

## OREGON CITY COURIER

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And you might remember the poor fellows in the prison at Salem with a little Christmas box. Next to a poor child it would be the greatest appreciated.

T. B. Kay, state treasurer, will be a candidate for another term so Salem gossip has it. There will no doubt be many candidates for every state office next year, both Republican and Democrat.

The Estacada Progress is next in line with the Courier for the one year subscription plan, and it gives notice that it will hereafter observe the department's ruling, and will not take any more chances with violating the postal laws.

The overwhelming defeat of the first woman candidate for mayor in Oregon may give pause to other women who had begun to nurse a similar ambition.—Portland Journal.

Is it not just as much a responsibility of a city to provide safety in water as it is to provide safe sidewalks, streets and bridges, and is not the city equally liable for neglect?

Here's a little tip, remember it and see if it doesn't win out: None of the three candidates for secretary of the interior from Oregon will win out, but that the position will go to another state. Give your odds that the tip is good.

Unless something unforeseen occurs at the last minute, five men will have been choked to death at Salem when this paper reaches the out-of-town subscribers. The state will murder five murderers, and you who voted for this should have most pleasant dreams.

One cent postage, an extension of the parcels post and rural free delivery, establishment of government aid for post roads, and re-adjustment of the pay of the railway mail clerks, are some of the reforms the incoming Democratic congress propose to put through. They are certainly all in the line of public approval.

The trial of Dr. Harry A. Start of Portland is on in connection with the recent filthy scandal in that city, and its outcome will be watched with keen interest. He has two charges against him and they will be tried separately. It is said the evidence against him is strong and that he cannot escape a conviction.

A lot of folks and a number of newspapers over the state are poking fun at Mr. U'Ren's announced intention of making a race for the governorship two years hence. We are not especially crazy over the Oregon City lawyer, but there hasn't yet been any one mentioned for the job of governor who stands much of a show to defeat him. But of course it's early yet.—Salem Messenger.

Back in New York Patrick was tried and found guilty of murder in the first degree, was sentenced to death, sentence commuted to life imprisonment and then pardoned.

Back in New York a servant for Mortimer Schiff, a millionaire, slapped his master's face one day and he was sent to prison for 30 years.

And the New York Journal says: Thirty years in prison and no pardon for the poor servant that frightens a millionaire. A few years in prison and a clean pardon for a millionaire's brother-in-law, who murdered a feeble old man. Equality? What a joke.

There is a bill before the senate that prohibits any person, firm, corporation or association from sending money from one state to another for use in presidential or congressional elections. The bill will doubtless pass, for the national legislature is beginning to see the smoke signals, but the question with me is why is it confined to presidential and congressional elections? If it is a crime for a congressman to receive outside assistance, isn't it constitutionally and justly as much a crime for a United States senator to pass the hat?

These are the days that keep politicians guessing.

## A CHRISTMAS DRAFT

makes a most acceptable gift to anyone—relative or friend. It brings good old Christmas cheer to whoever may receive it, just because it is money and will buy what that person really needs the most. Don't rack your brain trying to decide what to buy for

## The Old Folks at Home

If they live in "The Old Country," send them at once, one of our Foreign Drafts, and it will reach them in time for the holidays; or we will furnish you with a draft payable in the United States.

## The Bank of Oregon City

Oldest Bank in The County

## PAY CASH.

When a business man carries you along from month to month and year to year on an open account, without charging you any interest on the debt, you think he is a mighty accommodating fellow and is doing you all kinds of a good turn.

But he isn't. He isn't running a charity business nor an accommodation store. He's there for the coin, and you are going to pay interest on that account. Don't you forget that—good, big interest.

If the merchants of Oregon City would get together and establish an absolute cash basis they and their customers would be a lot better off, and would buy goods a lot cheaper.

Any man that runs a successful business is going to make a certain profit on the investment. If he has to carry along a lot of accounts month after month and year after year that is going to double the money he has invested and he is bound to dig it up somewhere, to borrow of the banks.

Now the banks are not going to carry him along on open account. He has got to pay them interest, and then he turns round to you and charges it up to you, and he also charges up the account that he lost, the fellow who was a deadbeat, and makes you pay that back.

You don't see him do it, so you don't kick, but he does it the price of his goods—he is simply going to make a certain per cent profit on his business or he is going to quit.

There is no reason on earth why the people of Oregon should not pay cash, or pay once every month. The man who cannot should go to the banks and borrow until he can. That's what banks are for.

That is one of the reasons why the smaller cities get the worst of it in competition with the big department stores. The city sells for spot cash, and has that money to turn back into goods. The smaller merchant sells on credit and borrows when he wants new goods. And the man who borrows and who pays interest on the money that is really his own, has the short end of it when he stacks up against the competitor who gets his dollar when he sells a dollar's worth of goods.

The cash system is spreading. It simply means that the man who starts it. It's for the benefit of every person in connection with it. The only drawback is that one dealer dares not refuse a responsible man credit for fear he will do his trading with his competitor.

If they would all get together and give public notice that on a certain date in the future no person would be given over thirty days' credit, they would do a nice thing for themselves and their customers.

## LINING UP.

Another candidate for governor of Oregon has thrown his dice in the ring—W. A. Carter of Hood River.

There are now three candidates in the starting, and there will be others.

They are all Republicans, but it is reported that W. A. U'Ren will not run on the regular Republican ticket, but will be a peoples' or independent nominee.

The Courier is given the tip that there will be at least two more Republican candidates in the field, and it is said that the Democrats are going to endeavor to concentrate the party strength on one man, yet to be led out, to endeavor to keep others from the start.

The guess of the Courier is that the candidate will be Governor West—not that he will be a candidate for the office but that the Democrats will pick him as a stand-pede being made for him and the candidacy forced on him. And you know a politician or office holder dreads having his clothes torn or a mob pushing him more than anything else.

But the young as yet, and guessing doesn't count for much. It is a certainty there will be some lively times in Oregon when the race starts.

## SPENCE'S SENSE.

State Grangermaster Spence is a farmer who uses his head, and it is interesting to read his observations in his report to the national Grange.

Mr. Spence says it is important to buy and sell together and there by save a few dollars, but he asks what benefit is this when the trusts, through the manipulation of stocks on which we must pay dividends, and the arbitrary fixing of both our buying and selling prices, can take from us the few dollars we may save?

Mr. Spence wants physical valuation of railroads, but he wants the interstate commerce commission to fix these valuations before rates are established. And he holds that not only should the actual valuation of the railroads be determined, but that every trust and stock company in the country should be thoroughly gone into and its true physical valuation be determined, beginning with the production of the mine, in the woods and at the factory, otherwise the valuations placed upon the transportation companies will be false, being based upon the trust values of materials necessary for the construction and operation of same.

## THE USUAL RESORT.

And now they propose to test the constitutionality of the initiative measure, exempting hotel and hold goods from taxation, recently passed by the votes of the people.

When I see a popular measure go to courts for a test, I feel for it about as I do for the fellow who goes to the hospital for an operation—that the result is mighty uncertain.

Oh, but what a lot of public expression has been shut off by the courts in the name of the constitution.

What a farce some of these appeals and decisions are!

The proposition was put up to the people of Oregon to say whether or not household goods should be taxed, and their decision is just as legal as binding as is the vote in a road district to levy a special tax.

But after the election is passed

and some smart lawyer sees he can make a few dollars and get his name in the newspapers, then the matter is dumped on the poor old hump-backed constitution.

And if this business is not cut out, pretty soon there will be a mighty accommodating fellow making it unconstitutional to declare a law passed by the people unconstitutional.

## CRIME RECORD FREES HIM

Prisoner Proves Alibi When Identified by Miss Smith.

Walter Brennan, escaped convict from the authorities at Eugene, was thankful that he had a crime record Tuesday, for his record proved his best friend and made possible his discharge from the charge of being the robber and assailant of Miss Helen Smith of Canemah, as the man who entered her home some weeks ago and robbed her. The stolen goods identified the man some time ago in Portland and was equally certain he was the man at the hearing here, but the sheriff of Eugene testified that the man was a prisoner in that city on that day, and that it was impossible for him to have been in Canemah the night of the robbery. The same man was also up in Portland on a crime charge, but proved his innocence.

Miss Smith became hysterical at the sight of the man at the hearing, Judge Samson and could not control her emotions.

## Turn on the Heat.

Hubbard, Ore., Dec. 9. To the Editor: The writer has a letter from a relative in Oregon City, from which I quote as follows:

"My daughter says the High school building is so cold that she has to keep her wraps on in the house. I wonder what is the matter with the health bureau? If they have to examine the ears, eyes, throat, etc. of the children, they had better examine the furnace, too, also the city water. If this is the best our school machine can do, let us go back to the red hot stove that Will Carlton tells about, where the children's hot faces were streaming with sweat, freezing their backs." In that way they could at least warm one side and then the other.

J. S. Yoder.

## MEAD POST OFFICIALS

H. L. Hull, Old War Veteran, honored by Commander Place.

Members of Meade Post G. A. R. had a big day at Willamette hall December 1, when many of the old soldiers gathered to hold their annual meeting and elect officers.

The morning session was devoted to speeches by members of the Post, including assistant Adjutant General C. A. Williams, H. S. Clyde, adjutant, J. C. Padlock, past commander; H. L. Hull, newly elected commander and others. The meeting was called to order and presided over by J. C. Padlock.

The following were elected: Commander, H. L. Hull; senior vice, commander, J. A. Roman; chaplain, L. P. Horton; junior vice commander, J. Sewell; surgeon, J. A. Matlock; officer of the day, J. Doremus; officer of the guard, George A. Harding; council of administration, J. A. Tufts, J. C. Sawyer.

The delegates elected to the state encampment were J. A. Matlock, O. A. VanHoy, Faxon Hayford, J. McFarland and C. N. Lewis.

Among the features of the day were the old and familiar selections played by the drum corps and the dinner served by the women's relief corps. The afternoon session was devoted to the business of the organization. H. L. Hull, who has been honored to the office of the commander, is one of the well known and highly respected residents of this city, and is highly deserving of the honor. He enlisted when a young man, at the time of the beginning of the civil war, in '61, being sergeant of Co. C, 57th Pennsylvania volunteers, and was one of the brave soldier boys in the seven days' fight. He re-enlisted in 1864, at that time becoming a member of Co. G, 144 Ohio volunteers, remaining with the company until the close of the war.

Before coming to Oregon, City Mr. Hull was an active member of Memorial Post of Cleveland, O. He is not only a member of the G. A. R. but a member of the Masonic order, I. O. O. F., P. B. O. E. and K. of P. and before leaving for Oregon he was presented with handsome souvenirs from the members of the lodges as tokens of high esteem.

## TUESDAY BRIDGE CLUB.

Mr. and Mrs. McBain Entertain Popular Social Club.

The Tuesday night Bridge club was entertained in a charming manner by Mr. and Mrs. B. T. McBain at their home on the west side, Bridge was enjoyed during the evening and Mrs. M. D. Latourrette was awarded the ladies' prize and John B. Lewthwaite the gentlemen's. The parlors and dining room were tastefully decorated in holly and mountain laurel foliage and berries. A delicious luncheon was served during the evening.

Those enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. McBain were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Chapman, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Beattie, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood E. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Eastham, Dr. and Mrs. Hugh O. Mount, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Lewthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Latourrette, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Porter, Mrs. Ernest P. Rands, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram E. Straight, Mrs. L. L. Pickens, Mrs. Bertha Adams.

Mrs. Rands Entertains the Wednesday Bridge Club.

Mrs. E. P. Rands was the hostess of the Wednesday afternoon bridge club at her home on Tenth and John Adams streets. Mrs. H. S. Mount had highest score and was awarded first prize, while the second prize went to Mrs. L. L. Pickens. The hostess served refreshments during the afternoon.

## GOOD GOVERNMENT.

The chief function of government is to protect the citizen in the full enjoyment of his or her natural rights, including the opportunity for abundant and wholesome recreation and decent social intercourse, but in a great city this opportunity is wholly denied to thousands of citizens, young and old, simply because the necessary facilities are not provided.—Mayor Haynes of Minneapolis.

HOME TRADE IS A DUTY  
NO CITIZEN SHOULD SHIRK

The Place Where a Man Lives Is the Place Where He Should Buy.

A case in point illustrating the benefits of home trade to the town itself has been told. It is a subject that permits of elaboration. It was told how a town with the home trade spirit forged away ahead of a neighboring town which obtained its merchandise from the mail order houses. The advantage of trading at the home shops was made plain, and now a word on the subject of home trade as a duty.

As a matter of fact, it is a duty that every citizen with the welfare of his particular community at heart owes to that community. Probably he himself is obliged to earn his living in that town. If so no arguments should be needed to convince him that home trade is so much his duty that if he is a patron of the mail order houses instead he does not deserve a livelihood from the patronage of his neighbors.

Take a man who earns his bread and butter in another town or city. In spite of that fact it is his duty, too.

## Want Law Repealed.

Many people of the county are asking the Marion county delegation to secure the repeal of the law of 1911 which created the office of school supervisor. It is argued that the office is unnecessary and a waste of public money. Other offices have been recommended to be abolished but none so insistently as that of school supervisor. These demands are in general accord with the general opinion among electors here.—Aurora Observer.

## Facts About Shoes!

Oregon City Buyers Should Read Every Word of This.

## THE OREGON CITY SHOE STORE

is not a department or a clothing store. It deals in shoes, and shoes exclusively. Its owner knows shoes, and the shoe manufacturers who sell to him know that he knows shoes.

## THE OREGON CITY SHOE STORE

has made its reputation on SHOES, and Shoes alone. Its success depends upon its Shoe reputation, for it handles nothing else.

## THE OREGON CITY SHOE STORE

does not buy shoes that will admit of "marked down" or any other sort of sale. It charges just enough above cost to pay expenses of handling and give a reasonable profit. That's why you never hear of the OREGON CITY SHOE STORE having any of these "special sales" fake or otherwise. The Shoe buyer gets a hundred cents on the dollar at the Oregon City Shoe Store, and that's all he is entitled to; no more, no less.

## WHY NOT DEAL WITH A GENUINE SHOE STORE

If you want beef, you go to a butcher's shop. If you want shoes you go to a shoe shop. The Oregon City Shoe Store is the only exclusive shoe store in Oregon City. Doesn't it stand to reason that a store that sells nothing else but shoes, can give you better value for your money, than can a store that carries shoes only as a side line? Of course it does.

## BIG XMAS VALUES IN FELT GOODS MAKE DANDY PRESENTS

The world's greatest felt manufactory is the Alfred Dolge Felt Company, now known as the Standard Felt Company. Their Ladies' Felt Slippers are standard. The big New York Stores are featuring them. They are the latest thing in Felt Foot-Wear. Dainty designs; big wearing value; both warm and comfortable. We have them for men and boys also. Come in and see them.

## OUR LEADING LINES

## THE CELEBRATED HOLLAND BOYS' SHOE

Made in Holland, Michigan. If there are any better boys' shoes at the price, the Oregon City Shoe Store never heard of them, and it is certain no one else ever did. Lace and button.

## THE STACY-ADAMS SHOE

Everybody knows what that means. The Oregon City Shoe Store has a complete line—naturally.

## LADIES' SHOES

for all occasions and all weathers. The very best makes and brands, at the very lowest prices. The biggest line in Oregon City by far. The biggest possible choice.

## DRY SOX SHOE

for men, made by the Washington Shoe Company. Double stitched. Two full double soles. Rubber interlined. Water and weather proof. A complete line. Genuine foot comfort.

## DAYTON WORK SHOES

Made in Pennsylvania. The very best shoe for the worker who needs strong durable shoes that will keep his feet dry and warm. A Champion Shoe at a comparatively low price.

## RUBBER GOODS

Of course you know that rubber goods do not improve with age. The OREGON CITY SHOE STORE carries none but the season's output. Better still, they're made for this season's styles in shoes. Be wise and buy your rubbers where you know you are getting new rubbers.

There are on hand a few odd pairs of shoes, mostly odd sizes, left over from broken and sold out line, which can be bought cheap. You will find them on the front table.

## THE OREGON CITY SHOE STORE

Exclusive Dealers in HIGH GRADE SHOES

Opposite the Post Office

and Next to the Telegraph and Telephone Office.

MAIN ST., OREGON CITY, ORE.

TRADING STAMPS GIVEN WITH EVERY PURCHASE

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