

## LOCAL ITEMS AND CITY NEWS

Chosen From Various Sources and  
Condensed.

G. H. Carlson has moved into his elegant new residence.

The M. E. church has been wired and is now lighted by electricity, which is a decided improvement.

The Christmas dinner served Monday at the St. Johns hotel was an elegant spread and well patronized.

A new drop curtain, containing numerous advertisements, is being painted for Bickner hall. C. W. Dibble is doing the work.

Cone's mill shipped forty-two carloads of lumber during December, besides filling out three ship cargoes and meeting the local demand.

On Christmas day Couch & Co. presented each of their employees with a handsome toilet set, which gifts were duly and thankfully appreciated.

Rev. D. D. House will preach at Becker's hall Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. There will be special music by a male quartette. Everybody invited to attend.

The St. Johns Land company is having Fillmore street cleared of stumps, and will otherwise improve it for several blocks. Work will commence at once.

Cone's mill, after being closed down for a few days, started up on Tuesday morning. On Monday next the mill will be operated with both a day and night shift.

The Hurlburt Bros. have disposed of their interest in the West Coast Laundry company and have retired. W. H. King is managing the affairs of the company.

The arc light at the west end of St. Johns lake again sheds its glow over the murky surface of our inland sea, much to the delight of the mariners who navigate these waters.

George Dustin, the biscuit man, made his visit to St. Johns Thursday on foot. The reason was that his wagon with its supply of goodies for hungry customers broke down before reaching here.

The Royal Neighbors camp of this city entertained the members of Rose camp of Portland Tuesday evening. Refreshments were served and a most pleasant and profitable evening spent.

The Title Guarantee & Loan company has purchased the Braze tract, lying east of St. Johns Heights addition, and embracing sixty-two acres. This is a valuable tract of land, and will be the location of some beautiful homes in time.

Miss Lura Pennington entertained a party of her young friends Christmas eve. Those present were: Miss Mabel Matthews, Portland; Miss Elva Hurlburt, St. Johns; Roy Davidson, Sumpter, Or.; Bert Roberts, Portland; Herbert Pennington, U. S. S. Philadelphia.

A family reunion took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, on Hayes street, Christmas Day. About twenty members of the families of host and hostess were present. An elegant dinner was served and all present enjoyed a most pleasant time.

Road Supervisor Simmons is as happy as a duck during this rainy weather. It isn't the rain particularly that makes him happy, but the fact that his gravel roads, built last summer, are not fazed by the wetness but are in excellent condition for both teams and pedestrians.

"It's pretty stormy this morning," said a man, speaking of Wednesday's weather, "but just see what they are getting in the Eastern states. No comparison; no comparison at all. Back there, where it is all blizzards now, this little moisture would be just a gentle summer rain."

Superintendent Carter, of the woolen mills, exhibited last week the first samples of woolen fabrics, showing the texture, color and borders. The samples were blanket goods, and to the ordinary layman looked good. A line of flannels are in process of being finished, and will be turned out in a few days.

Loaded down with Christmas packages, the letter carriers during the past week have very creditably and practically personified Santa Claus, and their calls were as fully freighted with anticipation as that of any real Kriss Kringle.

Thieves forced the lock of the warehouse at the St. Johns ship-building yards last Thursday night and entered the building, carrying off a lot of tools and two pairs of rubber boots. The thieves got away with their plunder and no clue has been obtained.

A. S. Douglass & Sons state that the rumor to the effect that they contemplate selling the St. Johns Lumber company to the Peninsula Lumber company, or any other parties, is without any foundation whatever. The matter has not even been spoken of by or to them.

Say, friends, we want you to hand in all the news items, personal and otherwise, that you may know of. It helps make a better paper, and gives people outside a better impression of the city to see the home paper full of crisp, brief news items. Bring them along, all of you.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. William Edmonson, of this city, died Friday, December 23, aged 9 months and 23 days. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. E. McVicker. The bereaved family tender their thanks to the many friends who kindly extended assistance and sympathy.

Misses Rivette, Shives and Waters, teachers in the primary rooms in the public school, treated their pupils to candy and popcorn Friday morning before Christmas. Beautifully decorated trees adorned the rooms, and the little folk had a joyful time. A brief program, consisting of recitations, singing, etc., was rendered.

C. A. Schultz, formerly head miller at the Portland flouring mills, has accepted a like position with the Jobs Milling company of St. Johns. Mr. Schultz is credited with producing the largest output in the history of those mills, not only keeping it up to the full capacity of 2,500 barrels, but reaching as high as 2,700 barrels.

The Portland Steel Shipbuilding company expects their machinery to arrive within a couple of weeks, it having been shipped last week. This company is figuring on several jobs, and anticipates a busy season. Their great need is more room now, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the city for the use of the foot of Richmond street, success is assured.

The contract for building temporary school quarters has been awarded by the board to Railton & Rowen, the lowest bidders, the figures being \$513.50. The contract has been signed, which conditions that the work shall be completed by January 21, and a penalty of \$5 for each day thereafter until the building is completed. Work will commence at once.

The new lodge of Artisans met Monday evening. Supreme Secretary C. L. McKenna was present, accompanied by a number of members of Portsmouth lodge. A number of new members were taken in. Some practice in drilling was indulged in, after which refreshments were served. The members of Willumbia lodge paid a visit to Portsmouth Wednesday and were well entertained.

Of all the occupations for a man to be engaged in, the little German who visited St. Johns last week has the queerest. He greeted you thus: "Shora you have to curl your hair like mine in two minutes for 25 cents." He had three rows of curls on the top of his head that looked like those artificial "rats" which some girls wear. The last seen of him he was walking toward Portland with his traps. Guess he didn't make car fare.

On Wednesday morning an infant in the home of Mr. Royer, on St. Johns Heights, upset a lighted lamp in the kitchen, and a disastrous blaze was narrowly averted. The fire that resulted was smothered by Mrs. Royer, who, with rare presence of mind, seized a piece of carpet and threw it upon the flames. The room was somewhat scorched and badly smoked up, but the damage is nominal. With the exception of having its hair singed, the child escaped uninjured.

### Wedding Anniversary.

Saturday, December 17, occurred one of the most pleasant social events of the season. It being the twentieth anniversary of their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith entertained a large number of friends in their pretty home, corner of Hayes and Tacoma streets. The house was beautifully decorated with red crepe paper, Oregon wild grape, potted plants and ferns. Six dainty tables had been arranged for progressive whist which was enjoyed until 10:30, when Mrs. Smith invited her guests into the spacious dining room and 'neath a large festoon of greenery and lovers' knots, from which were suspended the prettily wrought figures in red, "1884-1894." The merry party did justice to a delicious five-course supper. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were the recipients of many handsome and costly presents.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith; Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chrysler, Mayor and Mrs. C. A. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Miner, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Poff, Mr. and Mrs. M. Doven, Goble, Or.; Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Faulk, University Park; Misses Elphie and Jennie Smith, Miss Lillian Peterson; Messrs. Al. and Oscar Smith, C. E. Swanson, F. E. Peterson, Otis Learned and Miss Alice Learned.

### Notice!

All accounts still due me by the people of St. Johns and vicinity can be paid at the office of Shepard & Tufts.

DR. C. C. TAGGART.

Miss Lena Parker will take a small class in elocution. For particulars, call or address her residence on Edison St., St. Johns, Or.

Many people are satisfied with a small beginning, as long as they have hope for something better by and by. This is not me. I have demonstrated that pianos can be sold in large numbers by a new concern from the start, provided the proper inducements are made, and that these are made you will find out by getting my prices. In fact, until you make a comparison you cannot form an idea as to what you can save in buying your piano at Meyers New Piano House, 74 Sixth street.

### Deeds and Contracts.

The Review has printed and keeps in stock the latest and most perfect forms of deeds and contracts, which may be purchased at the office at prices less than is usually charged for such blank forms.

### Attention, Homeseekers!

We have a few good homesteads, ready for the plow, close to railroads and markets; also a few good timber claims. Party leaving soon. Room 12, Citizens' Bank, Portland, Or. Hoban & Taggart.

## N. L. MUELLER

DEALER IN

## Furniture & Hardware

FURNITURE REPAIRED AND EXCHANGED

535 WILLIAMS AVENUE  
Near Russell Street

Phone Scott 2665 PORTLAND, ORE.

### Short, Dry Fir Slab Wood

\$3.00 per Load

### Short, Dry Fir Cord Wood

\$5.00 per Cord

Same kind of Wood; What's the difference? Why one is split by a saw, the other with an ax, that's all.

### Short GREEN WOOD,

\$2.50 per Load

See D. A. SMITH, Cone's Mill

Or Phone East 3035

### Boulevard Addition

To St. Johns. High land between car line and river. Lots 50x100, alleys, \$200. Easy monthly payments.

G. H. VANHOUTEN, St. Johns

## Hardware Opening!

## Christmas Specialties!

STEEL RANGES, COOKING UTENSILS,  
CARPET SWEEPERS, MECHANICS'  
TOOLS, TABLE CUTLERY, POCKET  
CUTLERY, SHEARS AND SCISSORS.

Whatever you select you will have it when the  
Christmas of 1904 is nothing but a  
pleasant memory,

OUR PRICES ARE RIGHT.

## The Muck Hardware Co.

To the People of St. Johns.

## WE'RE HERE!

And ready for business. The delayed material has arrived and is being put in place as rapidly as our workmen can do it, and the current will be turned on without further delay.

Persons desiring to use electric light or power should make application at the offices of the Company, corner SEVENTH and ALDER Streets, PORTLAND.

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC CO.



AN  
NOUNCE  
MENT!



That we are Sole Agents for the Celebrated

## CHARTER OAK Stoves and Ranges.

Never Equaled! 53 Years in the Field!

We also carry a complete line of FURNITURE,  
CARPETS ETC.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

COHN BROS.,  
Portland.

182 First,  
210 Yamhill,  
183 Front,

## COUCH & COMPANY Grocers and General Merchants

Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes and General  
Merchandise. Choice Family Groceries,  
Feed, Hay, Grain Etc.

THE BIG STORE ON BROADWAY,  
NEAR THE POSTOFFICE.

Phone Union 4596,

St. Johns