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Purse Cords,
Manicure Sets,
Work Boxes,
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Candies, Nuts,
Oranges, Bananas
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We have the most select line of Xmas goods ever brought to Stayton.

Gifts for everybody. If undecided let us select your gifts for you.

We guarantee to please both as to quality and price.

We mention a few of the large line we carry.

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Dolls and Scrap Books

Is This Hot Air?

The Statesman says "S. E. Hassan of the Hassan Mining Co. expects to leave next Tuesday for the Santiam mining district, where his company is putting in a railroad. Mr. Hassan will remain in the district several days his object being to get a gang of surveyors started on a survey that will extend from Mehama into the Cascades above Elkhorn. The road when completed will be twenty-eight miles long, with six miles of switches, and will open up a large mining district. A survey has already been completed from Gates into the district, but owing to its having a grade of 10 per cent. it was found to be impracticable. The grade on the new survey will be about 4 per cent. Mr. Hassan expects to have the road completed and in running order in about seven months.

Our Reduction Sale Continues

Let us show you our Clothing bargains.



Remember, we are offering all Dress Goods at a liberal reduction in price. Let us show them to you.

THEO. GEHLEN EST.,

N. J. GEHLEN, Administrator.

Sublimity Gleanings.

Ernest Schott left for Portland Tuesday, where he will remain with his father, who is sick.

M. J. Ditter, Simon Boedigheimer and John Zuber were the Sublimity poultry butchers, having killed nearly 400 of the feathered tribe.

Rev. Anton Lainck made a short visit to Portland.

Ed Meier spent several days with the bachelors, Ed Ditter and Louis Schott.

Jos. Ditter is again behind the

counter at his uncle's store, helping them during the holiday rush.

Miss Anna Gray is spending the week at the home of B. Gescher.

Christ Giebler reports a good days run at his grist mill.

Lou Lang was in from Silver Falls and reports everything prosperous in his vicinity.

It being the 57th anniversary of Mrs. Becker, last Sunday, a number of ladies gathered there and report a very enjoyable time.

The Peck's Bad Boy show company that exhibited here Tuesday gave a decidedly tiresome entertainment—a sort of continuous vaudeville performance of the same turn. Toward the close of the performance votes were taken as to the handsomest lady, the best looking man, and the laziest man of town. None of the persons voted for appreciated the honor (?). Some of the town's best and most enterprising citizens were nominated as the laziest men in town, and some of the homeliest as the most handsome. Such contests are ridiculous and uncalled for and should be discouraged by all right minded people. On such occasions irresponsible and ill bred persons are given an opportunity to publicly insult persons of character and high standing in the community, with little fear of being called upon to answer for the insult. The traveling fakirs who arrange these affairs are only interested in the money they can secure from those who patronize them, but the ill-feelings they leave in a community are often many and far-reaching.

Triumph Side Lights.

Rose Becker visited Alta Clark Saturday.

I. B. Carter was a Stayton caller Monday.

Otto Miller visited at Jacob Staiger's Sunday.

Those that attended the party at N. Lambert's Friday report a very pleasant time.

H. D. Pottinger was here representing the Northwestern News Ass'n.

Frank Tate purchased an encyclopaedia containing thirty-three volumes, Wednesday.

Several turkeys are being missed this week.

Miss Lena Staiger is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Brown of Stayton.

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

To my many customers and friends.

G. D. TROTTER,
STAYTON, OREGON.

POISON RINGS.

Jewelry Novelty Adopted by Women of Fashion.

Poison rings are in high demand in Tuxedo, not that there are any modern Borgias or Mediceis in the fashionable colony, but because Mrs. Grenville Kane wore one at a dance a short time ago, and Mrs. Castinir de Rham, on her recent arrival from Newport showed another, says the New York Press. The suggestion was adopted instantly by the new beauty, Mrs. William Pierson Hamilton, and by Mrs. Arthur E. Grannis, who never is behindhand in recognizing the value of a novelty. Needless to say, none of the rings contains the tiniest drop of poison. Instead the little chamber in each circlet once filled with a deadly drug now holds a wee bit of powerful smelling salts.

Mrs. Henry Trevor wears a poison ring that is said to have belonged to a member of Richelieu's household. It is set with a sapphire hedged with alternating diamonds and topazes. Pressure on a spring in one side of the hoop distills a microscopic drop of liquid through one of the surrounding stones, which, though necessarily hollow, is so small the aperture is imperceptible save on the closest examination.

Where Peculation is Etiquette.

Peculation is the etiquette in Russia, says the London Chronicle. They are building just off the Newski Prospect in St. Petersburg a memorial church on the spot where Alexander II. was assassinated. It cannot get finished. The present writer has seen it at intervals of years, knowing that several hundreds of thousands of rubles are yearly devoted to its completion. No progress is visible. Year after year the scaffoldings are as before. On the last occasion he inquired from his companion, a Cossack officer of the guards. The officer smiled and explained that the funds passed through the hands of a grand duke, an uncle of the present czar, who drove down now and then to see how things were going, but—the officer shrugged his shoulders and laughed. Just what a grand duke would do, was the implication.

A Poor Show.

An American was describing to an English sportsman the west of the past.

"Our old time western miner," he said, "had an ingenious and simple mind. There was a miner in Montana who rode into Anacoda one day to see an entertainment that had been announced. This entertainment was a play, but the miner had never seen a play—a panorama was the only sort of entertainment with which he had ever been regaled.

"Long before the hour to begin he bought his seat and entered the hall. He sat there in solitude for about twenty minutes. He gazed at the curtain intently. It was a poor curtain, nothing but a gray, pyramidal mountain painted on a dark blue background. When the miner had looked his fill at it he rose and departed for his distant home.

"A pretty rotten panorama," he was heard to mutter as he mounted his horse."

A Queer Marriage Ceremony.

Among the Kherrias of India the marriage ceremony is very funny. Taking a small portion of the hair of the bride and groom in turn from the center of the forehead, the priest draws it down on to the bridge of the nose. Then, pouring oil on the head, he watches it carefully as it trickles down the portion of hair. If the oil runs straight on to the tip of the nose their future will be fortunate, but if it spreads over the forehead or trickles off on either side of the nose, bad luck is sure to follow. Their fortunes told, generally to their own satisfaction, the essential and irrevocable part of the ceremony takes place. Standing up side by side, but with faces strictly averted, the bride and groom mark each other's forehead with "bindur" (vermillion).

"How do you make out that you came off better than your accomplice when you were convicted and he acquitted?"

"Because I had only to pay the fine, while he had to pay the lawyer."

Thanksgiving Over And Christmas coming!

You will want a new suit of Clothes for yourself. Remember we carry a select line of ready-to-wear Men's, Youth's, Boy's and Children's Clothing. Every suit is a matchless bargain, for we buy direct from the factory, thus saving our customers the jobber's profit.

We also beg to call the attention of the ladies to our line of newly arrived shoes. Call for the Princess Quality Shoe and compare them with others. The result will greatly astonish you. Remember we pay the highest market price for produce of all kinds. Try us and be convinced.

KERBER & KLECKER, Stayton, Or.

Merry Christmas Comes

And everyone will want a pair of fine shoes to wear on that day. We have just received a new line of

FINE SHOES FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

Also a new supply of Boy's School Shoes.

When you want a Hat or a pair of Overalls come in and let us show you our line. We can please you.

ALVA SMITH, Stayton, Ore.

Christmas is coming, it soon will be here, The very best time of all the year.

When old Santa Claus came in from Toyland this year he did not hang out at the old corners, but came direct to the new store and left his entire stock of Christmas novelties with us for distribution. We have the whole doll family, from the largest down to the tiny rubber doll for the infants. Everything is new, clean, and up-to-date. No left over articles of former years found at the

Fred Rock Mercantile Company's Store

Take a day off and look around at the goods at the "left-over" counters, then come in and let us sell you a bill of the bright, new choice patterns of 1904.

See Santa Claus and his reindeer in our north window.

Fred Rock Mercantile Co., Stayton, Ore.