

**PERSONALS**

Peter Davidson, of Highland, was in this city Tuesday on business.

Miss Cleopatra Smyth visited friends in Vancouver last week.

Frank Bowen, of San Francisco, is the guest of his brother in this city.

George H. Gregory, of Molalla, was in Oregon City Tuesday on business.

Miss Florence Haskins, of Eureka Springs, Ark., is the guest of relatives in Oregon City.

F. McGregor, who has been in the employ of Albright, the butcher, has resigned and gone to Portland.

J. F. Brady, of New Era, and Ben Hurras, from the same place, were in Oregon City Tuesday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sears, of Salem, are visiting the family of J. Knowland. Mrs. Sears is daughter of Mr. Knowland.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kuerton, of Seattle, came up Monday to visit their daughters and friends during the holidays.

J. George, who recently sold his restaurant to Billy Rowan, will leave in a few days for Idaho to be gone some weeks.

Thos. Boylan and wife, of Eberton, Wash., arrived here Tuesday morning for a visit with relatives. They formerly resided here, and it has been ten years since they departed from here.

The following good citizens of Mackburgs were in Oregon City Tuesday doing some Christmas shopping: F. Yo-han, Henry Drier, Mr. and Mrs. William Gorthier and daughter, Miss Pearl Kister and Carl Damm.

The Beaver Creek people will not lack for Christmas festivities. On Wednesday evening there are services, with a Christmas tree, at the Graham church and on Thursday evening a similar celebration at the Presbyterian and Lutheran churches.

O. W. Sturgis, of Canby, was in town on business Tuesday. He put in most of his time buying Christmas presents and Santa Clause goods. Mr. Sturgis is an "old timer," having lived all of his life in this county, except twelve years, and he is now 62 years old. Mr. Sturgis thinks well of Clackamas county, and predicts for it a great and growing future.

Hon. C. D. Latourette left on last Friday afternoon for New York and Boston, where he will be engaged for the

next two weeks in floating the bonds and securing the funds to construct the new traction line from Oregon City to Willhoit Springs. He will be in the East about one month, and his friends and all well-wishers of the county hope that he will be successful in his enterprise.

**LOCAL NEWS ITEMS**

Live weight, turkeys are 15 cents a pound and roosters 8 1/2.

Wanted, a girl for general housework, Girl under 18 preferred. Apply at Courier office.

On Friday afternoon appropriate exercises were held at the public schools in this city. There will be a two weeks' vacation, and school will begin on the first Monday in January.

The next meeting of the Clackamas county teacher's association will be held at New Era the first Saturday in January. The ladies will serve lunch and a good time is expected.

The following marriage license were issued Tuesday: Martha A. Pulley, of Clackamas county, and John R. Foulds, of Multnomah county, Rosa Stauber and William Cooper.

John Powers, a hobo, stole a raincoat that was hanging in front of the Red Front store Monday afternoon. He was arrested, tried and sentenced to 25 days at hard labor on the streets. The coat was valued at about \$5.

Miss Bradford closed the South Oregon City school for the holidays on Monday evening with a nicely decorated Christmas tree and liberal donations of nuts and candies to the pupils. The school will reopen on the first Monday in January.

J. T. Wilson, who recently came here from Nebraska, has rented the St. Paul lodging house on Main street and gone into business. Mr. Wilson proposes to keep an up-to-date hostelry and will not only keep lodgers but will furnish meals by the day, week or month at very reasonable prices.

Land titles examined and abstracts made, I guarantee to defeat any tax title or tax deed in Clackamas county, otherwise no charge made. Money loaned.

G. B. DIMICK, Lawyer, Oregon City, Or.

The "James Boys in Missouri" was played before a very small audience at the opera house Tuesday evening. The

weather was very bad, which no doubt was the reason that more did not attend. The play was a very good one, being the exploits of the famous bandits, interwoven with a love story. It differed from other plays in the fact that it was taken from real life.

Samuel E. Gregory, John H. Griffith and P. S. Kalbfleisch have brought proceedings for a writ of review in the Fanton road case, against the Board of Commissioners. It is asserted that errors have been committed by the Commissioners in locating and laying out on the petition of William X. Davis, et al, of the Fanton road and ask that the proceedings be reviewed by the circuit court.

The United States fish commission is preparing to handle 1,000,000 whitefish, 100,000 lake trout, 50,000 brook trout, 50,000 rainbow trout, and 20,000 land-locked salmon at the Clackamas station in the remainder of the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1903. The fry will be planted in Oregon and Washington streams. Field Superintendent J. N. Wiener, Jr., directed the distribution of many thousand trout fry last spring, co-operating with the Oregon Fish and Game Association.

While not a flake of snow has fallen in Oregon City the present winter, some of the other parts of the county have differed with her in this respect. R. L. Ringo, who lives at Clarkes, thirteen miles out in the eastern part of the county, reports that three inches of snow fell in his locality this week. Mr. Ringo is a native of Missouri, having crossed the plains in '65. He owns a good farm in the Clarkes country, and is one of the county's best citizens.

A large force of men was put to work on the new depot for the O. W. P. & Railway Co., at the corner of Third and Main streets. The ground is being broken, the surplus dirt dumped into the river and the work is moving right along. The new building will extend from Main street to the S. P. railroad and will be a very commodious affair. If, as is contemplated, a theater is built over the depot, it will be one of the handsomest buildings in that part of the town and will add very greatly to the appearance of the south end.

The alarm of fire startled the people of Oregon City about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The report was quickly circulated from lip to lip that the Crown Paper mill was on fire. Hundreds of people rushed through the pelting rain-drops and a hose company swung over at a lively rate. Ten minutes later the same people came back, laughing at the

manner in which they had been fooled. The alarm of fire was started by two steamers, the company's boat and another boat, both of which were contending for a passage through the canal. Both whistled till they got tired and most people thought the company's boat had sounded the alarm of fire.

Christmas Eve the cantata "Christmas Angels" was sung by the Presbyterian Sunday school. A series of tableaux depicting scenes from the nativity of Christ were given. The famous painting by Mueller, "The Madonna of the Grotto," with Miss Gilbert as the Madonna, was accurately represented. New features were the trimming of the tree while the cantata was being sung, and the march of the primaries about the tree at the close of the cantata. The exceptionally beautiful music was well rendered by the soloists, Owen Thomas, Mrs. Green, Miss Horn, Howard Zinser,

Winnie Young, Ethel Jackson, Jessie Jackson.

**For a Bad Cold.**

If you have a bad cold you need a good reliable medicine, like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, to loosen and relieve it, and to allay the irritation and inflammation of the throat and lungs. For sale by Geo. A. Harding.

**Foils A Deadly Attack.**

"My wife was so ill that good physicians were unable to help her," writes M. M. Austin, of Winchester, Ind., "but was completely cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills." They work wonders in stomach and liver troubles. Cure constipation, sick headache. 25c at Geo. A. Harding's drug store.

**The Dissyllabic Scot.**

The difficulty of rhyming to "girl" is mainly due to the varieties of its pronunciation. It is never pronounced, as it is so often conventionally written, "gail," but one often hears "gell," with a hard "g." Moreover, in Scotland, though it is as well not to mention the fact to a Scotsman, it consists of two syllables—"gurrel." The other day it was pointed out to a Scotsman that the name of his national poet was a dissyllable in Ayrshire. "Hoot awa!" he said, or words to that effect. "Burr-runs two syllables! Absurd!"—London Chronicle.

**A Curious Custom.**

In some parts of Brittany a curious marriage custom prevails. On certain fete days the marriageable girls appear in red petticoats, with white or yellow borders round them. The number of borders denote the portion the father is willing to give his daughter. Each white band denotes \$20 per annum; each yellow band represents \$200 a year.

**THIRD ANNUAL Clearance Sale Golden Rule Bazaar**

On Saturday, December 27, we commence our Third Annual Clearance Sale prior to stock taking.

**Every Article in the Store Reduced**

At least 10 per cent. and on odds and ends a reduction of 20 to 50 per cent. We have made these prices to make January a busy month and reduce our stock before taking our annual inventory.

*Now is the time to purchase for present needs or future requirements*

**ADAMS. BROS.**

**GOLDEN RULE BAZAAR**

Oregon City's Big Cash Store

**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, Stickpins 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.

Violins, 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**

Southern 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.

If You See It in Our Store

You See the Latest

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

**BURMEISTER & ANDRESEN**

**THE OREGON CITY JEWELERS**