

LOCAL NEWS.

John Metz and W. E. Ott spent the day at Winchester fishing.

A \$600 piano, of best make, at a sacrifice, and on terms to suit. For particulars address "Piano" News office.

Mose Rice, of the firm of Rice & Rice, spent yesterday at Myrtle Creek visiting at the home of his wife's father.

Miss Alice Stearns, of Dunsmuir, California, arrived in Roseburg this morning to spend about two weeks visiting with friends.

Owing to the fact that today is a legal holiday the regular weekly meeting of the city council has been postponed until tomorrow night.

Mrs. B. M. Peters, of Portland, arrived in Roseburg this morning to spend a few days visiting with friends and relatives.

The banks, government, county and city offices were closed today. The barber shops and stores closed at 11 o'clock this morning, thus allowing the employes a half holiday.

We have no equal—the only washer in the world, that will bring clothes out of the water when clean all ready for the wringer. Davis Lone Star Washer, Office 119 Sheridan street, Phone 81.

Stop, look, listen—it touches the spot. See it wash the collars on a bunch of shirts without washing the other part of the garments, at the same time, and when clean will bring them out of the water ready for the wringer. See it work and be convinced. It speaks for itself, you be the judge. Men wanted. See the inventor, J. W. Davis, Jr., 119 Sheridan street, Roseburg.

To bite on a fake fight was the experience of several hundred people shortly after 10 o'clock last evening. As the crowds were coming out of the local theatres after the first performance a couple of "bloody" were standing in the street, and from all appearances were about to engage in a fist encounter. A crowd gathered about the men, and it was soon decided that they should retire to the rear of the Oregon cafe and settle matters. Followed by at least two hundred men and boys—and some women—the supposed fighters started for the rear of the restaurant, at the same time removing their coats as if determined to make good. Reaching a spot of vantage both men squared away, and just as the crowd expected to witness the first blows of the encounter, one of the men yelled fake, much to the dismay of the disappointed mob. It is needless to say that the crowd dispersed quickly and without unusual comment.



GREETINGS...

WE TAKE this opportunity to extend to you the greetings and compliments of the season. We sincerely wish that the coming Christmas season may be the happiest, that the coming year be the most prosperous in the history of Roseburg and that you may enjoy your full share of the spirit and benefit of both. By merit alone have we sought your patronage in the past, on merit alone do we base our hopes for the future, and you will continue to receive full satisfaction in drugs if you GET IT AT MARSTERS.

Marsters Drug Company (Inc.), Roseburg Oregon.

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Mrs. V. R. Buckingham is visiting with relatives at Junction City.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Winniford spent Sunday with relatives at Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Dunham, of Oakland, were visitors in Roseburg yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Francis spent Sunday at the home of C. H. Meusch in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Partsch, of Portland, are visiting at the Max Weiss home in this city.

Miss Viri Sacry, of Portland, is visiting at the home of O. P. Henderson in this city.

Miss King, stenographer in the local forestry office, has gone to Portland for a week's vacation.

We have a car load of the best Utah Building Plaster, fibred and unfibred. J. F. Barker & Co.

Miss Helen Smith is spending the day in town visiting with her mother. She will return to Albany tomorrow.

Miss Rita Marsh leaves for Medford Wednesday to spend about three weeks with relatives.

Mrs. M. E. Hildebrand and Miss Evelyn Cornutt have returned to their home at Portland after a brief visit at the home of F. T. Green in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Parker returned to their home at Dillard this morning after a brief visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Thornton in this city.

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Hot tamales, oyster cocktails, chili-concarne, clam soup, at "The Rose", dit

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Winniford spent Sunday at Oakland visiting with relatives.

Donald McClallen, of San Francisco, is spending a few days in the city visiting with his father.

Prof. Lason, of Satherlin, was a business visitor in the city for a few hours Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Woodson went to Yoncalla Sunday to spend a couple of days with friends.

Miss Bell O. Gelwitz, of Portland, arrived here Sunday to spend a couple of days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Humphrey, of Jefferson, spent Sunday in this city visiting at the home of their son.

Taylor Bros. announce that although the fire Saturday completely destroyed their stock of wall paper, paints, etc., that their place of business on Sheridan street will be renovated without delay and a fine new stock will be installed for inspection by January 20.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Sawyers and Mrs. Clara Rast and daughters entertained the following at Christmas dinner yesterday: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barker and daughters, Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Hamilton, Mrs. A. L. Kidder, Miss Bessie Kidder and Miss Elva Wimberly. The Sawyers home was beautifully decorated for the occasion and presented a most attractive appearance.

SAYS TAX LAW IS VICIOUS.

Eastern Bond Buyers Opposed to the New Law.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—Insistent questions from Eastern bond buyers and attorneys throw light on the county tax amendment and indicate it will drive capital out of the state. Immediately after the election came a flood of requests for copies of the new tax law from concerns interested in large bond purchases particularly municipal bonds. "Ambiguous," "dangerous," "vicious," are expressions used, and some declare the amendment will drive capital away and keep bonding companies in a condition of unrest concerning this class of Oregon securities.

The tax amendment, say Eastern men, is drastic, unlimited, uncertain and they deem many objections almost insurmountable. The amendment, the critics complain, makes it possible for the people to establish a system of special taxation on certain specific classes of property without respect to any other classes of property. This power causes bond buyers to pause. They see a chance to change good security into worthless paper. For example, sections where bonds are issued for irrigation projects, the people can impose an almost prohibitive tax and render the bonds worthless.

This fear extends to municipal water plants and public utilities which float bonds for improvement and for maintenance of these bonds, and to railroads, telephone companies and all other corporations which might issue bonds to extend lines and improve equipment.

Secretary of State Benson is not only receiving such letters, but in some instances buyers have balked on purchasing bonds, which, prior to the recent election, they considered "giltedged". This fact, coupled with James J. Hill's alleged hesitation, together with warnings from capitalists who have varied interests, have worried many people here, and it is predicted there will be a great change in the tax system at the first opportunity.

It is asserted the voters were inveigled into favoring the amendment by the misleading first sentence of the bill, which indicated the amendment would abolish head tax and poll tax.

Sentiment now expressed indicates the amendment will soon be repealed, and there is talk of referendum tax legislation.

It will be necessary to refer, as the amendment takes taxation of all kinds out of the hands of the legislators and places it entirely in the hands of the people, the legislature being merely an advisory body in this respect.

It is apparent that attorneys now seek ways and means of relief from the revolutionary provisions of the amendment.

A FAITHFUL WIFE.

After 17 Years Has Hope of Husband's Pardon.

After 17 years of unwavering effort, importing every incoming governor of California, Mrs. Chris Evans of 428 East Seventy-eighth street, at last sees a ray of hope in her struggle for the pardon of her husband, a life prisoner at Folsom, who with John Sontag for 11 months stood off the whole state of California in a bushwhacking fight rivaling in dramatic situation that carried on by Harry Tracy, says today's Oregonian.

When Chris Evans, with one eye and one hand shot away, has been slowly dying in his cell almost two decades, his plucky wife, left resourceless with four young children, has fought her way through, first at the wash-tub, and then, as her boys grew older, in easier ways, never forgetting the imprisoned father and husband, spending all her surplus in efforts to make his burden easier and to secure his release.

Word has been received in Portland that the case of Evans has at last been taken up by the state board of pardons, with every prospect that the prisoner will be restored to citizenship within the present holiday season. There is joy in the Montavilla home, while a wife, prematurely aged, and four stalwart boys, all occupying positions of trust in Portland will welcome the released prisoner.

During 17 years, Mrs. Evans has visited the prison at Folsom as often as her circumstances allowed, and never has a new governor been inaugurated in California that she has not gone and laid her plea before him. Sentiment and prejudice, however, have been so strong that all her prayers have been unavailing until now.

The fact that the wife of Evans had been living in this city for ten years did not become public until last May, when George Sontag, half

brother of Evans' companion and the original cause of all the trouble, came to Portland showing moving pictures and delivering a highly moral lecture based upon the great fight. The Evans boys went to him and begged him not to offer his performance in this city, but he ignored their requests with brusqueness. Then they appealed to Constable Wagner, who forced the show to close, under an Oregon statute forbidding the presentation of crimes on the stage.

Mrs. Evans declares that a better man never lived than her husband, and denies stoutly that he ever was guilty of crime other than resisting the officers after he fled to the brush. She says that John Sontag had worked for her husband for a long time, when one day his half brother, George, came to visit him. Soon afterward officers appeared to arrest the visitor, and in the melee that followed, Evans, thinking his

house was attacked, rushed on the scene with a rifle and joined in the fight. Then he and John Sontag took to the hills and for 11 months battled with posse after posse. George Sontag meekly surrendered and served 17 years. John Sontag was killed in the field, and Evans was captured and sentenced for life. He is said to be very decrepit, which is one of the reasons for the pardon that is now expected.

STAGE LINES TO ALL POINTS

All regular mail stages leave G. W. Rapp's grocery store, 133 Sheridan street, facing R. R., opposite the exhibit building. Daily stages for Marshfield, Myrtle Point and all Coos Bay points, also daily backs (except Sunday) for Peel and Millwood. Cash paid for produce along the line.

G. W. RAPP, Agent and Proprietor

Special Sale on Phonographs

At a Great Reduction

- 1 Standard Machine ..... \$35.00
  - 10 Double Records, making 20 pieces of Music, at 50c each ..... 5.00
  - 1 Record Carrying Case ..... 4.00
- \$44.00

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If you want something extremely nobby in the suit line see the fine display of fall samples at Sloper's cleaning and pressing house, Jackson street, opposite "Sykes" Hardware store. All kinds of cleaning, pressing and repair work for gentlemen done on short notice. dit

for bathroom fixtures. dit  
See Winnie Gaddie, the plumber.

Rexall Greetings

MAY this be a Christmas of joy and blessedness to you and to every one everywhere. Let the spirit of happiness reign supreme during this holiday.

Be thankful, with us, for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon all.

Peace and plenty throughout the land; the building of hundreds of comfortable homes in our community, and a spirit of closer co-operation amongst our people for the welfare of all, attest that the accepted rule governing our lives is,

"Peace on earth, good will toward men."

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