

# STATE NEWS OF INTEREST

## GEO. H. HIMES GIVES LECTURE.

Tells of Early History of the State—  
Story Brimming With Information.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 20.—"Native born Oregonians should be proud of the land of their birth," said George H. Himes, secretary of the Oregon Historical society last night in an address on the early days of Oregon, at the First Congregational church. "Oregon and the northwest is the only part of the United States that became such through right of discovery, and the only part that has never been under the flag of another country."

The word Oregon was first used by Jonathan Carver in 1778. He traveled in parts of the central west after the French and Indian war, and wrote a book on the country, which was published in England in 1777.

Capital Gray, who sailed up the Columbia in 1792 was the real discoverer of this country according to Mr. Himes and it was through his discovery and travels that the United States made good its claims for the northwest in the dispute with England.

The following historical facts were noted by Mr. Himes, with stereopticon slides illustrations of the early pioneers and historical places in the state: Lewis and Clark crossed the plains in 1805 and 1806 and established a trading post at Astoria.

The first saw mill west of the Rocky mountains was erected near Vancouver in 1857.

The first public school west of the Rockies was taught by John Ball in 1832, near Vancouver.

Jason Lee, in 1834, preached the first Methodist sermon west of the Rocky mountains.

The first marriage ceremony west of the great divide was performed by Jason Lee in 1837.

Mrs. Elizabeth Spaulding Warren is one of the oldest living pioneers, coming to this country in 1837.

Jason Lee built a house in Salem in 1841 and part of this house is now standing.

The old Bennett house for many years the principal hotel in the valley, was built in Salem in 1855.

The first postoffice in the state was at Astoria.

The first house in Portland was built of logs in 1844 and was on the corner of Fourth and Washington streets.

The cornerstone of the state capital was laid in 1873. The stereopticon

view of the ceremony showed the Kay Woolen Mills in the background.

The first Masonic lodge in Oregon was organized at Oregon City in 1846.

To those interested in the early days of the state, the lecture was of unusual interest, as pictures were shown on the screen of many of the pioneers well known in Salem, and views of many of the buildings erected here by the pioneers of the '40s and '50s.

## Pool Hall Has Fire.

Lebanon, Or., Dec. 20.—At 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning a fire was discovered in a small closet in the pool hall of J. E. Smith on Main street. Prompt work of the volunteer firemen prevented the spread of the fire and the result was a damage of about \$2.00 to the building, which is owned by M. A. Miller of Portland. The furniture owned by Smith was slightly damaged by water. The exact cause of the fire is unknown.

## WALLOWA COUNTY PEACEABLE

Grand Jury Finds Little to Do at Court Term

Citizens of Wallowa county were complimented last week by the grand jury on the peace and order prevailing in the community. The jurors returned three true bills of minor character, one being the indictment of E. O. Hoisington, the agent for Warrenton lots who was arrested on complaint of Joseph school teachers who alleged he misrepresented facts in inducing them to invest. The other indictments were for comparatively trivial breaches of the law.

This remarkably small haul of criminal cases, coming after a full investigation of every complaint presented to the jurors showed them that the county is strikingly free from disorders of any kind and they therefore reported.

"We are pleased to note the state of good order which prevails throughout the county, and congratulate our people, especially the tax payer, on the law abiding character of our citizens. Perhaps the county has never been so free from crime and dangerous criminals."

"We do not mean that there is an absence of crime; but the crimes that are being committed are of a minor nature as far as we can observe from surface indications, and are so secret and covered up as to be difficult of detection."

The court house was found in excellent condition, with the work well done in all offices, and the thanks of the jury were given to Frank A. Reavis, bailiff. The grand jury consisted of S. L. Magill, Jack Cole, D. W. Kuhn, Ford Millman, I. E. McGinnis, H. D. Akins and J. C. Dodson.

## Eastern Star Elects.

Independence, Ore., Dec. 20.—The local chapter of the Order of Eastern

Star recently held the annual election, after which a social time was enjoyed. The new officers are:

Worthy matron, Mrs. Anna Knox; worthy patron, D. L. Smith; associate matron, Mrs. Sadie Smith; conductress, Mrs. Mary Fluke; associate conductress, Mrs. Carrie Clark; secretary, Mrs. Hattie Hinkle; treasurer, Mrs. Etta Merwin.

## WILL SHOW FINE HORSES.

J. D. Farrell Will Be an Exhibitor at Corvallis.

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 20.—J. D. Farrell, president of the O. W. R. & N., has accepted an invitation to exhibit some of his thoroughbreds in the show at the state college during farmers' week. These animals will be for inspection of students and visitors on Friday, January 7, during most of the day, and in the evening they will be shown in some of their high jumping acts. This stock will not be exhibited in competition, but merely for the purpose of affording lovers of good horse flesh an opportunity to study them and to see them in action.

About a dozen other classes will be shown, including English saddle horses, heavy draft, saddle ponies, cow ponies, roadsters and all purpose farm horses. The event attracts the gayest throng of the season, the evening affair being held in the large, brilliantly lighted college armory, which is well adapted to events. Governor James Withycombe will attend.

## Elks Bury D. M. Mattison.

Independence, Ore., Dec. 20.—D. M. Mattison who had been ill for two or three years, passed away Friday and on Saturday afternoon the funeral services were conducted by the order of Elks, of which deceased was a member. Interment was made in the Odd Fellows' cemetery south of the city. He leaves a wife and three children.

## Will Wed on Christmas.

Independence, Ore., Dec. 20.—Invitations have been issued for the wedding on Christmas night at 8 o'clock at the Christian church in this city, of Irvine M. Miller and Miss Mary Alice Fennell, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fennel, of this place. The Rev. F. C. Stephens will perform the ceremony.

## Cottage Grove Resident Is Buried

Cottage Grove, Ore., Dec. 20.—John J. Lane, an old resident of this section, passed away at his home in this city Friday after a brief illness. He had been in his usual good health until Sunday, September 12, when he took down with a gripe and although he was sick, his condition was not thought serious. He had rested well during the night and a sister who was waiting on him did not know when the

end came, as he passed away without a struggle.

Masons Name Officers at St. Helens. St. Helens, Ore., Dec. 20.—The annual election of St. Helens lodge, No. 32, A. F. and A. M.; on Saturday night resulted in the selection of the following officers: H. J. Southard, W. M.; E. A. Rotger, S. W.; A. L. Stone, J. D.; Ernest Johns, S. D.; John Phillip, J. D.; E. E. Quick, secretary, and James Dart, treasurer. St. Helens lodge No. 32, was instituted in the year 1862 and is one of Oregon's oldest Masonic lodges. Among its members are Justice F. A. Moore, Justice T. M. McBride, Judge Thomas J. Cleeton and Ex-Judge James Dart. Mr. Dart has lived in St. Helens for 49 years and has been a member of the local lodge since 1866. He has filled every chair in the lodge and for the past 15 years has been its treasurer. The lodge is in a flourishing condition and several years ago built a substantial home at a cost of \$12,000. It has 96 members in good standing.

## NOTES FROM COVE.

Residents Make Use of the Good Sleighting Conditions.

Cove, Ore., Dec. 20.—L. V. Johnson and wife went to La Grande Wednesday to do their Christmas shopping. R. R. Morris shipped two cars of fat hogs to Portland, Dec. 11 and T. B. Johnson shipped a car the 18th.

About six inches of snow covers the ground and the thermometer registers around 10 degrees above zero but people are sleigh riding.

J. B. Tallent and N. Daron and children were visitors from this section to La Grande Saturday.

Ray Baker and Herman Lund are home for the holidays from Monmouth where they have been attending school.

Mrs. Davis Boswell is slowly recovering from a severe case of la gripe.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Koger spent a few days last week with relatives in La Grande.

The lectures given on hygiene Thursday afternoon and night were highly appreciated by the people of Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McNeil left a few days for the Willamette valley where they will make their home.

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## Facts About Known People

Indianapolis, Dec. 22.—Governor Samuel M. Ralston's speciality is raising fine hogs. When he becomes over-burdened with affairs of the Indiana commonwealth he goes to his farm and takes off his coat and becomes a practical farmer.

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# NEW NAVEL ORANGES

## SUNKIST BRAND

4 sizes—25c, 30c, 40c, 50c per dozen.

Sweet Japanese oranges, 20c per dozen.

Try a sack of  
SNOW DROP FLOUR, per sack ..... \$1.45  
There is nothing better.

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**McCARTHY'S IMPERIAL**  
5c, 10c and 2 for 25c Made in La Grande

# Great Year End Clearance Sale—Year End Prices for Practical Gift Seekers

Not a Sale of Odd Sizes and Unseasonable Merchandise But a Great Sweep of Seasonable Goods.

## ENTICING PRICES ON SUITS AND OVERCOATS.

- \$12.50 Suits or overcoats, sale price ..... \$8.50
- \$15.00 Suits or overcoats, sale price ..... \$9.75
- \$20.00 Suits or overcoats, sale price ..... \$14.00
- \$22.50 Suits or overcoats, sale price ..... \$16.25
- \$25.00 Suits or overcoats, sale price ..... \$17.75

## BARGAINS IN SINGLE PANTS.

- \$2.00 Cashmere pants, sale price ..... \$1.50
- \$2.50 Cashmere pants, sale price ..... \$1.85
- \$3.50 Cashmere pants, sale price ..... \$2.60
- \$4.00 Cashmere pants, sale price ..... \$3.00

## A TIP ON WOOLEN SHIRTS.

- 75c Heavy outing shirts ..... 35c
- \$1.25 Wool shirt ..... 80c
- \$1.75 Wool shirt ..... \$1.30
- \$2.00 Wool shirt ..... \$1.50
- \$2.50 Wool shirt ..... \$1.90

## ENGLISH SLIP-ON.

- \$6.00 Slip-on, sale price ..... \$4.25
- \$8.00 Slip-on, sale price ..... \$6.00
- \$12.50 Slip-on, sale price ..... \$9.25

## HOLIDAY NECKWEAR IN ENDLESS VARIETY.

- 25c Ties ..... 15c
- 50c Ties ..... 35c
- 75c Ties ..... 50c
- \$1.00 Ties ..... 75c
- All J. B. Stetson hats, all shades and styles ..... \$2.50

## EXTRA SPECIALS WHILE THEY LAST.

- \$2.50 Genuine Dents' kid gloves ..... \$1.50

## LOOK—LOOK—

Going out of the Lewis A. Crossett shoe line, all bench made \$5.00 and \$6.00 shoes, sale price \$3.90

ALL MACKINAW AT WHOLESALE FACTORY COST.

## MEN'S HOSIERY.

- 50c Silk hose ..... 25c
- 25c Hole proof hose ..... 20c
- 25c Cashmere hose ..... 20c
- 12 1-2c Engineer hose ..... 8 1-3c

## UNDERWEAR PRICES.

- 50c Heavy ribbed, sale price ..... 25c
- \$1.25 Heavy wool, sale price ..... 85c
- \$1.50 Coopers, sale price ..... \$1.10
- \$1.00 Union suits, sale price ..... 75c
- \$1.25 Union suits, sale price ..... 85c
- \$2.00 Union suits, sale price ..... \$1.35
- \$2.50 Union suits, sale price ..... \$1.85
- \$3.00 Union suits, sale price ..... \$2.25
- \$5.00 Union suits, sale price ..... \$3.85

## SWEATERS.

- \$7.50 Ruffneck, sale price ..... \$6.00
- \$6.00 Ruffneck, sale price ..... \$4.50
- \$5.00 Ruffneck, sale price ..... \$3.65
- \$2.50 Jersey, sale price ..... \$1.90

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