

The Backbone of This Store

Of course the Barr Store sells a great many different sorts of things. Yet, after all, watches and watch repairing are the backbone of this store. There are some lines that outsell watches at certain seasons of the year. For instance, in the "Christmas month" of December and in the "Wedding month" of June, our watches have to play a very small second fiddle to our cut glass and silverware. But, taking the general average of the whole year round there is no other line in which we do so large a business as in watches. We are inclined to suspect that this is because we constantly carry many different kinds and styles of watches and pay such careful attention to the worth of their workmanship.

Barr's Jewelry Store

Corner State and Liberty Streets, Salem, Ore.

Local Events in the Social Realm

PERSONALS.

T. T. Geer went to Portland this morning.

J. M. Pipes, of Portland, is in the city on business.

Miss Agnes Gilbert was a Portland visitor yesterday.

J. J. Roberts is in Portland this morning on business.

Conrad Krebs was a passenger for Portland this morning.

Pearl Lock, of Independence was a Salem visitor yesterday.

Misses Mary Eakin and Ellen Thielson are visiting in Eugene.

Senator Croisan came up from Portland on last night's local train.

Hon. W. A. Munley, of Portland, is in the city for a short business stay.

Ross Wimer went to Albany last evening for a few days' stay on business.

C. D. Gabrielson left yesterday for San Francisco on a short business trip.

Miss Kate Godfrey, of Portland, is spending a few days with Salem relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ottenhelmer went to Portland on this morning's local train.

Mrs. J. M. Kyle and little son went to Portland this morning for a few days' visit.

N. W. Silver, of Turner, is in the city today, for a visit to his daughter, Mrs. P. Norggren.

Frank Williams, of Ashland, came down on the overland train this morning for a brief visit.

R. B. Fleming, manager of the North-west foundry, at the penitentiary, went to Portland this morning for a brief visit.

Miss Mabel Glover and Mr. Ronald Glover, of Albany, returned to Salem yesterday, and will attend Willamette University.

I. L. Patterson came up from Portland this forenoon, and will spend a few days at the Gilbert & Patterson farm near Eola.

E. J. Arnold, the show man, came up from Portland this morning to look after the repairs to his merry-go-round at the fair grounds.

Ralph Gile, manager of the Roseburg branch of the Willamette Valley Prune Association, is in the city visiting his brother, H. S. Gile.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prall, of Medford, are in the city for a few days' stay. Mr. Prall furnished the stone for the construction of the Salem postoffice, and recently began a suit against the contractors for the recovery of a portion of the material, which he claimed was not paid for.

Sam Gray is visiting relatives in Eugene this week.

Mrs. J. M. Lawrence left today for Corning, Cal., where she will visit relatives.

Judge M. L. Pipes came up from Portland this morning, on business in the supreme court.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Palmer, of Eugene, have arrived here, and will make Salem their future home.

C. B. Clement, manager for Professor McEwen, went to Eugene this morning for a short business visit.

A. C. Woodcock, of Eugene, who was here to assist in the defense of E. McClanahan in the circuit court, left for his home this morning.

South Salem Personals.

Mrs. A. A. Sanborn returned yesterday from Moscow, Idaho, where she spent the holidays with her daughter.

Miss Etta Heidebeck, of Portland, is visiting friends in South Salem. Miss Heidebeck formerly lived in South Salem, but is now attending the Portland high school.

The State's Money.

Secretary of State Dunbar has completed the semi-annual count of the cash in the state treasury, and the examination of the books and accounts in that department, and yesterday afternoon filed his report with the governor. The count shows receipts for the six months of \$2,225,049.85, and disbursements of \$1,405,847.53, leaving a balance on hand January 1st of \$819,202.32.

The balance in the treasury is much smaller than it has been for some time, showing a decrease of nearly \$400,000 in the last six months, and the general fund has only \$85,640.55 in it, as against \$251,329.24 six months ago.

The levy of taxes made a few days ago will be sufficient to amply replenish this fund in a short time, or at least in time to prevent the payment of interest on warrants.

Free Delivery Extended.

The free delivery of the mail of Pendleton has heretofore been confined to the residences reached by sidewalk, and, on account of this, two-thirds of the residents were denied free delivery. The carriers are now supplied with gum boots and leggings, and now when the patrons request their mail it is cheerfully delivered.

Schilling's Best make money go further, life more comfortable and the grocery business better.

Moneyback.

THE LAW OF THE ROAD

Use of Automobiles on Highways Opens New Questions

In the Absence of Regulations Can Automobilists Be Punished for Traveling at Extra Speed

In the circuit court yesterday afternoon, the case of the state against E. McClanahan, the automobilist, who is charged with frightening a horse to death with his machine, on the highway near the penitentiary, last summer, was called for trial. The jury selected to try the case consisted of the following: C. F. Hicks, Jacob Miller, James T. Walker, Abner Lewis, F. W. Steusloff, G. B. Cornelius, B. F. Southwick, Sam Heimroth, G. G. Gans, Bent Jones, E. T. Malvin and O. A. Nendall.

After the testimony for the state was submitted the defense moved a dismissal of the suit, and this motion took up the time of the court until adjournment. At the opening of the court at 9 o'clock this morning, Mr. Woodcock, on behalf of the plaintiff, moved the court to direct a verdict of not guilty, for the reason that the information did not show facts sufficient to constitute a crime. Mr. Woodcock argued that one vehicle had as much right on the highway as another, and that the automobile had a right to run in the highway, and did no wrong in this instance, in view of the fact that no collision occurred. He urged that, in the absence of law regulating speed on the highway, it was not required of the driver of the machine to slow up in passing any one. He read a number of authorities, and urged that the defendant was not only not guilty of a crime, but that he was not subject to an action for damages. District Attorney Hart opposed the motion vigorously, showing that the unreasonable use of the highway by any one was an offense, and read numerous authorities in support of his contention that the reckless driving on a highway interfered with the rights of others, and that any one so driving should be compelled to use every reasonable precaution against causing damage. He was followed by Mr. McNary, who also opposed the motion of the defense, and urged the court to allow the testimony to go before the jury, to have that body determine whether or not a misdemeanor had been committed by the driver of the machine, and Mr. Carson closed for the defense.

After hearing the argument of counsel, Judge Fraser dismissed the defendant, for the reason that the act complained of did not constitute a crime under the laws. As Mr. McClanahan was not permitted to testify, his side of the case did not come before the jury at all. In discussing the matter, after his dismissal, Mr. McClanahan said that, when the unfortunate incident occurred on the road near the penitentiary last summer, he checked his automobile when the owner of the horse raised his hand in protest against the fast approach of the machine. He stopped his engine, and slowed down, coming almost to a standstill, and, after passing the rig, and about 75 yards beyond it, he again started the engine, and it was the noise made by the machine at that time that frightened the horse and caused the wreck and the runaway.

Following the dismissal of this case and the discharge of the jury, the case of the state against E. C. Parsons was called. The defendant was an employe at the asylum, and was arrested on the charge of stealing a quantity of goods from that institution. He has been in jail for the past three months, awaiting trial. Parsons was an employe at the asylum when his wife brought a divorce suit against him, and in the complaint alleged that her husband had long been guilty of stealing goods from that institution. He was promptly suspended by Supt. Calbreath, of the asylum, and was indicted, and, later, arrested for the crime, since which time he has been in jail.

The case went to trial at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will meet this Friday afternoon, at 2:30, in the rooms of the W. C. T. U.

Jim Corbett's new play is called "Pala." So far Mr. Fitzsimmons has not been cast for the part of the other pal.

McEWEN LAST NIGHT

Made People Laugh as They Never Laughed Before

Dr. Olinger Got His Ring Back Every-body "Rubbered" and Thats What it Was

When the curtain went up at the Grand Opera House last night, Professor McEwen faced a large and intelligent audience. Owing to a difference in watches, the curtain was 10 to 15 minutes late, but the orchestra discoursed some catchy music, and the crowd was in thorough good humor.



when the professor announced that he would commence operations with a pack or ordinary playing cards, which he did. He placed the pack, after it was examined, and cards selected from it, in a common goblet, and then proceeded to make them come out whenever called for. Then he did some tricks in palming the cards, and explained to the audience just how it was done. Then he played with four billiard balls, holding them in one hand, and making them appear and disappear at pleasure. Next he borrowed four rings from the audience, and got busy with them by breaking them up with a hammer. Then he proceeded to take them out of a nest of boxes, and while the others all came out with some appropriate little memento attached, that of Dr. Olinger had a—had a—well, you ask some of the girls who had seats in his neighborhood. The scribe didn't get next. Anyway, it was an emblem of peace and prosperity.

The second half of the entertainment consisted of hypnotic experiments, some eight or ten gentlemen from the audience volunteering as subjects, and they were not only interesting but very amusing, the audience going into convulsions over the ridiculousness of the situations. Words are inadequate to describe the scenes. You will have to go yourselves to understand or appreciate them. Tonight and the balance of the week. Curtain at 8:15.

Woodmen and Neighbors.

The local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Neighbors will tonight entertain a number of their friends at an open meeting, to be held in the Holman hall, on which occasion the officers for the two lodges for the ensuing year will be installed. The program prepared for the occasion will include addresses by Hon. M. A. Miller, of Lebanon, the state lecturer, and State Deputy Head Consul Simmons, of Portland, and other eminent members of the fraternity. At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments will be served, and a social evening enjoyed. The members of the order in Salem are all expected to be present and participate in the pleasures of the evening, as well as to meet and hear the state officers. The joint installation of officers is a new departure with the Woodmen and Royal Neighbors, and the members of the orders anticipate a very enjoyable time.

New Captain Chosen.

The Albany college girls' basketball team chose Miss Elsie Frances captain. She was captain and forward on the team last year and is still playing forward this year. Next Friday evening the team will play a Lebanon team in that city, and on the following Friday they will play the Willamette girls in this city.

Sweaters



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Today Only

Until 6 o'clock today every one of our men's and boys' sweaters are at your mercy at one-third off the regular price. Not a single one reserved. If you want a \$3 sweater for \$2 or a \$1.50 sweater for \$1, don't wait until tomorrow.

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Salem Woolen Mill Store
C. P. BISHOP PROPRIETOR

ASYLUM CONTRACTS ARE LET

The asylum board yesterday afternoon met and opened bids for supplies for the ensuing six months for the asylum. There is a large list of bids and it will take several days to dispose of the work of listing the bids and awarding the contracts. In some lines of provisions the price appears to be quite an advance over that of last summer, but this increase is immaterial. In the case of meat, E. C. Cross, of this city, again secured the contract at \$7.98 per hundred pounds, as against \$7.90 last January, and \$5.60 last July. The increase over last summer's bid is due to the fact that in summer stock was much cheaper, range cattle being available for the use of meat markets, while the contract for the next six months will have to be filled with stall-fed stock, which is necessarily much higher. It is for this reason that the bids showed a great increase over last summer's proposals, but they are not any higher than is usual for the contracts for the winter months.

Balfour, Guthrie & Co. secured the flour contract at \$3.52 per barrel, and the sugar will be supplied by Allen & Lewis, of Portland, at \$5.28. R. M. Wado secured the hardware contract; M. J. Potzel the plumbing, and The House Furnishing Company the furniture.

The groceries and dry goods will probably be divided among a number of bidders, as is usually the case, owing to the fact that each article is bid upon separately.

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