they ate when food was obtainable and the foul huts of the natives in which they slept as described by Mr. DeWindt seem incredible.

The story of the terrible journey, his observations of Russian life and customs, and many facts of extreme interest at this time, will be told by Mr. DeWindt in his lecture in the chapel Friday night, when his subject will be, "Russia and the Siberian Mines."

Don't forget to try Alden's fresh taffy and pinochie at Hall's.

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

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MINING FOR GOLD

Near Corvallis—Operations are on Head of Oak Creek.

Reports of blasting operations often heard to the westward of evenings nowadays are tokens that gold mining is in progress there. The scene is five miles west of town, and on the head waters of Oak Creek. The investigations have been going on at intervals, for almost a year. More development work is being done now, however, than at any time in the past. Seymour Simpson and John Slater are among those who are pursuing the prospect. What the promoters have in the way of gold bearing ore, is not known, save to those interested. Old residents in this section are always incredulous of any proposition to take gold out of the Coast range hills. That fact causes the present operations from being regarded as likely to result in profitable or even paying returns.

Mr. Simpson, however, has unbounded faith in the prospects, and expects the operation to yield profitable returns. He has had large experience in mining in the Black Hills. He claims that the deposit he and companions are working, is free milling ore, and that all the conditions are most favorable for working it most economically. Several assays have been made, of which the lowest is 88 cents, and the highest \$4.50 per ton. The ore is not in a ledge, but is a soft rock deposit, all the rock as far as investigations have proceeded carrying the mineral. It is said to be a deposit very similar in appearance to that of the well known Treadwell mine in Alaska and of the famous Homestake mine of the Black Hills. The ore is easily mined and can be worked at a very small cost, in case future operations make continued expenditure profitable. The ore carries in addition to the gold, a considerable per cent of silver.

There have often been reports of small gold finds in the country to the westward. One of the Dutton brothers worked for several years on a lead beyond the Summit on the Little Elk, but nothing ever came as a result of his efforts. A few years ago there was considerable excitement in the same vicinity over reported discoveries, and most of the native population from Elk City and eastward hurried to the scene, prepared to mine, but like many an incident of the kind, it all came to naught and is remembered now only as a bright dream that never had its fruition. So many instances of the kind have happened, that old residents are skeptical of all propositions to mine gold in this locality.

BENTON IS INVITED.

To Show off at the 1905 Fair—The bid is Official

The official invitation for Benton County to make an exhibit at the 1905 fair has been received from Henry E. Reed, director of exploitation. In it, Mr. Reed gives assurance that any space desired will be assigned, either in the building with other counties, or that the county will be given space and allowed permission to erect a building of its own. Assurance is also given that every effort will be made by the fair management to assist the county in any design it may have in making an exhibit, and that hearty accord in all particulars will be certain.

Of course, a large part of the exhibit will have to be prepared this season. Grains, hops, many fruits and other agricultural products that do not mature until the autumn months, will have to be set aside this year or they will not be available for the opening of the Fair. For this reason, in order to get the best results, provisions will have to be made in the near future for preparation and care of such products as must be saved from this year's cropping. Benton can, if she will, make an exhibit to startle the Eastern visitors with its magnificence, but in order to do so there must be an early beginning, and a persistent campaign.

Lost.

Roll of music between Corvallis and Plymouth chapel. Please leave at Times office.

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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, A. N. Harlan.

Are You Restless at Night?

And harassed by a bad cough? Use Ballard's Horehound Syrup, it will secure you sound sleep and effect a prompt and radical cure. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

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.

\$3 00 Ladies' Jackets \$1 50
4 00 Ladies' Jackets 2 00
5 00 Ladies' Jackets 2 50
7 50 Ladies' Jackets 3 75
10 00 Ladies' Jackets 5 00
Children's
5 00 & 6 00 Jackets 2 50

Brussels Carpet 50c Per Yard.

35c Cottage Carpet 25c yd.
40c Win. Shades, 25c each.
1-3 off on all small pieces of Matting.
1-3 off on broken lines of Lace Curtains.

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

1-3 off on Ice Wool Shawls and Fascinators.

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A. & L. Rld. Oats, 22 pounds..... 2.00
Padlock brand Peaches, 35c cans, for..... .25
Palo Alto brand Peaches, 25c cans, for20
Extra Standard corn, two cans for..... .25
Extra Standard tomatoes two 3-lb cans for... .25
Corned Beef, 20c cans, three for50
Dried Beef, 20c cans, three for50
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..... .17½

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One set decorated soup plates..... 50
One set decorated breakfast plates 40
One set decorated pie plates 40

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