

**Hall in Roseburg.**—Judge John F. Hall, of Coquille City, was a visitor in the city for a couple of days last week, having business matters to attend before the circuit court. Mr. Hall says that Marshfield is soon to have a railroad, apparently believing that the steam line will be built by Haines and his backers as agreed. Mr. Hall is also urging that the county road between Roseburg and the coast be improved, no doubt of the opinion that the money needed in such an improvement would be well spent.

**Passes Through Roseburg.**—Sheriff W. W. Gage, of Coos county, passed through Roseburg yesterday enroute to Poratella, Idaho, where he goes to bring back Charles Nell, who is wanted at Marshfield on a charge of forgery. It will be remembered that Nell escaped from Sheriff Gage near Pocatella several months ago by jumping off the train upon which they were returning. The genial sheriff says that Nell will not escape this trip, however, inasmuch as he will be adorned with the usual "cuffs" brought into play when handling desperate characters.

**Sells Five Machines.**—Claud Cannon, the local real estate and automobile man returned from Portland yesterday morning after spending several days at that city taking in the sights of the automobile show. To date Mr. Cannon has sold five machines, all of which will arrive with the spring shipment, April 1. Those who purchased autos are O. C. Baker, Studobaker E. M. F. "30," Dr. E. V. Hoover, E. M. F.; W. H. Fisher, E. M. F.; C. B. Cannon, E. M. F.; and A. Salzman, Flanders "29." The first four machines are purchased at a cost of \$1,500, while the latter machine is sold for \$1,000.

**Council to Meet.**—The members of the city council will meet in regular session this evening. Among the important matters scheduled for consideration is that of passing the ordinance, authorizing the execution of a contract with the electric light company relative to furnishing the necessary electricity assuring the operation of the new decorative lighting system. It is said that the electric light company has ordered the wire and transformers and will commence the work of connecting up the lights within a few days. Within four weeks they assure the citizens of Roseburg illumination from the new system.

**Granted a Divorce.**—Yesterday Adeline Parazoo was granted a decree of divorce from Peter Parazoo by default in Judge Harris' court. In her complaint Mrs. Parazoo set forth allegations to the effect that her husband treated her cruelly and accused her of infidelity with other men. The couple were married at Peel, Oregon, January 9, 1883. Three children were the issue of said marriage—Minnie Miller, aged 23; Anton, aged 17, and Elsie Parazoo, aged 7. The plaintiff was given the custody of the minor child, Elsie, and Anton was given into the keeping of the defendant by the decree of the court.—Eugene Register.

**Little Damage Results.**—A small blaze was discovered in the building utilized as a socialist reading room and situated at the corner of Oak and Rose streets shortly before 1 o'clock this morning. An alarm was immediately sounded, but before the fire department arrived the fire was extinguished, a few pails of water in the hands of cool persons bringing about the desired result. At the time the blaze was discovered the building was occupied by seven members of the I. W. W. organization who are enroute to Spokane, Wash., to aid their fellow members in obtaining the right of free speech. Appearance tended to show that the fire ignited from a defective flue, being confined to the roof in the vicinity of the chimney.

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**Ready for Business.**—H. O. Lewis, the photographer, is moving into his quarters in the Mathews building, formerly occupied by the Harding Land company today. Mr. Lewis is a photographer of long experience and will no doubt enjoy a liberal patronage in this vicinity. His announcement appears in another column of this paper.

**Tabernacle Nearly Completed.**—The work of placing the seats in the new tabernacle was commenced this morning, all exterior work having been completed Saturday. The initial meeting will be held in the structure on Sunday evening, February 13, at which time a union service will be held. It is expected that the series of meetings will continue for a least six weeks.

**A Big Success.**—The supper served by the ladies of St. George's church at the parish house on Saturday evening, was a decided success, no less than one hundred persons attending. As usual the meal was delicious, being relished by all who were fortunate enough to partake thereof. Needless to say that the ladies realized a neat sum from their venture.

**May Purchase Machines.**—The News is informed by Claud Cannon, the local automobile man, that Drs. Seely, Sether & Stewart contemplate the purchase of three machines, the same to be owned individually by the members of the firm. The machine owned by them at the present time will be maintained in partnership and will be used exclusively in carrying on their business. The new machines will be utilized privately.

**Into New Quarters.**—The Harding Land company, for the past year occupants of the Mathews building on Cass street, are moving into their new quarters on the ground floor of the Masonic building today. The company will occupy the corner room which is without doubt one of the finest office rooms in the city. It is large, light and well ventilated and has two entrances, one on Jackson and one on Cass street.

**Remain Until Finish.**—Among those who went to Portland with the crowd last week to attend the closing arguments of the Hermann trial, who intend to remain at the Oregon metropolis until the end of the hearing, are Messrs. James Watson, Eugene Parrott and Hermann Marks. These gentlemen expect to remain at Portland until Saturday, at which time they contemplate the trial will be closed.

**Into New Offices.**—J. W. Perkins, of the Douglas Development company, who has occupied offices in the McClallen hotel building for several months past, is moving into his new quarters in the Masonic building today. Mr. Perkins will occupy the large room on the ground floor at the rear of the Harding Land company's offices. His office will face on Main street with a Cass street entrance.

**Alexander is Improving.**—From Frank G. Micelli, who returned from Portland yesterday morning, we learn that John Alexander, who recently underwent an operation at St. Vincent's hospital, is improving and will probably be able to return home within two weeks. John left the private room at the hospital Saturday and is now confined in the ward. Needless to say his many friends are pleased to learn that he is out of danger with excellent chances of recovery.

**New Bank Building.**—Work on the new Luse bank building at Sotherlin is progressing nicely, indications tending to show that it will be ready for occupancy not later than March 15. Winula Gaddis, the local plumber, who has the contract for plumbing and heating the building, has a force of men on the job, expecting to have his portion of the work completed in two weeks. The structure will be modern in every particular and will no doubt answer the purpose for which it is erected for many years.

**Installation.**—At the meeting of the United Artisans Friday evening, at Moberg Hall, installation of officers was the principal lodge work performed. Installing officer was Emus Faulkner, and the officers are as follows: P. M. A., Belle Stevenson; M. A. V. R. Buckingham; superintendent, Bessie Pickins; secretary, Emus Faulkner; J. N. S., Alice Brown; senior com., J. G. Stevenson; M. C., C. B. Patrick; J. C., E. P. Brown; field com., A. Lineback and Genevieve Marsters. Following the installation ceremonies a good old fashioned social hour and supper was enjoyed.

**Business Men's Excursion.**—Darry Richardson, local publicity man, reports all in readiness for the business men's excursion which leaves here Wednesday morning for a four days' trip through various sections of the county. Letters received by Mr. Richardson from the several commercial clubs in the county are to the effect that the Roseburg party will be royally entertained, and further that they will be given ample opportunity to view the farms and orchards in the vicinity of the towns visited. It is expected that about thirty business men will be included in the party.

**Wires are Crippled.**—On account of the prevailing snow storm, which is said to be much worse through the Willamette valley than here, all telephone and telegraph wires are crippled, with little hope of relief at present. Up to 2 o'clock this afternoon the local Western Union office had been unable to communicate with Portland or other points of consequence in the northwest. The same condition is also evident on the Marshfield lines, although they did not go out of commission until shortly before 9 o'clock. The telephone company is also said to be having troubles, many rural lines being on the defective list. All direct wires to Portland are out, delaying press reports, as well as private messages.

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**Afflicted With Paralysis.**—W. A. Zook, a well known resident of this city, was stricken with a stroke of paralysis Saturday, and is now in a very critical condition. Dr. Hoover is attending the patient and entertains the belief that he will eventually recover.

**Lost.**—Saturday, January 29, in Roseburg, in or between Redifer's grocery store and 546 North Siger street, an old worn pocketbook containing several dollars in gold and silver, one piece of paper money and a number of small coins. Finder please leave at News office or return to owner. Reward. Mrs. F. E. Erickson.

**Convention a Success.**—Local people who returned from Drain Saturday evening after attending the county Sunday school convention held at that place Friday and Saturday, report a most enjoyable time. Delegates were present from nearly every section of the county and considerable interest was manifest.

**First Snow of Season.**—Roseburg is experiencing the first real snow storm of the season today, and suffice to say it is having some effect upon the Oregonians. Few people ventured upon the street today aside from business and professional men who were compelled to visit their places of business.

**New Piano House.**—H. C. Pattimore, recently of Portland, has opened a piano house in the store room occupied by the "Rose" confectionery store. The gentleman is well versed in the piano business and will carry a full and complete line of the standard make of instruments. Mr. Pattimore invites those who contemplate purchasing a piano to inspect his stock.

**Return from Portland.**—Among those who returned from Portland yesterday after attending the Hermann trial were Messrs. A. Salzman, F. G. Micelli, Luther Page, Claud Cannon and J. A. Buchanan. With-

out exception the gentlemen report a good time and feel confident that their friend,linger Hermann, will be acquitted.

**McClallen Hotel Leased.**—A deal was consummated in the city Saturday whereby Frank O'Brien, for the past few years proprietor of the St. Charles hotel at Albany, secured a lease on the McClallen hotel for a term of years. Mr. O'Brien is said to be a hotel man of wide experience and well versed in the art of catering to the traveling public. The new proprietor will take possession of his holdings in this city during the present week.