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LET'S HAVE FREE DELIVERY OF MAIL.

If you have a package to send let it go through the postoffice if it is possible to do so. This will help increase the receipts of the office and in the end will be a benefit to everyone. All indications are that the postoffice receipts will be sufficient to justify free delivery the coming year. It is better to make the matter a certainty by giving the postoffice the benefit of what patronage can be thrown that way. The postal rules do not permit of "padding" or increasing the same by unusual means, but it is perfectly legitimate to give the postoffice all the patronage that can be thrown that way in the ordinary course of business. When the yearly receipts of the office amount to \$10,000 the free delivery question will take care of itself.—LaGrande Chronicle.

The people of Oregon City can heartily indorse the sentiment outlined in the foregoing. Similar conditions exist at the Oregon City postoffice. Free delivery of mail within the city limits we are informed by Postmaster Randall, can be secured for Oregon City by increasing the receipts of the office to \$10,000. By a reasonable patronage of the office, the required amount of receipts can easily be attained. Let's have a free mail delivery. Albany and Eugene are thus favored. Why not Oregon City?

THE NATION REMEMBERS THEM.

A veteran of the civil war, aged 71, was found dead in his humble quarters this week, and his body was taken to the morgue. Nothing was found in his pockets except his pension papers. There was a time when this man responded to the call of his country and offered his life to save the Union from disruption. The story of the sacrifices he made and the hardships he endured died with him. But he was not forgotten by a grateful government. His pension expired with him and can no more be a source of criticism as far as he is concerned. The total amount of pension money he received was small, but it stood between him and utter destitution. It is gratifying to know that his pockets contained a certificate of honor, if nothing more.

One of the things that contributed to the crushing defeat of the Democratic nominee for President was his statement that if elected he would rescind the executive order making the age of 62 a sufficient claim to a pension of \$6 a month. Is it any wonder that the popular plurality against that candidate is more than 2,000,000? He promised to recommend to congress a service pension on some basis not stated, but as a preliminary would bar away the veteran of 62 from \$6 a month. Such an attitude is practically a condemnation of the pension system. A party that tampered with it in an unfriendly spirit would be despised by the American people. Is Mr. Parker aware that there are over 200,000 pensioners in the United States who never fired a shot nor wore a uniform? They are the widows of soldiers. Money might be saved by neglecting them, but the American spirit holds them in esteem for their patriotism and gratefully protects them.

RUSSIA'S VANISHED FLEET.

The report from Tokio comes so often and so circumstantially that the Russian fleet in Port Arthur has been destroyed that the world will have to believe it. The persistence with which the Japanese had been firing on the fleet for the past week raised suspicions that the commanders on the ground had some doubts about its destruction. Now, however, that the fire is directed on the city instead of the warships in the harbor, the Japanese are at last satisfied that the fleet is out of the reckoning for good.

This is a great victory for the besiegers. With the warships inside the harbor out of the way, the Japanese commander can give his undivided attention to the two divisions of the Baltic fleet when they appear in sight.

On paper these squadrons are far stronger than the vessels which Papan has to oppose them. They are nearly double as large in men and guns as the fleets which the mikado has to block their way. Then, too, the Black sea fleet is talked about as a factor in the war. There is a diplomatic barrier in the way of passage of the Black sea vessels through the Dardanelles. England might brace up Turkey in opposing the transit. As England is the ally of Japan, she would have special reasons for opposing the passage of that strait by the Russian ships.

There will always be an element of uncertainty as to the duration of the war until the Russia's Baltic fleets at least are disposed of. There is not the faintest doubt as to the ability of the Japanese to defeat a very large superior number of vessels and men like those who sunk the British fishing craft in the North sea. Japan's fighters are veterans. They are not likely to get rattled, even in the face of overwhelming superior numbers. Accident, however, plays a part in wars, as in other enterprises, and Japan cannot afford to lose any more war vessels until the Baltic squadrons are disposed of. The possibility is that Russia is committing a serious blunder in sending any of its European fleets to Manchurian waters, but the men in charge of affairs in St. Petersburg have been committing blunders from the beginning, and this one will count for less than the error they committed in giving Japan the provocation in the first place which brought on the war.—Globe-Democrat.

SANTA CLAUS.

The old man is quite familiar to all of us. We used to call him "Sandy Claws" and our veneration for him in those juvenile days was very sincere, as was also the affection for the white whiskered philanthropist that developed in us as Christmas drew near. We never did see the reindeer outfit, except in our imaginations, and while we sometimes thought we would like to make personal acquaintance with "Sandy" yet when we were in our little beds on Christmas eve, and something perhaps wakened us in the night, maybe a mouse behind the baseboard, and it seemed to our nervous ears that deer hoofs were pattering on the roof, then we were just good and sure that we didn't desire any personal acquaintance at all with the fur-clad driver of the outfit. This coming down chimneys with three-foot dolls, ungainly hobby horses, etc. and working them around the stovepipe elbows was felt to be a mighty suspicious procedure, and although in the day time it was recognized to be awfully benevolent, at night there were other considerations. Quite so. However our friendship for "Sandy" was of constant quality, and it was not our fault that it did not abide. It was a very sad thing, a veritable calamity of childhood when the portals of knowledge were opened and "Sandy Claws" passed off our little stage, never to return. There is left to us a memory only, but it is soft and fragrant of life's springtime.

Among English speaking people, Santa Claus is the accepted name of the genius who ministers to the joys of the children at Christmas time. There are people who repudiate Santa Claus and all his works, but the chances are even that such people are troubled with obstreperous livers. Because Santa Claus is most in evidence at Christmas time, he is commonly dimly connected in the juvenile mind with church and Sunday school. But the scenes are different. Christ is associated with the hot sun and subtropical vegetation and surroundings of Santa Claus are of the cold north. Over the glistening snow he drives his reindeer outfit, himself well wrapped in furs to keep out the stinging frost. This is as it should be, for in real truth Santa Claus is a Russian hero. His name is a shortening of the syllables of the name of a real person a saint of the Greek Christian church, which is the national religion of the Russians. The name of this saint was Nicholas, and he was famed for his benevolence, and especial kindness to children. When he departed this life he was lovingly recorded upon the church calendar as a saint in heaven, and in that way has become known to us as St. Nicholas, from which, by a modification of the pronunciation, we get Santa Claus.—Oregon Observer.

When one looks over the exchanges and sees daily the names of Mrs. Chadwick and Nan Patterson together with other criminals the subject, for news features in the principal papers, one is almost forced to believe that cheap notoriety and sensation are what the public demands. But it is a mistake; the people do not demand or want this class of reading. It is an imposition and forces people to pay for a quality of news that degrades instead of uplifting our people. The press is the educator of the people. Why is it not true to its cause? Instead of elaboration

such news should be cried down and little or no space given for details. The outcome of these trials is of little interest and no good to the general public. Such a class of people are a danger and a menace to society and deserve no recognition. The sooner and the more quietly they are disposed of and forgotten the better it will be for all.—Exchange.

Charges of fraudulent counting of votes and other irregularities concerning any election on the part of a member of any election board are serious accusations to make and should only be preferred when there is convincing evidence of such fraud on which the criminal charge can be substantiated. The re-count Monday night by the city council of the vote for alderman in the First Ward at the December city election, is a complete exoneration of charges of fraudulent counting that were preferred against Constable H. W. Trembath, who officiated as one of the judges of the election in that Ward. The re-count changed the result by but a single vote in favor of Councilman Story, Councilman-elect David C. Williams having been regularly elected by a majority of two votes.

It would seem that the raising of turkeys would be a profitable industry for the Clackamas county farmer. Of recent years there has been a great scarcity of this fowl at the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons and the price has been correspondingly advanced until turkey meat is a luxury at 25 cents per pound. Local dealers were this year unable to supply the trade with purchases from Clackamas county producers and were obliged to ship birds here from Southern Oregon. With eggs at 35 cents a dozen and Turkeys selling at 25 cents per pound, and scarce at that, there certainly must be a sufficient profit in the poultry business to warrant a greater production of both.

The appointment of Senator Mitchell as chairman of the Isthmian Canal committee carries with it high honor and great responsibility. Besides, it is a fitting recognition of the statesmanship of the appointee and indirectly an appreciable recognition of the Pacific Coast whose interests are so closely allied with the success of the proposed canal.

What's the matter with Oregon City's municipal water works? After a thorough investigation, State Biologist Sweetser reports that the purification of the local water service is 99 per cent. Few cities have a purer supply and a more satisfactory water service than is enjoyed by the people of Oregon City.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY COURT.

Business Transacted at Regular December Term.

Be it remembered, That at a regular term of the County Court of Clackamas County held in the court house in Oregon City, for the purpose of transacting county business on the first Wednesday in December, the same being the time fixed by law for holding a regular term of said court, present Hon. Thos. F. Ryan, county judge, presiding; T. B. Killin, and Wm. Brobst, commissioners, when the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

- In the matter of warrants for paupers:  
John Avin 8.00  
Ellen Bridges 8.00  
C. E. Burns 5.00  
Wm. Dean, 6.00  
Arabella Imel, 15.00  
W. T. Gardner, 10.20  
Horton & Jack, 8.00  
J. A. Jones, 6.50  
M. Kruger, 7.00  
Geo. Mooney, 5.00  
L. Matherson 7.00  
W. H. Mattoon, 8.00  
J. S. McComb, 30.00  
Mrs. Mary Volckers, 8.00  
Mrs. Hattie Woods, 5.00  
R. G. Ogden, 5.00  
Mrs. Valentine, 7.00  
W. L. Molloy, 4.00  
W. J. Lewellen, 6.00  
Isaac Prindle, 8.00

Special Term, November 21, 1904.  
In the matter of canvassing the returns of votes of County for and against prohibition;

It appearing that there was cast for prohibition 1271 votes and against prohibition 2580, it was ordered that the matter of prohibition in the County as a whole is lost.

The precinct of Garfield, 37 votes were cast for prohibition and 17 against prohibition.

It is ordered that the sale of intoxicating liquors in said precinct is prohibited.

The precinct of Viola, 24 votes were cast for prohibition and 20 against.

It is ordered that the sale of intoxicating liquors in said precinct be and is prohibited.

In the matter of the repairs to the bridge across Sandy River near Pipe Line.

Repairs to said bridge having been completed and inspected and approved by the County Judge, it is ordered the same be accepted and that a warrant for \$750.00 be issued in favor of the Syndicate Investment Co. and the balance amounting to \$750.00 be drawn when the Portland Water Co. forwards its subscription of \$750.00 to the Treasurer of this county.

In the matter of lumber of County at Sandy Bridge;

proach to east end of bridge across Sandy near Pipe Line;

Bid of Syndicate Investment Co., for \$400, taken under advisement.

In the matter of good roads meeting at Salem, December 15, 16 and 17;

Invitations to visit same, and supervisors requested to accept same.

In the matter of county aid to William Danforth, indigent;

Ordered that he be allowed \$5.00 until further orders.

In the matter of clothing for Mr. Patton, a county charge.

Ordered that the matter be referred to Commissioner Brobst to purchase necessary clothing.

In the matter of bridges in road district No. 25;

Ordered that the supervisor repair the two bridges reported to be in need of repairs.

In the matter of repairs to Hood View road;

Ordered that \$100 be allowed district No. 35 to purchase plank and lay same.

In the matter of report of viewers of the I. L. Brackett road;

It appearing that said road is impracticable it is ordered that said petition be denied and expense of survey be paid by petitioners and bondsmen.

In the matter of the petition of Mr. Prather and others for order directing supervisor to move fence of one A. J. Millin;

It is ordered that the petition be and is hereby denied.

In the matter of repairs to plank road from Damascus to county line;

Ordered that offer of Sager & Wing to furnish 25,000 feet road lumber at \$4.00 per thousand, to be paid next May, be accepted, and that supervisor be instructed to lay same.

In the matter of petition of W. H. Bonney for telephone franchise on Clackamas Heights;

Ordered that petition be granted, subject to regulations of county court.

In the matter of salary of janitor of court house;

Ordered that salary of Janitor be \$60 from December 1st, 1904.

In the matter of assistance to Henry Watters, indigent person;

Ordered that \$10 be allowed each month until further orders.

In the matter of petition of G. A. Arndt and others for county road;

Ordered that viewers meet at place of beginning on December 19th, 1904.

In the matter of subscription list of G. A. Arndt and others to assist in building bridge between Union precinct and Barlow;

Ordered that the matter be laid over.

In the matter of covering the Killen bridge;

Ordered that the offer of E. L. Kenagy be declined.

In the matter of the claim of Wm. McDonald for damages in the sum of \$2000;

Ordered that said claim be and is denied.

In the matter of petition of E. H. Cooper, and P. H. Marlay for refund of money paid into treasury through error;

Ordered that a warrant issue to P. H. Marlay for the sum of \$5.89.

In the matter of repairs to Molalla road;

Ordered that offer of W. F. Harris to furnish 36,000 feet road lumber at \$6.80 per thousand be accepted and said Harris to proceed with delivery at once.

In the matter of cancellation of county warrant No. 11444 issued to Tom P. Randall, ex-county recorder;

At the request of said Tom P. Randall it is ordered that said warrant be and is hereby cancelled.

In the matter of the application of J. W. McKay to take rock out of county road;

Ordered that he be allowed the said privilege, subject to plans approved by the court, said privilege to be recinded at any time by county court.

In the matter of collection of delinquent taxes for the year 1903;

Ordered that said delinquent taxes be collected by the sheriff and that a warrant for same be issued by the county clerk.

In the matter of the publication of delinquent tax list for year 1903;

Ordered that said delinquent list be published as per contract, in the Oregon City Enterprise, the price to be: seven and one-half cents per line, for five insertions, if there be 8500 or more lines; eight cents per line if more than 7500 lines and less than 8500 lines; nine cents per line if more than 6500 lines and less than 7500, and ten cents per line if less than 6500 lines.

In the matter of statement of Sheriff Shaver relative to amount overpaid by him to County Treasurer;

Ordered that a warrant issue to said J. R. Shaver for \$16.14 amount so over paid.

In the matter of supervisor's reports examined and allowed;

- District No. 1.  
Sager & Wing, 12.40  
Meyer & Finn, 11.10  
A. Toucholke, 8.00  
J. Koch, 18.00  
Wm. Ralls, 2.00  
H. A. Andrews, 16.00  
J. Counsell, 20.00  
W. H. Counsell, 60.00
- District No. 2.  
A. Mather, 2.80  
Ward Jones, 6.00  
L. D. Jones, 33.75
- District No. 3.  
Sager & Wing, 7.00  
Jos. Bachman, 1.90  
Sager & Wing, 48.80  
A. H. Ritzau, 5.00  
H. Rittig, 6.50  
H. Wiese, 3.00  
O. Breithaupt, 3.00  
D. E. Byers, 3.00  
G. Hellmeyer, 1.00
- District No. 4.  
G. B. Linn, 2.50
- District No. 5.  
Boring Lumber Co., 16.00  
W. H. Boring, 30.00
- District No. 6.  
John Straus, 56.00  
Melnig Bros., 5.25  
Melnig Bros., 1.75  
J. H. Revenue, 15.00
- District No. 7.  
G. T. Beebe, 1.50  
W. S. Fegles, 3.00  
Jas. Fegles, 4.00  
W. S. Fegles, 4.50  
Jas. Fegles, 10.00

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# Suitable Xmas Gifts

The most appreciated gift is a useful article, such as a nobby H. S. & M. suit or overcoat, an up to date HAWES HAT, a stylish pair of W. L. DOUGLAS SHOES, a dainty pair of JULIA MARLOWE SHOES for the fair sex, an elegant line of CUTTER & CROSETTE NECKWEAR in the newest creations to select from, and the largest gents' furnishing goods stock in town from which to select useful articles at matchless prices. Our thanks are due and heartily tendered our great public for their appreciation of our efforts to place before them the values of their lives. Your generous patronage, home folk and visiting friends, during the earlier part of the autumn season assures us that we have succeeded beyond our fondest and most sanguine optimistic expectations, and it has made possible offerings of these surpassing bargains for your holiday needs. There are hosts of matchless values here. Come as soon as you can. First choice is always the

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Baby's Shoes, worth 50c for	.35
Child's Shoes, worth \$1.10 and 1.25 for	.95
Boy's Calf Shoes, worth \$2.00, for	1.68
" " " " smaller	1.22
Men's Fine Shoes	\$1.42, 1.69 and 2.20
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" " " " equal \$6.50 Cutter	5.45
" Slippers	23c, 48c, 63c .98
Sadies' Slippers	58c, 88c .94
hoe Laces, pair	.01

### GROCERIES

Oranges and Lemons, each	.01
Candy for Xmas	.08 up
Peanuts and Walnuts	.10
Fine Figs pound	.08
Seedless Raisins	.07
Fine Currants	.10
Cheese	11c to .15
Good Coffee	14c to .20
Fine Coffee, worth 25c, for	.15
Tea Dust, usually 25c, for	.15
Teas, usually 15c to 25 more	25c, 45c, .55
Cocoa, can	.10
Starch, 6c	Soda 4c Prunes .02 1/2
Washing Powders, pound	.04
Fine Bulk Lard, pound	.11
Flour	1.05 up
Good Chop, 90 lbs	.95
Good Syrup, 10 lbs pail	.45
8 quart Galvanized Pail	.15
Clothes Pins, 1c dozen	Clothes Line .05

### Dry Goods, Toys, Etc.

Fine Lot Hosiery, from factory, 10c up.  
Factory shipment Wool Hose; Misses Hose, worth 25c, for 18c;adies' Wool Hose, 25c up; Men's Wool Socks, 15c up to 25, and 27 1/2c for warm goods.  
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