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COUNCIL MEETS
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Largely Increased Stock PLAYS N. Y. WORLD

We have this fall largely increased our stock.

Our customers will find our new quarters well supplied for the demand of holiday gifts in
WATCHES, CLOCKS,
SILVERWARE, CUT GLASS,
CHINAWARE, UMBRELLAS,
BRACELETS, RINGS, ETC.
 Exceptional Line of Neck Chains and Locket.

We cordially extend an invitation to the public to see our goods. Our prices were never lower. All our goods guaranteed and engraved free.

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REDUCTION SALE ON THE FOLLOWING

Ladies Shoes sizes from 3 to 4 1-2
 Boys Heavy Shoes size 4, 4 1-2, 5
 Boys \$1.00 felt hats going at 75c

Mens regular dollar shirts 75c. Mens overalls 50c.
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Reliable Vehicles
 WITH A
FULL LINE of ROBES & SUNDRIES.

Also Lime, Cement and Plaster Material.
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Here We Are Again
 This For Our Stockmen
 And Farmers Until January 10, 1909.

The Stayton Mail	\$1.25	Our Price
Breaders Gazette	\$2.00	
Farm & Fireside	.50	
Total	\$3.75	\$2.50

Here's Another

The Stayton Mail	\$1.25	Our Price
Deineator	\$1.00	
Everybody's	\$1.50	
World's Work	\$3.00	
Country Life	\$4.00	
Total	\$10.75	\$6.50

We guarantee to meet or beat any legitimate club offer. Address all orders to
STAYTON MAIL, Box 98 Stayton, Oregon.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WRITES ON THE PANAMA CANAL PURCHASE.

Denies in Detail Charges of Hostile Newspapers and Proposes Criminal Libel Suit.

Washington, Dec. 16.—President Roosevelt sent to Congress a special message condemning the criticisms of the Panama Canal purchase and recommending that Joseph Pulitzer, proprietor of the New York World, be prosecuted by the government for criminal libel.

The message was received in the Senate with laughter by Bailey and other members. The accompanying documents were not read at all. The House listened with deep interest and the denunciation of Mr. Pulitzer provoked much laughter. The message was referred to committee.

Denouncing charges of wrongdoing, in connection with the canal purchase, Mr. Roosevelt cites papers which he transmits and says it was known of the President what the Canal Commission did with the \$40,000,000 paid to it. He says the transaction was carried on openly and was published in detail. The money was paid through J. P. Morgan & Co., as financial agents of this country, to the Bank of France in Paris.

New York, Dec. 15.—Replying to Roosevelt's special message to Congress, the World says:

"Mr. Roosevelt is mistaken. He cannot muzzle the World. While no amount of 'billingsgate' on his part can alter our determination to treat him with judicial impartiality and scrupulous fairness, we repeat what we have already said, that the Congress of the United States should make a thorough investigation of the whole Panama transaction, that the full truth may be known to the American people."

BIGGY'S BODY FOUND

Remains of San Francisco's Chief of Police Recovered From Bay.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The body of Chief of Police Biggy, who was drowned from the police launch Patrol opposite Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay on the night of November 30, was found this morning by the crew of the freight ferryboat Transit. It was found floating off Goat Island, face upward, with the arms outstretched. The harbor police were notified and, procuring a launch, Sergeant Donovan recovered the remains. The face is very much disfigured, but the body has been identified as that of the dead chief.

When the corpse was taken from the waters it had on the long coat and gloves worn by Biggy on the night of his disappearance. The launch with the body landed at the Mission-street wharf.

CASTRO'S ENEMIES LOOT AND WRECK MANY BUILDINGS.

Caracas, Dec. 16.—The people of Caracas arose against President Castro. An infuriated mob, unhindered by the police, swept through the city, wrecking the property of his henchmen and his closest friends. The people rounded up all the statues and pictures of President Castro from the clubs and other semi-public buildings and burned them on the boulevard de Plaza. President Castro's rule in Venezuela is probably ended.

COAST CRACKER TRUST

New Organization Will Endeavor to Raise the Prices.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—After the first of the year a cracker trust will be in full swing on the Pacific Coast, with the object of controlling the trade, elevating and maintaining the prices on cracker products, eliminating as far as possible trade discounts and "protecting" the market against outside interference.

ORCHESTRA ENTERTAINMENT A SUCCESS.

The people of Stayton were afforded a musical treat and much amusement by the entertainment given by the Lay Orchestra, assisted by local talent.

The Lay Orchestra consisted of John Lau on the violin, E.D. Alexander trombone, W.N. Pintler cornet and the piano was presided over by Mrs. Wadsworth Cahler in her usual grace and excellence. All the selections given by the Orchestra were strictly high class and well rendered, bringing fourth hearty applause after

each number. A pleasing innovation in one of the pieces rendered was a strain whistled by E.D. Alexander. The violin solo by Mr. Lau was rendered with excellent touch and the cornet solo by Doctor Pintler was well appreciated. Both gentlemen had their instruments well under control and it was a rare treat to the listeners to hear the sweet strains of high class music.

Miss Bess Alexander was in excellent voice and rendered "For Get Me Not" in her most pleasing manner, responding to the encore with "I Like Your Way." She carried a lovely bouquet of chrysanthemums given her by Mrs. George Brown.

Messrs. Lay, Alexander, and Robertson gave a novel musical exhibition consisting of several familiar airs played on oclhrinas, banjos violin, guitars, base and snare drums etc.

The contortion and tumbling feats performed by F.A. Robertson were of unusual interest and received continuous applause.

The musical program was interspersed by comic impersonations given by F.A. Robertson, Joe Kearns, Lura Thomas and the editor.

In all the program was well rendered and heartily appreciated by the audience.

Stayton can well be proud of its orchestra which would do justice to a much larger city.

SCHOOL NEWS.

In the contest in the eighth grade Captain Tate's side won out. The sides were supported as follows.

Captain Frame: Bessie Clow, Mable Gardner, Leta Weddle, Winnie Taylor, Mary Frank, Clyde Bressler.

Captain Arnold Funk, Claire Simons, Harvey Beauchamp, Everett Crabtree, Guy Sloper, Stephen Taylor, Judge—Everett Gardner.

In a contest in fifth grade reading Clara Murphy came off victorious.

We have three in school who deserve mention in regard to attendance. They are Ivan, Pearl and Birdie Frame who live two miles from the school building, and so far have been neither absent nor tardy.

Two new pupils have been registered in the sixth grade, Mamie Smith from Sand Point Idaho, and Sadie Staab from Ferdinand Idaho.

Three new pupils have been registered in the fifth grade. Beulah Smith from Sand Point Idaho, and Herbert and Helen Staab from Ferdinand Idaho.

Opal Smith from Sand Point Idaho has entered 1st A.

Vera Funk, Leta Eccleston, Mary Richards, and Norwood Eskew have returned to school after a few days sickness.

Bob Morton, Waneta Plaster, Troy Vernon and A.D. Gardner are out on account of sickness.

Mrs. Ellen Lambert gave us a pleasant call on Tuesday.

Mrs. Tate visited school last Fri.

Mrs. Lentz and Miss Caldwell spent a few hours with us.

Wheaton Huntly and Mrs. Huntly spent a part of the afternoon with us on Tuesday.

Mrs. Ed Sestak, Mrs. Clara Bertram, Miss Rogers and Miss Frame also visited school this week.

Mr and Mrs Lee Tate entertained the following in honor of the 15th birthday of their son George on Tuesday evening. Miss Coraelius, Miss Shepard, the Misses Crabtree, Miley Roy, Winnie Taylor, Irene Shelley, Mable Gardner, Bessie Roy, Everitt Gardner, Everett Crabtree, Claire Simons, Arnold Funk, Stephen Taylor, Norman Davis and the family made a company of over 40.

The evening was very pleasantly spent and Mrs. Tate served a splendid birthday lunch in honor of the occasion. Too soon the company found their hour had arrived for them to depart, and wishing George many happy returns of the day, the merry company bade the kind host and hostess good night, Geo. receiving many useful presents.

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PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 90c; red Russian, 88c; bluestem, 96c; Valley, 92c.

Barley—Feed, \$26.50; rolled, \$28 @ 29.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$31; gray, \$30.

Hay—Timothy, Willamette Valley fancy, \$15; do. ordinary, \$12; Eastern Oregon, mixed, \$16; do. fancy, \$17.50; alfalfa, \$12; clover, \$12.

Butter—Extra, 36 @ 37c; fancy, 33 @ 34c; choice, 30c; store, 15c.

Eggs—Extra 43 @ 46c.

Hops—1908, choice, 8c; price, 7c; medium, 5 @ 6c; 1907, 3 @ 4c.

Wool—Valley, 14 @ 15 1/2c; lb.; Eastern Oregon, 8 @ 16c, as to shrinkage.

Mohair—Choice, 18 @ 19c.

SEATTLE MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.02.

Oats—\$30 @ 34.

Barley—\$26.

Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$16 per ton; Puget Sound hay, \$10 @ 11 per ton; wheat hay, \$12 per ton; alfalfa, \$9.50 @ 10 per ton.

Butter—Washington creamery, \$37c per lb.; ranch, 37 @ 32c per lb.

Eggs—Selected local 45c.

Holiday Greeting

YOURS WITH BEST WISHES

FOR

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

This bank will be closed on Christmas day.

Stayton State Bank



SHOES

A perfect foot needs a perfect shoe. It needs to be perfectly fitted, otherwise it will soon cease to be a perfect foot. Do not ruin your feet by taking chances on your shoe dealer. Some shoes don't "break in" until they "break out." If by chance you get such shoes from us, we will thank you to bring them back. We have the

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SCHOOL SHOE

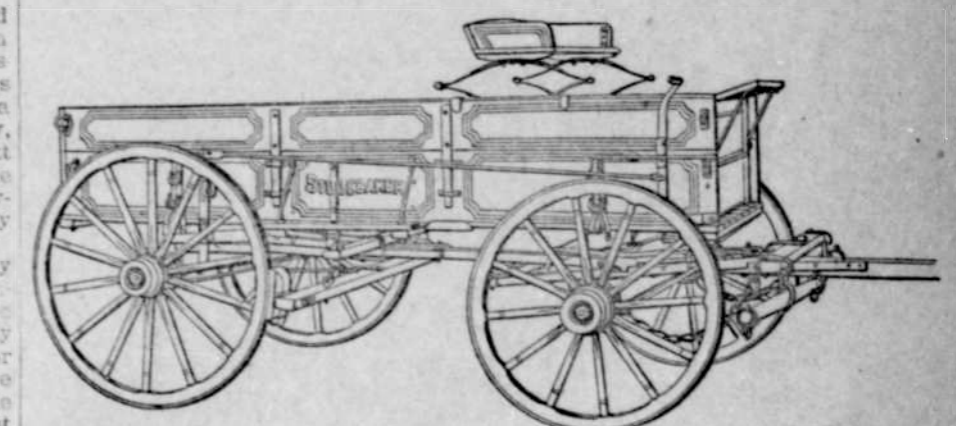
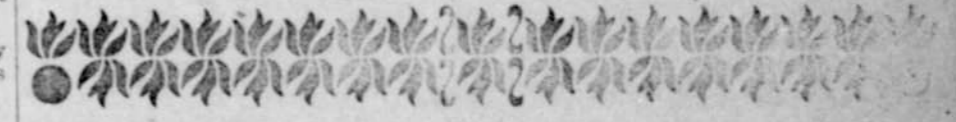
for Children.

Don't fail to come in and look over our line.

GROCERIES

It is a wise house-keeper that feeds her family well. It means good health and good temper and the prices we offer you on groceries of the best quality permit no excuse for a poorly furnished table.

GEHLEN BROS.



The Famous Studebaker

KERBER BROTHERS

Hardware, Paint and Oil and Farm Implements.

Stayton, Oregon.

Turner - - Lyons Stage Express Schedule.

Leave Lyons 5:00 A M via Mehama, Stayton, Sublimity and Aumsville, arrive Turner 11:00 A M.
 Leave Turner 12 Noon via Aumsville, Sublimity, Stayton, and Mehama, Arrive Lyons 6:00 P M.

FARE

Turner - - - - - Aumsville	\$.25	Lyons - - - - - Mehama	\$.25
Turner - - - - - Sublimity	.50	Lyons - - - - - Stayton	.50
Turner - - - - - Stayton	.50	Lyons - - - - - Sublimity	.60
Turner - - - - - Mehama	1.00	Lyons - - - - - Aumsville	.75
Turner - - - - - Lyons	1.00	Lyons - - - - - Turner	1.00

WELLS FARGO EXPRESS

G.B. Trask, Owner & Prop.
 Stayton Stables. Stayton - - - - - Oregon.