

**PERSONALS**

Dr. Leavitt, of Molalla, was in the city transacting business on Tuesday.

B. C. Hawley and family, of Logan, were in town Tuesday doing their Christmas shopping.

W. P. Garrard, of Colton, one of Clackamas county's best known citizens, was in town Wednesday on business.

Miss Cassie M. Eaton came up from San Francisco Monday, to be with her mother, Mrs. M. Eaton, who is very ill.

Mrs. D. L. Paine, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Kittie, left yesterday for a two months' visit with her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Randolph, of Baker City.

Bishop Christie, who rededicated the Roman Catholic church in this city on Sunday, impressed his auditors as being not alone a man of exceptional ability, but an eloquent and forcible speaker.

Misses Emma and Lena Erickson, who have been visiting their uncle, John Erickson, a resident of Falls View, for a year and a half, and earning good wages in addition at their trade—that of tailor—in the shop of J. Knowland, started Monday evening on the return trip to the home of their parents in Topeka, Kansas. They went per train by way of San Francisco in order to spend a couple of days in that city visiting old acquaintances. Their friends of Falls View tendered them a reception on the evening before their departure and presented them with valuable presents.

**LOCAL NEWS ITEMS**

Captain George Martin, who has been sick for the past several days, is reported much better.

A full force is now at work in the construction of the new plant for the Crown Paper Mill, the water having subsided sufficiently to allow the work to be resumed.

At the Baptist church Sunday morning there will be appropriate services held prior to the Christmas festivities, and the pastor will continue his addresses to the young people in the evening.

That Oregon can have just as fine weather as any state in the Union is being exemplified this week with clear, crisp mornings and bright sunshine all day, but the average Oregonian prefers murky skies and dripping moisture.

Major Von Eggloffstein, of Portland, was in Oregon City Monday, looking for some of the bad boys of the O. N. G. who have failed to attend drills. Fifteen members were summoned before him for court martial, but only five responded and they were discharged.

J. I. Kimball, of Monte Cristo, Wash., was in Oregon City on Wednesday attending to business matters of importance. Mr. Kimball is having his land at Redland resurveyed. During the past year he has been engaged in the mining business at Monte Cristo and is doing well.

There are two cases of smallpox in the Hoffman family on Tenth street. Both cases are very mild and neither patient is seriously ill. The house has been quarantined and all necessary precautions taken by the health board, and there is little or no fear of the disease spreading.

Clackamas county teachers are invited to send in their monthly reports, rolls of honor, etc., to the Courier for publication. The Courier is willing to do all it can to promote the general interests of the schools of Clackamas county, and believes there is no better way to interest the pupils of the schools throughout the county than in this manner.

Material is being unloaded by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company for the new steel bridge across the Clackamas river. The stone for the foundation arrived from California some time ago, and this week two pieces of the steel span, weighing about four hundred tons, arrived. The span will be about 200 feet long and the structure when completed will be one of the finest in the state.

The marriage of Katie Ward to Colvin H. Blanchard was solemnized by Rev. Beaven at the home of the bride's father, James Ward, on the West Side, Wednesday afternoon. The bride is a very charming lady of West Oregon City, while the groom is a prominent young farmer from Klickitat county, Wash. The young couple left immediately for their new home in Klickitat county.

Last Sunday the St. John's Catholic church in this city was rededicated. Most Reverend A. Christie presided at the dedicatory services, which were very impressive. A large congregation was in attendance. The sacrament was administered to about half a hundred members of the church in the afternoon. About a dozen priests were present and assisted in the ceremonies. The music was very impressive and the meeting a very good one indeed.

The local land office has received a circular from the general land office, stating that former instructions do not forbid the acceptance of filings, whether the proofs are to be made before a land office official or some one else. The office has also been instructed that before approving any final proofs under the timber and stone act, the register and receiver must see that the claimant and his witnesses have been cross-examined by a special agent, and where the examination is not with papers, the case must be referred to a special agent for examination.

A small one-story house in the rear of Young's livery stable was scorched by fire about 8 o'clock Saturday night. The house was occupied by R. Allen and I. Rambo, and before one of the occupants left he had started a fire in the stove. The fire started from a defective flue and had gained considerable headway before discovered. The alarm was sounded and the Cataract Hose Company responded and the flames were confined to the small building and except to the furniture very little damage was done. The building was owned by James Tracy.

The Baptist church is to hold its annual meeting on December 31st, beginning in the afternoon, and holding over until their business is finished. This is their one meeting of the year for the members of the church and congregation. At this time plans are made for the future and conditions discussed. Daniel Sheperdson, D. D., is to begin a series of revival meetings in the church about the 20th of January, and all churches and Christians of this community are invited to unite and make a grand rally around the great evangelist.

A new play, called "The James Boys in Missouri," comes to Shively's opera house Dec. 23d. There have been other plays which have presented the James Boys during their action, but this version was made from the original book and real happenings, and is not an imitation of any other play. The main scenes and incidents are wonderfully interesting and effective and a romantic love tale ripples through the play as well. There is plenty of jovial comedy that brightens things generally, and with John Abbott and Harriett Lee and other carefully selected ones in the cast, a very smooth and exceptional production results. "The James Boys in Missouri" is a thorough scenic surprise as well, and the Blue Cut Train Robbery is called marvelously real and startling.

"Resolved that the present system of marriage is a benefit to humanity," was the question debated at the Y. M. C. A. hall Tuesday evening by the Oregon City Academy and the Thursday Night Debating Club of Portland. The house was crowded to its fullest capacity with Oregon City people anxious to hear this momentous question solved. Those who represented the affirmative were Ivy Park, G. W. Poque and Howard M. Brownell. The negative side was taken by R. E. Clyde, Henry Robinson and John Harney, of Portland. The decision was given to the Academy, but the Portlanders put up strong arguments and showed that they were not novices in debate. A much appreciated part of the meeting was an instrumental solo by Miss Gertie Griffith, which provoked great applause. The two debating societies will come together again some time in the near future at Portland.

Among the attractions billed for presentation in the near future is the "The James Boys in Missouri," which will be given at the Shively opera house Dec. 23d. This play is recognized as one of the best melo-dramas now on the road and has been playing to "standing-room only" houses all over the country. "The James Boys in Missouri" is a realistic presentation of the deeds of the James boys from the beginning of their career during the civil war until Jesse James, the leader, was cowardly shot by James Ford, a former member of the band, who was visiting him under the pretense of being a friend. The play is most realistic in every detail, especially the famous Blue Cut Train Robbery, which is given with all the scenic effects in the third act. The exploitation of the deeds of this famous band of outlaws cannot fail to interest every lover of adventure of the stirring kind, and the engagement in this city promises to be the event of

the season. The company interpreting the many characters is an exceptionally talented one, the leading parts being in the hands of John Abbott and Harriett Lee.

The Courier is exceedingly anxious to secure a good line of correspondents throughout Clackamas county. We want correspondents who will write news as it happens and not indulge in personalities. While an item stating that Jim Smith took dinner with his neighbor, John Jones, Sunday, may interest Jim Smith and John Jones, it is of very little interest to the community at large and is of no value as a news item. Some correspondents seem to imagine that they must send in a certain amount of correspondence each week, even if they have to send in items that are of value whatever. To such we will only say that we prefer that nothing but real live items be sent as we will be forced to "kill" any other sort. Some of our correspondents may be anxious to know what constitutes an item calculated to interest the readers of a county newspaper. In reply we will state that we want news of deaths, births, usual occurrences, casualties, fires, floods, fights, socials, visitors to and from a distance, and anything out of the ordinary. A few of our correspondents are no doubt out of stationery. We have been so crowded with work since we have been in that we have neglected sending out any, and will be glad to send some to each and every correspondent who will notify us.

The river steamer, N. R. Lang, made one of the most daring trips in Willamette river steamboating last Saturday. There was a large supply of pulp at the pulp station on this side of the river and it was necessary to remove it, but because of the high water the steamer could not take it, as it usually did, out through the basin. Captain Young was at the wheel and handled the engine and they were quite equal to the emergency. On the north side of the basin is a deep canyon where the water tumbles itself into foam after going over the falls. No boat has ever

gone into this place at this season of the year, but the Lang went in and attempted to make fast to the shore. The swift current tore the boat away and the project was abandoned for the day. Next day another attempt was made which was successful, but it took eight lines to hold the boat. Three thousand six hundred and fifty bundles of pulp were taken aboard and the dangerous outward trip was made with the steamer drawing about four and a half feet of water. Probably no other boat will ever venture into this dangerous passage.

Nick Matoin has purchased the Bagby restaurant and took possession Tuesday. Mr. Matoin is an up-to-date restaurant man and thoroughly understands the business and he promises to run a first-class house. Mr. Bagby, the former manager, will return to his former business, that of a sawmill man.

Marriage licenses were issued to Katie E. Ward and Colvin H. Blanchard, both of this county. Also to Mary Stainaker and Della Stork.

An exploding kerosene lamp at the Depot saloon caused an incipient blaze at 5:30 Thursday evening, but some one kicked the lamp out of the bar-room, a crowd gathered quickly, the fire bell stopped ringing and the excitement was over. This is said to have been the first alarm in the city in four months.

**Letter List.**

Following is the list of letters remaining in the Oregon City, postoffice, December 18th, 1902.

Women's List—Mrs Sarah Damos, Mrs Annie Kroes, Mrs Fannie Moader, Miss Bertha McIlwain, Mrs Marguerite Oberacker, Mrs Maude Reynolds, Nelly Shindler, Miss Mabel Wyde.

Men's List—Bert Baker (2), Rev. J. M. Donaldson, H. H. Eastman, Fred Hoyt, H. D. Jones, B. F. Kellogg, Northern Mining and Milling Co., W. S. Kellett, G. M. Price, Dr. J. G. Towell, A. Watkins, Claude E. Wansley, J. F. Walker.

G. F. HORTON, P. M.

**PETITION FOR PARDON.**

**Harney County People Ask for Release of James Weaver.**

Governor Geer recently received a petition, bearing the signatures of over 100 business men and representative citizens of Prineville, praying for the full pardon of one James Weaver, who is serving a life term in the penitentiary upon conviction of the murder, in the second degree, of one Wm. McKinnon, at Burns, Harney county, on September 28, 1898.

The petition sets forth that, although Weaver fired the shot which resulted in the death of McKinnon, it was fired in self-defense, and that he, Weaver, would not have been convicted had it not been for the prominence of the deceased and the intense public feeling that was aroused over the affair at the time.

X-mas presents at Charm and Co., cut-price drug store.



**Brown & Welch**

—PROPRIETORS OF THE—  
**Seventh Street  
Meat Market**

A. O. U. W. Building  
OREGON CITY, OREGON

**Half the Pleasure of Christmas**

Lies in the pleasure of getting ready—in anticipation of the joys to be added to the recipients of our thoughtfulness. But there is much to be done and time flies so we will help time-pressed people by keeping our store open late every evening until Christmas and such bowers of holiday brightness exist nowhere else.

It is Christmas for visitors every day and every evening at our store. Everybody invited to come and see our Christmas windows and brilliant illumination.

**Watches**

FOR CHRISTMAS, all sizes in gold filled silver and nickel. We have the kind you have been looking for. Come in and get our prices.

**Rings**

Are still the most popular of gifts. Naturally so, for they can be worn always and where all can see them. We have the newest ideas in rings, plain and fancy, and set with precious stones.

How about your Christmas shopping? Have you selected your gifts? If not, you can not do better than to visit us and look over our great assortment of Gold and Gold Plated Jewelry in Breast pins, Stickpin Chains, Locketts, Rings, Cuff Buttons, Studs, Etc.

**Gifts in Silver**

The "Silver Age" is what they call it in the Jewelry world.

Gift Goods in silver this season exceed all other kinds in number and variety.

We had you and your friends in mind when we selected our stock. We have many show cases filled with silverware; it is worth your time to come in and look at it.

Blackwood clocks that look like marble, large mantel clocks, porcelain clocks, nickel clocks and fine gold plated clocks.

You receive our personal guarantee with every clock we sell.

Beautiful Utopian art pottery.

All kinds decorated Jardiniers.

**Fountain Pens**

Pen trouble disappears when you get a fountain pen that suits your hand. There is nothing gives so much satisfaction as a Parker Lucky Curve. If you receive one for a present and it does not suit you come in after the holidays and we will exchange free of charge for one that will suit you.

**Washburn Guitars, Mandolins**

From \$15 up; other makes, \$5 and up.

Viols, Banjos, Accordians, Zithers, Auto-harps, Harmonicas and all other small instruments.

**Cut Glass**

Is always appropriate at the Christmas season.

We have some rich high class examples for those who can afford them, and some lower priced articles for smaller pocketbooks.

We are showing the kind you will be wise in buying.

**Fine Hand Decorated China**

Souvenir China just the thing to send to a friend in the East.

And a large assortment of Japanese ware, all finely decorated.

**Umbrellas**

Umbrellas for ladies and gents from \$1 to \$6.

Gold headed canes up to \$15

And Old Reliable Hickory Canes, 60 cents.

Gold and Filled Spectacles from \$2 to \$6

Other styles for 50 cents and \$1.

Opera Glasses from \$10 to \$20.

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You See the Latest

Remember that we are now located in the new Garde Building  
Suspension Bridge Corner

**BURMEISTER & ANDRESEN**  
THE OREGON CITY JEWELERS