SCHOOL EXAMS ARE OVER WITH

ALICEL, Jan. 17.—(Special).—Semester examinations are over and the work started on second semester subjects. Audrey Ruckman registred in the high school for second semester work Monday.

The Alicel Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. I. A. Howell Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fuller were host and hostess at a dancing party for about twenty of their friends Saturday evening.

A strange lady stopped at the Joe Gray home in the midst of a terrific wind-storm Tuesday night. She seemed well satisfied so they decided to keep her.

Elmo Case is recovering from an attack of la grippe.

A group of Alicel people attended the meetings at Imbler Church Friday evening. They report a fair interest.

Miss Ruby Day and Miss Edna Gordon spent the week end at the Day Shaw home.

Mrs. Wm. Webster was a visitor in La Grande last week.

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PORTLAND, Jan. 18 — Thomas Lotisso is to be tried behind doors for the murder of his English war bride, Tessie Lotisso, the night of November 30.

This announcement was made by Circuit Judge Tucker when the case began Monday morning. The case is not one for the entertainment or amusement of the public, and when the seats in the courtroom are filled by those connected with the trial or directly interested in it, no one will be admitted, said Judge Tucker.

Stolid and apparently unconcerned over the charge of first degree murder, Lotisso sat beside his attorneys and eagerly absorbed all that was happening in the process of obtaining the 12 men who will decide his fate.

Chess vs. Checkers.

Chess appeals to mature minds; and hand supplies most of the accoutrements with which it is played. Some of the best are of ebony and boxwood, but very satisfactory games may be played with yellow poplar, bass wood, walnut, maple and birch outfits, says the American Forestry Magazine. The same holds true on checkers, but that game usually is rated a little lower than chess in scientific points, though no less an authority than Edgar Allan Poe holds that as a mental exercise of the highest and purest sort checkers surpass chess.

Chinese Medical Practices.

In 795 the Chinese began to vaccinate. There were three vaccination systems in which the concoction was poured into the mouth. Stone needles were used to puncture swellings and the idea was not introduced into Europe until centuries later. Cauterization was practiced by burning the folded leaves of a small plant. It was held to be good for rheumatism and nosebleed. Anesthetic effects were produced by certain mushrooms and the root of aconite. Cases of skin grafting are early recorded.

Danger in Incandescent Lamps.

Evidence that the high-power incandescent lamps now so commonly used for street lighting may not be wholly innocent as a possible source of fire was observed in southern California recently, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. A bulb hanging 20 feet above the ground suddenly burst, and the white-hot particles of metal it scattered instantly ignited the dry grass at the foot of the pole. The wardens of the district are now advocating the use of suitable guards about the lamps.

They Resist Decay.

The Northwest Indians nearly all those made their totem poles out of western red cedar, but this choice was probably due more to the fact that the wood is easy to work and extremely durable, rather than to its fragrance, says the American Forestry Magazine of Washington. It may be taken as a very good general rule that woods that are scented are resistant to decay and insect attack, and have good cabinet qualities.

The Deadly Arrow.

A mounted Indian or white man with bow and arrows sometimes could kill more buffaloes than a man could kill with a rifle, says the American Forestry Magazine. At close range the arrow was as deadly as the bullet. It made less noise, and arrows could be discharged four times as rapidly as bullets from muzzle-loading guns.

Salt May Be Cause of Cancer.

Dr. Joseph de Stephano has recently advanced the theory that the use of salt may be the cause of cancer, and he quoted some instances that seem to indicate that such is the case. Some other physicians, however, take issue with him and the statement is made that in Italy where salt is eaten in great quantities there is very little cancer.

The Observer will pay a good price for clean rags.

Speaking of Mammon.

The friends of a certain first-day school were astonished at the text given by a small girl, who in a tone of great earnestness repeated during the closing exercises: "Ye cannot serve God and mamma."—Friends' Intelligencer.

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CHOICE OF ANY
LADIES'
SUIT
$13.75

—Think what this means—values up to $75.00, to be sacrificed at this "radical" price cutting. Be here at 8 a. m. and select your favorite. This is the greatest saving in the sale. The number is limited of course, so the early ones get the pick.

Sizes for selection 16, 17, 18, 36, 40, 42 and 44.

Beating All Records for Price Reductions!

CHOICE OF ANY
DRESS
$18.75

—Including both silk and wool dresses. The sizes are 16, 36, 38, 40 and 44 only. Dresses of Taffeta, Satin and Georgette, Wool Jersey, Tricotine and Serge. The number is limited.

MEN'S BROWN OR BLACK SHOES $4.95

—Another radical price reduction in very desirable dress shoes for men of every walk in life. Approximately 150 pairs in this lot—black and brown English lasts, in good quality calf with goodyear welt soles—some with rubber heels. Also black kid and calf shoes in straight lasts for older men. Heavy welt soles and some with rubber heels. Unusual values that cannot be equaled. All sizes in the sale at $4.95 pair.

Ladies' "Armstrong" Shoes
Values from $16.50 to $17.50
$7.95

—These famous shoes of known quality and beauty represent the greatest value, from a standpoint of savings, in this department. Prices for next season are higher than this sale price. You who have worn "Armstrong" shoes, who know their true worth will understand and appreciate this wonderful offer. Undoubtedly there is not every size and width left in any particular style, but we have all sizes in stock at the present writing. When you consider these as $16.50, $17.00 and $17.50 shoes, you will well realize the tremendous saving offered here. Black and brown, with Louis heels, leather or kid covered. See windows.

Ladies' Black Kid
SHOES, $5.95

—Not a pre-war price—merely a heavy loss we are cheerfully taking on some values ranging from $10 to $12. These are black kid shoes with either Louis or military heels, some with Cuban heels and cloth tops. All have solid welt soles and are exceptional values at this "radical" reduction in price.

—As you will see, prices for the coming season are far above this figure, a saving of 20% over next season's prices may be realized in this lot. There are all sizes in the lot.

A Clearance of
Boys' and Men's Sweaters
HALF PRICE

—All styles included here—both men's and boy's, coat sweaters, slip-ons and jersey sweaters. There are various qualities—some all wool, some wool mixed. All the most wanted colors, including pure white and school colors.

—Original prices remain unchanged—you pay just one-half the amount and make a great saving in the purchase.

A "Drastic" Wind-Up of Men's
MACKINAWS AND LEATHER VESTS
Choice of Entire Stock at
HALF PRICE

—Good news for the man who works out of doors—to him a leather vest or mackinaw is a necessity and at a time when most needed this opportunity is doubly welcome, inasmuch as the prices you will pay now at this sale, are less than next season's prices. Just one-half—and all original price tickets remain on the garments. Buy today while stocks are complete.

BEATING EVERY RECORD FOR
MEN'S and BOYS'
SUITS and
OVERCOATS
Unrestricted Choice of Entire Stock at
Half Price!

—Men, young men, boys and parents who are buying for the boy. Think what this means, to be able to select unrestrictingly from such a varied assortment of the finest all wool clothing bearing such famous brands as

HART SCHAFFNER & MARX—STYLEPLUS
For Men and Young Men
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WEAR PLEDGE

No matter what the value, selling price, cost or replacement cost may be; whether a $[illegible] suit or a $[illegible] suit, there are no restrictions whatever. And as always, the Original Price tickets remain on every suit and overcoat, marked exactly as they were the day we started this great clearance sale at a discount of [illegible]. Select the garment and pay just ONE HALF the amount of the price ticket. We accept the loss cheerfully if we can clear our stocks.

MEN'S
Leather
Mitts
HALF PRICE

—Heavy leather mitts with elastic wool wrists — many different weights, qualities and prices. A chance for the workman to stock up at a considerable saving. See these on display in our men's [illegible].

MEN'S $16.50
Florsheim Shoes
$11.00

—Pay only $11 for any of our Florsheim Shoes that were selling at $16.50. Dressy English lasts of the finest willow calf leathers, heavy or welt soles—or soft kid stocks in wider and straighter lasts for the older man. Our entire shoe stock reduced [illegible].

$12.50 "Oregon City"
Indian Robes
$8.33

—A large stock to select from and you have your unrestricted choice of them at ⅓ off. The designs and colorings are of genuine Indian originality—a feature not found in all Indian Blankets. Entire stock reduced in proportion. $15 blankets $10, and $16 blankets $10.67 and so on. Auto Robes included.

Complete and Final Clearance of

HALF PRICE!

Blankets and Comforts

HALF PRICE!

The sale of Blankets and Comforts began last week and phenomenal selling has marked each day in this department. It is not hard to see the value—and savings realized in a sale like this. Many secured a supply for several seasons, feeling confident that these prices are less than next season will bring forth.

There are Cotton Blankets—all standard sizes from 60x76 to 72x80 regularly priced at $[illegible] to $[illegible], now just one-half, $2 to $[illegible].

Wool Blankets and Wool mixed Blankets regularly priced from $9.50 to $20.00, now one-half, or [illegible] to $10. "Oregon City" Blankets included.

Woolnap Blankets were priced from $5.75 to $8.85 now $2.88 to $4.[illegible].

Comforts of various qualities and prices ranging from $[illegible] to $15, now on sale at half price—$[illegible] to $7.50. Original price tickets remain unchanged. You may see your value and pay only half the amount [illegible].