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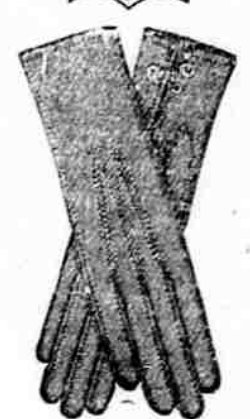
We halloa now, so that no one gets the start of us. If you buy your presents of us you will not only have a merry Christmas but also a Happy New Year.

DON'T BUY...

Foolish, useless, extravagant toys for yourselves or children, but instead buy them boots and shoes, socks and stockings, a new dress, cloak, cap or jacket, or, a pair of wool blankets to keep them warm at night. We are determined to secure a share of your trade during the next month, and have accordingly greatly reduced our prices on many lines to that end. We have gone through our entire stock cutting prices right and left. Your interests are ours, so come and see what we can do for you.

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He is of few days; but quite a plenty.

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Our Clubbing List.

THE MAIL and Weekly S. P. Call	\$2 25
" " Examiner	2 35
" " Chronicle	2 35
" " Oregonian	2 00
" " Cosmopolitan	2 65
" " Weekly Cincinnati Enquirer	1 60

EIGHT new subscribers since last week. THE MAIL is a newspaper—for ALL the people, irrespective of party.

IN BOSTON 140,000 women have the right to vote on the school question and only 878 of them voted. Last year the number voting was 8,723.

ABOUT as true as anything can be is the statement of the Albany Democrat that other things may tumble, but taxes don't. The salaries of officials keep up and are made as big as possible.

UTAH is to be the forty-fifth state in the union, and the president's proclamation will be issued in a few days which will confer all the rights and privileges of statehood upon this stronghold of mormonism.

ST LOUIS gets the national republican convention, to be held on June 16 next. San Francisco made a hard struggle and stood at the head of the list on the first two ballots, but St. Louis went ahead on the third ballot, and won on the fourth.

ROAD supervisors can save themselves many miles of unnecessary travel over muddy roads by mailing their annual reports to the county commissioners, and while they are doing this they will be saving the county a big mileage expense.

HAVING arranged for the mill between Fitzsimmons and Corbets residuary legatee, maher, at El Paso, Texas, in February, the managers will now have a chance for combat with the governor of Texas. The governor has proven to be a good fighter and brave to the point of discretion, and if he takes a hand in the combat, as on doubt he will, there is a slim show for Fitz.

THE January term of commissioner's court will be one filled to overflowing with business, which will be that of a general summing up of the year's work and the auditing of the road supervisor's reports. Very few of the supervisors hold their county warrants—nearly all are discounted by money loaners. We have it from good authority that these purchasers of county warrants will not this year be confined to a chosen few.

THE report of the secretary of the state board of agriculture is before the public, and taxpayers have an opportunity of finding out that

while they may do lots of talking and get nothing for it, they must put up the cash when they want some one else to do the talking. Bryan's speech cost \$200, while Mr. Davis preached \$150 worth. Then came a bull race valued at \$75, and a balloon ascension for which the management put up \$150.

ONE of the lady students in the Berkely freshman class has heaped indignity upon a large number of the students and instilled a spirit of envy in the remainder by appearing in class room in bloomer costumes. The question is to be discussed by the Associated Women Student's society, but the wearer of bloomers, who claims to be supremely indifferent to criticism, simply intimates that she would like to know what they are going to do about it.

THE sheriffs of the state threaten to begin active hostilities on Governor Lord, and to ruin his future political aspirations, because of the governor's veto to the mileage act of the last legislation. The Oregon sheriffs are without doubt a determined lot, and are extremely covetous of public treasure, but they may find that there are at least a few of the governor's opinion before they are through with the fight. The impression is abroad that the sheriffs have too much of a pull as it is.

HARDLY a day passes that there is not reported the termination of some criminal case by the verdict of a jury whose conclusions are an insult to the law and a travesty of justice. The conviction of Mrs. Hannah of murder in the second degree when the facts showed that she was either innocent or guilty of one of the most deliberate and willful murders ever committed in the state is one of them. Geo. Davis, who wrecked a Rock Island passenger train about a year ago, has simply been found guilty of murder in the second degree. It is such miscarriages of justice that make people distrustful and incline frequently to mob violence.

Two of 'Em Made Mistakes.

The Salem correspondent to the Oregonian is authority for the following:

The clerk of Jackson county sent a statement to the state board of equalization saying that in transferring the assessment last year he got to carry out in the summary the reductions made by the county board of equalization. By this omission Jackson county paid taxes on \$21,000 more than the returns should have shown, and the clerk asked if it was possible to rebate his county. The board decided that it was unable to grant the request.

A like report comes from Polk county, only the amount in the latter case was over \$200,000.

It would seem but right and very proper that the state should refund the taxes on both the above amounts. In both cases they were clearly clerical errors.

Review of Reviews.

Aside from its discussion of current topics, touching not only upon national matters, but subjects of interest from all over the world, the Review of Reviews for December contains among its special features an autobiography of John Sherman. If Mr. Sherman's book were not creating quite a sensation in political circles, this comprehensive review of the book would be unusually interesting inasmuch as Mr. Sherman's views on a great many political events and his opinions of many public men are clearly and concisely stated in numerous excerpts.

The merits of the Venezuelan question are discussed by William L. Scruggs, formerly United States Minister to Venezuela, and a paper by an Indian "On the Problems of His Race" is also among the features to which special attention is called.

—Old gentleman Santa Claus buys his toys and tree trimmings of I. A. Mounce.

Death of Mr. Childers.

The death of Mr. Spencer Childers, Sr., which occurred on Tuesday evening of this week, while not unexpected, was sad news to his many friends. Mr. Childers had been ill for several weeks and all possible was done to restore him to health again, but his age and complications were difficult foes to combat. His malady was Bright's disease.

Deceased was born in Harrison county, Virginia, in 1822. He came to Medford from Salinas, California, about seven years ago and has since been an honored and respected resident of our city. He was a member in good standing of the Odd Fellows lodge at Salinas, Calif., and the funeral services which occurred on Thursday of this week, were conducted by the I. O. O. F. lodge of Medford.

He leaves many near relatives to mourn the departure of a kind and loving husband and parent, and many friends the loss of a worthy citizen.

Resolutions of Condolence.

WHEREAS, Brother James G. Birdsey has been removed from our midst by the hand of death, and whereas his many virtues as a Knight of Pythias and as a man deserves at our hands some appropriate memorial, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That in the death of Brother Birdsey our order has lost a loyal and faithful Pythian Knight, the community and state a citizen universally respected;

RESOLVED, That we extend to the family of our deceased brother, our warmest sympathy in their very great bereavement;

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and that a copy be sent to the widow of our deceased brother.

E. P. GEARY
G. F. MERRIMAN - Com.
C. W. WOLTERS

Citizens' Caucus Call.

A call has been posted, signed by over twenty of our citizens, for a citizens' convention to nominate candidates for city offices—convention to be held at the town hall at 7:30 o'clock, Monday evening, December 23. It is especially desired that there be a large attendance.

Card of Thanks.

EDITOR MEDFORD MAIL. I desire in this manner to express my special thanks to the members of the order of Knights of Pythias, of which my late husband was a member, for their kind attentions to him during his illness, and for their services during his funeral, and also for their sympathy to myself and family in our sad bereavement.

MRS. FANNIE BIRDSEY.

Populist Club Meeting.

A very interesting program has been arranged for Saturday evening December 14th, consisting of a song by Miss Ollie Butler, entitled "A Parody on Mollie and I and the Baby," select reading and a debate on the National Banking question.

COMMITTEE.

For Sale Cheap.

One good carriage and single harness all complete. Enquire of Samuel Swinney, at Edw. Smith's old place, or at THE MAIL office.

—All others are side shows—the big three-ringed menagerie of Christmas toys is at I. A. Mounce's candy store.
—The lean made fat and the fat made lean. See I. A. Mounce for particulars.
—Rogers Bros' silverware, at Kame & Gilkey's.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The members of public affairs in the city of Mexico is only 22 years old.

It is proposed to run a street-car line in Richmond, Va., by compressed air.

England has sent 672 women missionaries to China within the last five years. Thirty-six recently left in a body for that country and India.

There are about 780,000 pennies in circulation in the United States, and they are being absorbed so rapidly that the profit to the government is \$1,200 a day.

Senator Hill's lecture tour was a failure. He was booked for ten lectures, only four of which were given, and the financial returns didn't pay expenses. Other dates were canceled.

A North Carolina editor proposes to revolutionize the local news field by refusing to print items about births, the calling of young men on their best girls, or the weeping of girls because of the departure of some neighborhood "masher."

While many of the metropolitan newspapers are offering prizes for ability, written literary productions, the editor of a country weekly in Missouri doesn't propose to be generous and offers a year's subscription to his journal as a prize to the young woman who will write him the best proposal of marriage.

An interesting discovery has been made in London that will please lovers of Charles Wesley's verse. In a pile of papers at the Conference office, City road, many unpublished hymns and poems in Wesley's handwriting have been found. Many of the poems are political and relate to the American Revolution.

A Kansas girl has commenced a suit for \$5,000 damage against the man who lugged her at an apple carnival, and gave her a nervous shock from which she has not recovered. The man declared it was not worth that amount to him, and as it was the first time she had ever been hugged, she should be willing to pay for it.

The shoes to which paper is being placed are constantly becoming more numerous. In some many horse shoes are being made of it which are not only durable, light and easy, but prevent slipping on pavements. The scraps of rubber scales are now being made of paper, and great advantages in the way of toughness and flexibility are claimed.

The temperature of the earth's crust increases at the average rate of 1 degree Fahr. for each 32 1/2 feet of descent. At such a uniform rate of increase we find that we must only go down to a depth of something like thirty miles in the bowels of the earth to find heat sufficient to melt any known substance, and that a few miles deeper all rocks and metals must be in a state of white-hot fusion.

Teeth-reading is the latest fad in England. The "science" is only in its infancy yet, but the following are two of three of the items which its professors assert to be incontrovertible: "Teeth that are long and narrow denote sanity; profuse indicate a grasping disposition; treachery is best known by small, white, separated molars; inconsistency by overlapping teeth, and the possessor of wide separated incisors is sure to tell all he knows. Those who wear false ones possess a character that the science can not read."

There is a great deal more truth than scientific analysis in this explanation of what a joint stock company is, but it makes the subject plain to the untutored mind. The story runs: Two workmen are discussing various subjects. Quoth the younger: "I say, Bill, what are these joint stock companies?" "Well, I'll explain it to yer. You an' Jim an' ar' a dozen more of your mates put up a penny each, and buy two ounces of bacca and a clay. Then I call myself the managing director, and I sets down and smokes the pipe and bacca. D'ye see?" "Yes, but where does we come in?" "Oh, you're the shareholders. Look on and split."

To-morrow Night's Concert.

On Saturday night of this week will take place the band boys' concert, which will close with an oyster supper. Everything has been put in proper shape for one of the finest little entertainments which has been on our boards for several months. The program is not a long one but it is an exceptionally good one. The concert and oyster supper will cost but two bits—either one will be worth more than that amount. Here is the

PROGRAM.
March, Washington Post.....Band
Vocal Solo.....Miss Carrie Lumsden
Recitation.....Miss Elva Galloway
Instrumental Duet, Misses Odgers and Amann
Overture.....Band
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Foster
Recitation.....Miss Zoia Bruns
Vocal Solo.....Miss Mabel Jones
Recitation.....Miss O. R. Butler
Overture.....Band

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