

Meadowbrook.

Miss Emma Fleming, of Lents, is teaching the West Canyon Creek school. Mr. Mitts, of Needy, has just closed a successful term of school at the Meadowbrook academy.

Charman & Co. Christmas Cards, from 1c to \$5.00 Christmas Books, 5c to \$1.00 KNIVES Children's... 10c up Ladies'... 25c up Gent's... 25c up RAZORS Ebony handle... 75c Bone " \$1.00 Celluloid " 1.50 Pearl " 3.00 Shaving Sets... \$1.00 up Manicure Sets... 25c up Toilet Sets... 25c up Celluloid Boxes, Etc.

Charman & Co. CHARISTMAS A word to our Customers and Friends We have the finest assortment of Christmas and Holiday Presents that was ever offered for sale in Oregon City. We have the right thing for every person, old, young or middle aged. "Our Motto" (Popular Presents at Popular Prices.) Mechanical Toys for Children. Something New from 10c to \$5 CHARMAN & CO. Cut-Price Druggists.

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COMMENTARIES.

Matters Concerning Local Everyday Affairs Noticed by the Courier-Herald Reporter.

There is said to be about 100 candidates racing and gouging each others' eyes out in the mad scramble for the receivership of the Oregon City land office. Receiver Galloway's term of office expires in March, and the numerous candidates are on the anxious seat.

The matter of the city paying for the electric light at Eighth and Main streets up for consideration before the council at the last meeting, is worthy of attention. The city should, by all means pay for lighting the streets. It is but just to the taxpayers that the city keep its streets properly lighted. No one has asked private individuals to pay for public lights, and it is not proper that they should. However, it is poor argument to contend that the 8th street steps should be lighted because the 7th street and other stairways are in darkness. Both of these stairways should be well lighted. A light should be placed on the Seventh st. stairway, where it was originally located. This stairway is almost in total darkness, while more people are compelled to go this way than over any other route in the city. The light was removed from the Seventh street stairway under peculiar conditions. This light was not included when the council adjourned, and the reporters left the chamber. However, this was included when the minutes were read at the next meeting. A councilman was asked how it came about, and he replied that it was agreed after adjournment to include the Seventh street light with the other changes.

One or two individuals are kicking at the Oregonian reporter, because the newly elected officers of the Native Sons were not printed in that paper. People should remember that a correspondent cannot get every little matter into print that mentions some one's name, unless it is permissible news. If all the society elections of Clackamas county were printed at one time in a daily paper, it would be something akin to the reading a delinquent tax list. If the correspondents in every county in the state should be permitted to send in all the fraternal society elections, there would be no space for Boer war news. Sometimes a vocalist at a public function, imagines that extended notice should be given, when the society editor thinks that he is doing the correspondent and singer a special favor by simply mentioning the name. There are only a few thousand good singers and musicians in Oregon, and many prominent and wealthy people wed, who are barely mentioned. Trained men on daily papers, are better judges of what is news than a country correspondent.

Absolutely Free. Next week the Courier-Herald will present its country subscribers with a 50 or 60 cent piece of the latest sheet music absolutely free. About January 1st each subscriber will also be presented with a calendar for 1900 free. Subscribers in arrears are kindly requested to pay up by January 1st, if possible, as we have a number of bills falling due at that time which we wish to pay, and can only do so with the help of subscribers who are owing us.

Plating. Notice is hereby given that A. Baumann has purchased an electro-plater and is now prepared to do all kinds of plating, gold, silver, nickel, copper and Royal silver; jewelry, as well as tableware. Good work guaranteed. Orders received at Mr. Younger's, opposite Huntley's drugstore, Oregon City, where samples and prices can be seen. Bring your orders now.

Christmas Tree Ornaments from 1c and up, tissue paper, games, celluloid, wire, diamond dust, leaves, gold paper, silver paper, gold paint, etc., at low prices.

EDUCATIONAL.

Matters of Interest to Schools and School Districts.

For the information of teachers who do not read the newspapers, or keep themselves posted about the school laws, the next examination for state papers will be held in February. Under the new law the examination for state papers will be held in February and August, and for county papers in April and August. This has been printed several times before, but teachers continue to write to the county superintendent about the matter. Before school board's employ teachers, they should examine them in school law.

Mrs. G. M. Strauge, deputy county superintendent, has prepared a list of questions for examination of pupils for the eighth grade, and teachers can secure the same by applying to the superintendent's office.

Sunday's Oregonian contains a complete account of the meeting of Multnomah county teachers at Woodstock last Saturday. It says: The afternoon's work closed with a practical explanation of a new system of teaching "Percentage and Its Several Cases," by Professor T. J. Gary, of West Oregon City schools. Mr. Gary gave an amusing illustration of the old way, in which the boy droned over the rules while he thought of the fun he would have after he got out of school. He then showed how he taught one case at a time, and its correlation with other branches in arithmetic, thus showing the similarity all the way through. The general opinion of those present was that there was too much formula in its instruction, and that the new plan was worthy of trial.

Miss Margaret Dolan, a former Oregon City teacher, also had a paper before the Multnomah county meeting. Her paper gave some new and original ideas of instruction in primary reading. She showed that the presentation of familiar objects to the little folks always aroused them, and was productive of good results.

Have you seen the store of Barnester & Andersen since it was enlarged and refurbished? They have put in a system of acetylene gas lights and now have one of the best lighted stores in the city. Several new showcases were put in to accommodate to better advantage the large stock of new and pleasing Christmas and holiday goods in shape of diamonds, watches, silver and souvenir ware and musical instruments of all kinds. Call and see their new stock whether you buy or not.

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS

Occurring for One Day in Clackamas County.

Last Saturday will go down into local history as a memorable day for accidents in Clackamas county.

Joseph Kuerten, who superintends the making of soap for the Oregon City Manufacturing Company, started up the mixer in the morning with 1600 pounds of soap matter in the vat. In some way his clothing accidentally caught in the gearing, but he braced himself, and by an almost superhuman effort narrowly escaped a horrible death. He was not released from his perilous position until all the clothing on his body, including the undershirt, was torn into pieces. Mr. Kuerten has worked around the mixer for the past 12 years, and this is his first accident. He blames no one but himself for the accident, which he says is the result of his own carelessness.

Saturday forenoon Mrs. S. A. Higgins aged 73, and J. C. Bates, aged 68, drove in from Redland and collided with a trolley car at the Abernethy crossing. The wagon was upset and partly demolished. Mrs. Higgins was severely injured about the head and back, but will recover. Mr. Bates had three ribs fractured on the left side, and sustained a scalp wound. The injured persons are at P. Nehren's and are progressing favorably under the direction of Dr. Sommer.

The nine-year old daughter of Louis Dovyinsky, near Holcombs, was accidentally shot through the fleshy part of the right arm. The little girl's 13-year old brother playfully pointed a rifle at her, not knowing that it was loaded. The little girl was brought to Dr. Strickland, and the wound was dressed.

Clark Ganong's 10-year old son was out hunting rabbits with Mr. Long's boy Saturday afternoon, and received a 22-caliber bullet in the right hip. Young Ganong scared a rabbit out of the brush, and when the other boy fired he shot it missed its mark. The bullet was so small that no bad results are anticipated.

Gordon, the 14-year old son of Register C. B. Moores, sustained a fracture of the collar bone, while playing football Saturday afternoon, but is on the road to recovery.

On Tuesday, John Speer, an employe in the brick flooring mill, accidentally slipped and fell, sustaining a fracture of an elbow.

Come and see the great exhibit of fine ornamented fruit cakes at Kuerten's.

Popular Lady Contest.

Much interest is being manifested in the votes for the most popular lady in the Y. M. C. A. contest. The ballot boxes are distributed at several points around the city. Following is the result of the latest count:

- Nora Calif. 28 Myrtle Buchanan 15 Mrs. C. W. Pope 10 Elma Albright 5 Mrs. C. D. Latourette 19 Mrs. L. L. Porter 1 May Andrews 1 Margorie Caulfield 1 Nan Cochran 1

BIDS WANTED.

Sealed bids will be received at the clerk's office in Oregon City, Ore., for the construction of a bridge across Rock creek on the Ed Graves road, said bridge to be a queen truss with a 56-foot span, with bents 12 feet high; also 238 feet of approach with bents from 2 to 12 feet high. Mud sills, caps and bents to be of cedar. Bridge to be built according to plans and specifications on file in the clerk's office.

Bids will be opened on Friday, January 5th, 1900, at 1:30 p. m.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

ELMER DIXON, Clerk.

By E. H. COOPER, Deputy.

The famous Nashville Students male quartette will appear with the Nashville Students Friday, Dec. 22, at Shively's Opera house and sing all their favorite selections, including the "Calliope" and their "Yodel" songs. They also have a new Chinese song this year, and their new conceit, "Come Where the Band is Playing," imitating band instruments, makes a tremendous hit every night.

If you have anything to sell, advertise in the COURIER-HERALD and you will be pleased with the results.

45 cents round trip from Oregon City to Portland and return via Southern Pacific trains. One way rate 25 cents. Trains leave Oregon City at 8:40 a. m., and 3:35 p. m., and arrives from Portland at 9:23 a. m. and 6:52 p. m. Save time by using the quicker route.

Marr & Muir have sold an immense quantity of their home-made mince meat this season.

For all kinds of groceries, boots and shoes, dry and furnishing goods, at rock bottom prices, call at the general merchandise store of Grace & Heckart, Seventh street.

Do not fail to come and hear the shouting tenor of the Nashville Students tell you how "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jerico" and the lion bass, whose voice is like the sound of a monster church bell. Hear the funny man of the Nashville Students company sing "Miss Virgeney," and come and hear the beautiful negro lullaby, "Just a Little Nigger." Tickets place 1 on sale at Huntley's next Tuesday. Price, 50c and 75c.

Christian Science services are held in Willamette hall every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Subject for Sunday, Dec. 17, "Is the Universe, including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" Sunday school at 12:10. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all who desire to attend these services.

Resolutions of Condolence.

The following resolutions were passed by Willamette Falls camp, No. 148, W. of W.:

Whereas, Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to permit the cold hand of death to take from our beloved neighbors, Sol S. Walker and wife, their only child, Vonia;

Resolved, be it resolved that this camp tender its deepest sympathy to the bereaved parents and its sincere condolence for their irreparable loss.

Resolved, That this resolution be spread on the records of this camp, a copy sent to the family and copies furnished to the local papers for publication. C. S. SEAMAN, M. D., E. F. KENNEDY, G. OLDS, Committee.

Whereas, The family of esteemed neighbor Laurina Walker has been visited by the greatest affliction in the death of their only daughter, Vonia; be it

Resolved, That every member of Sol's circle No. 167, W. of W., extend to Neighbor Walker their sincere and heart-felt sympathy in this their hour of affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this circle, also a copy be presented to Neighbor Walker and a copy be given to the Courier-Herald for publication. S. F. SCRIPTURE, ALICE A. COOPER, ROSALIE U. SPRAGUE, Committee.

PACIFIC COAST.

E. A. Henschback was killed by a train at Centralia, Wash.

A colony of Michigan people will settle near Fairhaven.

New York capitalists may build a trolley line from Spokane to Republic.

A syndicate of farmers of Whitman county, Washington, have sold 20,000 bushels of wheat for 38 1/2 cents per bushel.



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Is now located in the Willamette Building, opposite postoffice, where we have large, spacious rooms and plenty of light and heat. Don't be misled by our competitors, but come and be convinced yourselves as to Goods and Prices, as we are Leaders in Low Prices. We have everything pertaining to house keeping, our Rugs, our Portiers, our Lace Curtains, our Carpets, our Beautiful Rockers, are right up-to-date. We have a fine line of Albums and Glassware of all descriptions. We sell you our Model New Improved Sewing Machine, warranted for 10 years, for \$24. We take pleasure in showing our goods whether you buy or not.