

**An Open Letter to the Public
FROM A WELL-KNOWN DRUGGIST**

To Whom It May Concern:

At late there has been a good deal of discussion in regard to advertised medicines and their value. We want to say to every man, woman and child in this vicinity that the most valuable preparation of cod liver oil—the best restorer, health restorer and strength-creator we have ever sold in our store is Vinol.

Vinol is not a patent medicine; it contains no injurious drugs, and it actually does contain all of the medicinal curative elements of cod liver oil, taken from fresh cod's livers, but without a drop of oil, and is delicious to the taste.

Vinol is recognized throughout the world as the greatest strength-creator for old people, weak, sickly women, children, nursing mothers, and after a severe sickness.

Vinol cures hacking coughs, chronic colds, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Unqualified to create an appetite, and make those who are too thin, fat, rosy and healthy.

Vinol is sold on positive guarantee. Call and get a Vinol booklet.

HUNTLEY BROS., Druggists.

Oregon City, Ore.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Bear & Beatie, Dentists, Weinhard building, rooms 16, 17 and 18.

Dr. C. S. Seemann, physician—Offices over Harding's Drug store.

Reduction Sale in furniture, Carpets, Rugs, Matting, Wall Paper and Sewing Machines. Bring your cash and see how far it will go. Frank Bush.

The second quarterly meeting of the United Brethren church will be held next Sunday, Jan. 10. Love feast at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Preaching on Saturday evening, Jan. 9. The public is cordially invited to all these services. C. B. Blanchard, P.C.

The Portland General Electric Company which owns the locks in the Willamette river at this place, is making extensive improvements to their property by replacing the old timbers and piles with new material. The present timbers have been long in use and have become decayed.

It pays to raise blooded chickens in Oregon. G. W. Marrow the most prominent chicken farmer in this part of Oregon made several good sales last week. He sold three fowls for \$25 and two for five dollars each and recently shipped a small pen to California for which he received a check for \$100. He raises nothing but the Grey Plymouth rocks.

There has been quite a little scarlet fever scattered around and about Oregon City during the past month. There have been three cases at Willamette Falls, three at Green Point, several back of Willamette and two or three on the hill. The last family to be infected is the family of Hor. Chr. Schnebel, whose children have contracted the disease. It is in a mild form and no real apprehension is feared of any spread of the disease.

J. W. Cole and wife were agreeably and pleasantly surprised on last Saturday evening when a large number of their friends and neighbors came in on them for the evening bearing presents and good wishes. The occasion was the celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage. The evening was spent in card playing, dancing and fine music was rendered. Refreshments were served and a royal good time was had.

The Native Sons and Daughters of Oregon City and Clackamas county are planning a grand time for next summer. The executive committee of the local organization held a meeting at the court house on Monday with a full attendance. They will ask the managers of the Chautauqua to set aside one day to be known as Native Sons and Daughters day at which the local organization will provide the entertainment. They will secure some notable speakers, both local and national, and if the Chautauqua grants their request the Native Son's day will be one of the features of this year's meeting.

On Monday evening of last week, Don Meldrum, of this city, and Miss D. Parker, of Baker City, were married at the home of the bride in Baker City. Mr. Meldrum is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meldrum, of this city, and is well known here. The marriage is the outcome of a college romance, both the principals being students of the University of Oregon. Mr. Meldrum being a sophomore and Miss Parker a freshman. It is expected that they will not return to college. Mr. Meldrum is the crack left end on this year's football team. His many friends here wish him happiness.

Frank Weed, an employee of the Willamette Pulp & Paper Company, was badly but not dangerously hurt on last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Weed is a machine tender, and it is a part of his duty to see that the rolls upon which the paper is dried run smoothly. Something got between and clogged one set of rolls and Mr. Weed attempted to remedy the trouble without stopping the machine. His feet slipped and he fell between the rolls and the hot felt badly burned his neck and shoulder. He was taken to his home where his wounds were dressed by the mil physician. Mr. Weed will be confined to his home from two to three weeks, but his entire recovery is assured.

H. J. Hill returned on Monday from a prospecting trip in the region round the headwaters of the Santiam. He made the trip in company with another veteran prospector by the name of Greene. "Billy," a young trapper who camps this winter in the Santiam mountains, acted as their guide. For three weeks he led them around over the roughest country, as Mr. Hill says, he ever saw. The atmosphere was sunny and fogless, and cold. Buck venison was plentiful. Three pack horses carried their "grub" and outfit. Mr. Hill brought a number of that specimens from the different outcroppings they examined, and he feels so highly encouraged that he intends to make another trip into the same regions.

Born, to the wife of H. J. Thorne, of Portland, on the 28th, a 11 pound girl.

Guy Reddick, of Green Point, is recovering from a severe attack of typhoid malitia.

Misses Helen and Aneita Gleason, of this city, visited the Misses Vista and Veva Knight, of Canby, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Worms and two daughters, of Idaho, visited friends and relatives at George and in this city for the past two weeks.

Miss Grace R. Miller, teacher of the Union Hall school, visited friends Sunday in this city. Miss Miller's school is progressing nicely.

J. T. Gleason was kindly remembered New Year's day by the presentation of a German pipe by the men under him at the Willamette paper mill.

On Wednesday of next week, Clackamas Pomona will hold its quarterly meeting with Owyhee Grange. The Owyhee people will give their brothers and sisters of the order a hearty welcome.

Rev. J. F. Daeucher arrived on Thursday of last week from Odessa, East Washington, with his wife and child. The reverend gentleman will be pastor of the Lutheran congregation here and of that at Shubel.

On Thursday evening, December 31st, Henry C. King and May E. Baker were married at the Congregational manse in this city, Rev. Bollinger performing the ceremony. Both parties had from Multnomah county.

Revival services have been held every night during the past week at Elley and will continue through the coming week, and probably over the third Sunday in this month. Most of the preaching is done by the elder, who is an interesting and eminently practical preacher of the word.

On Saturday morning last, the remains of Bert Spooner, who died in San Francisco arrived in this city for burial. He was a former resident of Oregon City and was 2 years old at the time of his death and leaves a wife and two children. He was buried by the A. O. U. W. in the Mountain View cemetery.

One of the new industries recently opened in Oregon City is the carriage paint shop of Justin & Chapman, two of the newly-elected councilmen of Oregon City. Inasmuch as they are both Democrats and both painters and both members of the city council, they concluded to pool all of their issues and become partners in this new venture.

First Church of Christ, Scientists, Garde building, Cor. Seventh and Main St. Services began Sunday at 11 o'clock a.m. The subject is "Sacrament." Children's Sunday school, at 10 o'clock a.m. Testimonial meeting, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Reading room open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Popular C. W. Kelly and his good wife were greatly surprised by their many friends on last Friday evening. It was the twentieth anniversary of their marriage and a goodly number of their friends made it the occasion of a delightful surprise. Many beautiful presents of China were tendered and congratulations and good wishes abounded on every side.

Otto Boylan and Iva Smith were married on Wednesday of last week by Rev. Beavers. The ceremony was performed at their home on 12th street, near the Barclay school house, which the young husband had fitted up for housekeeping beforehand. The relatives of both bride and groom were present. After the knot had been tied, all sat down to a fine supper. Vocal and instrumental music followed.

David Williams and Miss Evaline Dempster were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents at Green Point Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. James Wilkinson was best man, and Miss Mamie Baxter was bridesmaid. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. H. Mixsell. Mr. Williams is one of the best known and best liked young men in Oregon City, and Miss Dempster as a lovely and accomplished lady. They were congratulated and remembered by numerous friends.

Cogrove's Orchestra gave a concert to a medium sized audience in the Woodmen hall Thursday night. Owing to many counter attractions the attendance was much smaller than the entertainment deserved. The music furnished by the orchestra was excellent; much better in fact, than Oregon City audiences are in the habit of hearing to, and local music lovers missed a treat by not attending in larger numbers. After the programme was concluded dancing was indulged in until the clock struck midnight.

William Dunney, aged 61 years, of this city, died at Butteville this week from the effects of injuries received during the afternoon when he was struck by a falling tree. Dunney, for more than a month, had been engaged at cutting wood near Champeron, and late Thursday afternoon was caught by a falling tree and suffered a broken leg and other serious injuries. The deceased is survived by a wife and ten children. They are: Robert Dunney, of California; Mrs. A. Priester, Mrs. Ida Beatty, Ira Martha, James, Minnie, Nellie, Walter and Ed Dunney, of this city.

That the young ladies are going to avail themselves of the privileges of the leap year is shown by the fact that a number of young women of this place are contemplating the giving of a leap year party in the Armory on the 20th of this month. Invitations are now being printed, and there is a splendid chance for bashful young men. The usual order will be reversed with a vengeance, for it is the intention of the young women to pay all expenses of the affair, and the males will be required to range themselves along the walls of the Armory and wait until they are asked to dance. Those giving the party style themselves the "Bashful Girls," but any other name would probably be as appropriate under the circumstances.

Entertainment and Social

The Session, Ladies' Aid Society and Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian church will give a social at the church and manse on Tuesday evening, Jan. 12. An interesting program is being prepared and all friends and members of the church are invited to be present at this union social. Refreshment will be served.

Redland.

Nineteen hundred and three is a date of the past, so is Redland's post office a thing of the past. We are known as Oregon City R. F. D. No. 2, and the year 1904, but then we love that dear old name, Redland, around which so many remembrances cluster. And for this reason wish to be identified as Redlandites and our town as Redland.

The party who purchased the land back of the cemetery was not Staab nor was it one hundred and seventy acres. It was F. P. Sianfer, and the number of acres was one hundred and eighty seven.

Mr. Edgar Brock, one of the members of the official board of District 70 attended the closing exercises of their school.

L. F. notes in his correspondence that he passed a satisfactory examination in the primary department. It looks to college boys as if L. F. as well as Timbacktoo will be a nut loose in the upper story or speaking rooms to let.

Those in our fair city who are under the doctor's care are; Mr. and Mrs. A. Sprague, Clyde Sprague, Bates and Mrs. Hickinbothem.

Mrs. Ora Wilcox is working for Mrs. Funk.

Miss Ethel Sprague is doing Mrs. A. Sprague's work during her sickness.

Mr. S. S. Mosher, who has been spending the past two months in Southern Oregon and Sacramento, California, visiting his sister, daughter and numerous relatives is expected home during the coming week.

Maud Stone entertained a few of her friends on the evening of January 1st. The evening was spent playing Crokinole. It was the swellest thing of the season, except the class party.

Jas and Chas. Linn spent the holidays at B. Linn's saw mill on Toll Creek hunting bear.

Maud Stone and Harry Mosher left yesterday for the halls of Willamette to resume their studies after holiday vacation.

COLLEGE BOY.

Death of Francis Welsh.

Francis Welsh, of this city, has just received the news of the sudden death on New Year's eve, of his sister, Mrs. M. O. Gard, who lived near Shanks, Oregon. She was born and raised in Clackamas county and was the daughter of Uncle George Welsh, an old pioneer.

She leaves a husband and seven children to mourn her loss. Her family were at her bedside at the time of her death except Mrs. Geo. Stevens of Highland.

Mrs. Gard was an estimable lady and always willing to lend a helping hand in time of need and leaves many friends who sympathize with the bereaved family.

Boil pain less its terror if you've a bout of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the house. In instant relief in cases of burns, cuts, sprains, accident of any sort.

Jackson Day Banquet.

Democratic enthusiasm is ablaze in Oregon City today. The town is full of Democrats. The occasion is the big banquet of the untrified at Willamette Hall this evening. Everything has been arranged to have a good time and for the boys to jiffy as they should. Seats have been arranged and plates laid for three hundred guests. Colonel Robert A. Miller has been selected as toastmaster and a right good one he will make at that. The menu has been carefully prepared and from the culinary standpoint there will be nothing to be desired. Governor George Chamberlain will be the guest of honor, and will deliver the most important address of the evening. Senator Alex Sweene, of Portland, and Senator William Grace, of Baker City, will each be present and deliver addresses. Many distinguished strangers will be present. The indications are that the banquet will be a decided success and that the hall will hardly accommodate the crowd. Every Democrat in the county is invited to attend. No written invitations will be issued to any one within the county.

Tax Levy for 1904.

The County Court of Clackamas county in session Wednesday fixed the tax levy for the year 1903 as follows:

Levy for county purposes..... 6 mills

Levy for road purposes..... 4 1/2 "

Levy for school purposes..... 5 "

Levy for state purposes..... 5 "

Total levy for all purposes 20 1/2 mills.

The total levy last year for county purpose and state purposes was 32 mills. The assessment for this year has been considerable more than double and the county court had indicated that it would cut the levy as consequence thereof square in two in the middle. They have only made a reduction of 11 1/2 mills whereas a reduction of half would have been sixteen mills and the dear people will have to pay the "fiddler" and the fiddler just at the present time is the Republican county court.

A DRY MONTH.

December Had Less Rain Fall Than Any December For Years.

The report of the local weather bureau located on Miramonti farm near Aurora shows that December was a very dry month for the state of Oregon as only 2.75 inches of rain fall was precipitated during that period. The full report is as follows:

Mean temperature..... 39.3

Total precipitation for the month..... 2.75

Maximum temperature..... 54

Number of clear days..... 7

Partly cloudy days..... 12

Cloudy days..... 12

The prevailing direction of the wind was from the south and no freezes occurred during the month but several light frosts occurred.

Can You See a Thing in the Dark?

Do you Know That This Pumpkin Is to be Cut and Its Seed Counted February 1st, 1904?

Only three more weeks remain in which to get in your guess as to the number of seeds in this big pumpkin. You know, of course, that the Courier is giving away absolutely free a \$400.00 Kimble piano just as good as anybody's. All we ask of you is to pay your subscription to the Courier and make an estimate on the number of seed in the pumpkin. You might get a piano and the Courier for one year all for the pitiful sum of \$1.50. Don't wait but do it now.



Here are the names and addresses of those who have paid during the past week:

George Clark, Oregon City, Or.	\$1.50	Charles Catta, Oregon City, Or.	\$1.50
Grant Mumpower, Stone, Or.	1.50	Fom Armstrong	"
Fred J. Mendle, Oregon City, Or.	1.50	John Erickson	"
John Moehnke, Suther, Or.	1.50	Thomas Wanck	"
W. H. Darnell, Liberal, Or.	1.50	A. J. Walker, Mayville, Or.	"
F. C. Perry, Molalla, Or.	1.50	J. W. McKay, Oregon City, Or.	"
Geo. A. Harding, Oregon City, Or.	1.50	John Dimick, Salem, Or.	"
Fred Painter,	1.50	C. D. Latourette, Oregon City, Or.	"
S. M. Ramsby,	1.50	D. C. Latourette	"
J. A. Confer,	1.50	Mrs. Charles Bold, Parkplace, Or.	"
W. T. Stanton, Woodburn, Or.	1.50	Herman Bruns, Sandy, Or.	"
S. A. Gillett, Ely, Or.	1.50	W. H. Courtney, Oregon City, Or.	"
C. W. Gregerson, Pacific Grove, Or.	1.50	Sidney Smith,	"
L. B. Fox, The Dalles, Or.	1.50	Lindsay & Son, Ely, Or.	"
Perry Taylor, Molalla, Or.	1.50	B	