

THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR OREGON CITY

Business Men, Manufacturers and Other Citizens Give Their Views of What Would be Welcome in Our City's Stocking

Frank Busch the House Furnisher on the Needs of a Public Wharf.

Frank Busch who is interested in all the good things that are started in Oregon City and vicinity when seen upon "What is the best thing for Oregon City's Christmas stocking?" did not for a moment hesitate to mention the one thing that Oregon City is in dire need of. "Oregon City needs a public wharf," he said, "and such a one can easily be arranged by the business men of this city and those of the surrounding country. In connection with such an enterprise could be established one or more commission houses which would be a boon to Oregon City. Farmers could bring their products to this city and the same could readily be disposed of and easily taken elsewhere. The Oregon City Transportation company has given us a very good service, but its wharf is crowded and the structure and the approaches are getting old and inadequate for the amount of business. Business men are now afraid to send their teams late in the day during the winter as it is not safe. Should all the business men or even the greater share of them join together, a public wharf would be of great advantage. Should the other transportation companies work against the proposition, a boat could be chartered by the association to carry the great amount of freight required in this city. We have an excellent location for such a wharf beyond the Y. M. C. A. building or near the foot of Twelfth street. The approach could be made a very easy one while any steamers that come up the river could land at any stage of the river.

"Then when such a proposition is in operation and then only can the business men of Oregon City be ready to dictate to the other transportation companies and secure proper switching places and approaches. The cost of unloading the cars of the Southern Pacific now days is unreasonable and require a great amount of labor,

while the rates of the O. W. P. are not to be thought of on account of the switching charges in Portland."

Manager of the Oregon City Foundry on Proper Switching Facilities.

Another of the business men of this city who has seen the want of better substitutes for the unloading of freight is J. A. Roake of the Oregon City Foundry, who perhaps receives more heavy shipments than any other business firm of Oregon City. Mr. Roake at once thought of the transportation problem and of the antiquated and primitive methods that are at present used in the unloading of cars. "Oregon City is greatly handicapped through the fact that the men that have much shipping are retarded by the one thing—a decent switching and landing place for the freight cars. The cost of bringing such heavy shipments to this city at the present time doubles the freight charges and often times we have been forced to pay unreasonable prices before heavy machinery is deposited at our foundry."

Mr. Roake finished by saying, "You may place the need of better transportation and switching facilities of Oregon City in the Christmas stocking. Yes, we are in need of them and we need them bad."

T. L. Charman on Anti-Kickers.

T. L. Charman, of the Charman Drug company, says to the Star man, "place the following down and make it plain:"

"WANTED—From 1,000 to 3,000 anti-kickers for Oregon City."

Mr. Charman went on to say, "The main trouble with Oregon City these days is the fact that there are too many kickers—too many people who are always on the alert when there is a philanthropic movement on, to move forward and phase it in some way or other. Even on the streets when one, who has the best interests

of the city at heart is telling a stranger of the advantages of Oregon City, there is invariably some who will take hold of that stranger and discourage him from locating in Oregon City and who always ready to tell him of the advantages of other localities. Yes, make it plain, for until Oregon City is made up of such men, this city will always have a hard proposition to contend with."

DESERTED BY WIFE PRAYS FOR DIVORCE

W. O. McKown Alleges His Wife Marguertha Has Willfully Abandoned Him.

W. O. McKown has instituted suit against Marguertha McKown for decree of divorce. Plaintiff states that they were married March 15, 1893, and have ever since been and are now husband and wife; that the plaintiff is and has been for more than one year next preceding the commencement of this suit a resident of this state; that the issue of said marriage are two children, Dyke Russell, 13 years of age, and Irene, a daughter of 6 years, both of whom are with the defendant, that more than one year ago the defendant without cause willfully deserted and abandoned plaintiff and has ever since continued and now continues to desert and abandon plaintiff against his wish, will and consent. Plaintiff asks for a decree forever divorcing him from defendant and for such other and further relief as may be equitable.

Newell Creek Bridge Finished.

A new bridge has just been completed over Newell creek, on the Morten road, put in partly by subscription and partly by the county.

Three carloads of shorts just in at Holmes' store, Parkplace.

It is reported from Washington that President Roosevelt will send a special message to Congress on the Japanese question in which he will declare the nation supreme to the state and say the Japanese have been wronged by the labor unions as well as by the San Francisco school board. Such a message is the strongest declaration of a third term that Roosevelt could make.

MANY MINISTERS RESPOND TO ROLL

FIRST SESSION OF EAST PORT. LAND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION M. E. CHURCH.

The Ministerial association of the East Portland District met in the First M. E. church Tuesday morning at 11 a. m. The devotions were conducted by the presiding elder, Dr. Rowland. The scripture lesson was read by D. H. Leech, and prayer was offered by J. C. Gregory.

The organization was completed by the election of brother G. O. Oliver as secretary. The following were introduced: Dr. H. D. Kimball and wife, Dean of the Kimball school of Theology; Prof. R. H. Washburne, Prof. of Church History; J. H. Fowler, T. J. Anthony and H. A. Ward, W. E. Ingalls.

The following were elected reporters; Thos. Maxwell to the Pacific Christian Advocate; J. H. Fowler to the Daily Star. The secretary for the Telegram, Oregonian and Journal.

The roll of the district was then called, and the following responded with a 3 minute talk on my plans for the year. Excellent reports were given as to the work already done, and the determination was expressed to expect still greater things. D. H. Leech of Woodburn, J. H. Fowler of Turner, T. Maxwell, Silvertown; W. H. Sallick, 1st Church Salem; A. D. Wagner, Sellwood; W. E. Ingalls, Lents; R. C. Blackwell, of Oregon City; Henry Spiers of Marquam, J. C. Gregory, Lebanon; Oscar Oliver, Jefferson, T. J. Anthony, Canby; J. W. McDougal, Albany; J. J. Patton, Viola; and T. B. Ford of Sunnyside, Portland, all gave a short response to their name.

The association then adjourned for dinner, being unable because of the lateness of the hour to consider the program that had been prepared for the morning service.

Men's Quartette Tonight.

At the session this evening of the Ministerial association the Men's Quartette will sing and the Rev. W. H. Hoppe of Centenary M. E. church will preach the sermon.

POSTOFFICE BOX RATES ADVANCED

It's Orders From Washington so Don't Blame Randall— Sunday Mail.

Postmaster Randall has received information from the department that all postoffices of the country will, starting from Jan. 1, 1907, charge for boxes the rate specified upon the table. The rates are classed according to the gross receipts of the office and Oregon City falls into the "\$10,000 to \$40,000 class" as the receipts amount to about \$13,000 per year. The boxes are also classed as to their cubic inch capacity. Under the new rate the boxes now renting at 50 cents will rent at 75 cents and the large drawer boxes, now 75 cents will be increased to \$1.50.

Persons who have their mail delivered to their houses by carriers during the week days can receive their mail on Sundays by calling at the carrier's window for same.

West-Hill.

Miss Parmella Y. Hill and Mr. C. H. West were united in marriage Monday evening at the Hill parsonage by Rev. Henry B. Robins. They left Oregon City the same evening for Clatskanie, Or., where Mr. West has purchased a motel business. Mr. West sold out a restaurant business in Douglas county just before coming to Oregon City.

Roller-McDonald.

Blanche McDonald and Charles D. Roller of Spokane county, Wash., were married in Justice Stipp's office on December 16, 1906, in the presence of F. W. Greenman and C. W. Stipp.

Abu Ruef, Mayor Schmitz and their numerous counsel were nearly swept from their feet in the San Francisco court Monday when Rudolph Spreckels from the witness-stand declared that Ruef had approached him with a proposal to precipitate a streetcar strike and riots in San Francisco and in the subsequent financial-depression purchase at low figure the \$18,000,000 worth of bonds issued by the city. Spreckels had been placed on the stand by the defense, the intention being to quiz him on the \$100,000 fund which he had raised to finance the graft investigation.

An incendiary fire destroyed the school house at Jacksonville, recently erected at a cost of \$16,000. Insurance on building \$10,000.

I. SELLING'S STORE

Holiday News

Only Three More Days For Your Christmas Shopping

We are ready to serve all the Holiday shoppers that will visit our store this week.

Xmas Handkerchiefs, elegant swiss embroidered effects, newest designs 10c 15c 20c

Fancy Back Combs with jewels and fancy settings 25 cents

Umbrellas, the finest made for Xmas trade; to suit all purses, sterling silver and pearl trimmed handles \$1 \$1.50 \$2

Women's Hand Bags, the latest styles, all solid leather and complete with extra fittings at \$1.25 \$1.50 \$2

Xmas Slippers, an immense showing of Women's and Men's slippers, all colors and styles from 50c to \$2.00

Christmas Bargains in all and every department. Don't put off shopping until the last few days, start in early while assortment is complete.

I. Selling

Complete Outfitters FOR WOMEN, MEN AND BOYS

INSPECTING EVERY ORCHARD IN COUNTY

A. J. Lewis Making Thorough Examination of all Fruit Trees in Clackamas.

A. J. Lewis, county fruit inspector, was in Oregon City Monday from his Maple Lane home. Mr. Lewis has been inspecting the orchards of the southwest section of Clackamas county and has served "notices of disinfection" to all who owned trees that were in bad shape.

The notice is very plain and any one can know at a minute's glance what is the matter with their trees and the kind of spraying solution needed. The owner is given a certain limitation of time to comply with the law and on failure to do so, the inspector's duty is to report to the District Attorney for action under the law.

Mr. Lewis says: "We are going over every orchard in Clackamas county; we have already visited and served notices in the southwest division of the county and the country between Lents and Milwaukie. The law will be enforced and the orchardists might just as well get busy right away."

PATRICK-BOODEAN CASE ON THURSDAY

Judge McBride will arrive in Oregon City Thursday for the special case of Mary Patrick vs. M. Boodean, which has been set before the circuit court. Mrs. Patrick has judgment against the defendant for the sum of \$665.70 and costs but defendant has since refused to make the payment, and this suit is to set aside a deed of property near Boring that Boodean made to his daughter, as heretofore related in this paper.

Spectators who crowded the court room in Portland, applauded loudly the verdict of "not guilty" brought in Thursday by the jury in the case of Orlando Murray, charged with killing his young sister's betrayer, Lincoln Whitney. One woman exclaimed "Thank God for it." The jury deliberated but 40 minutes and there was never any doubt of the verdict. The unwritten law for such cases prevails.

TRIAL OF BINGER HERMANN IS SET

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Representative Binger Hermann of Oregon will be tried in this city on February 4 next, on the charge of destroying 25 letterspress copy books alleged to have been a part of the official records of the general land office.

Quarter block at southwest corner of Fifth and Washington streets, Portland, has been sold by the Ladd estate to O'Shea Bros. for \$350,000 or \$3100 a front foot. A retail mercantile building occupies the site.

In report to Congress of his Panama trip, President Roosevelt favors the contract system for doing the work.

Trial of B. F. Boynton has begun for participation in the Sellwood election frauds.

Liquor License.

Notice is hereby given that we will apply at the next meeting of the city council for a license to sell liquor on Main street between Fourth and Fifth streets.

BENNETT & FORMAL.

HOLIDAY GOODS

Full stock at bargain prices. Ladies' fur top slippers.....85c Men's Slippers, 50c, 75c,\$1.00 New Bureau Scarfs 25c Fur Boas, 75c \$1.00\$1.25 Dolls, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c. Brush & Comb Sets 65c, 85c, \$1.00. New Toys, 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, up. Pretty Vases, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 19c. Albums, 5c, 10c, 25c, 49c, up. Gloves, Ribbons, Handkerchiefs, Bags.

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FANCY BALDWIN'S 75c and \$1 Per Box

Nothing finer in all this land of the Big Red Apple. Phone orders given prompt attention.

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Call and see our assortment of the many pretty styles here to select from. . .

- Watches for Boys from \$1.00 up
- Watches for Girls from \$2.00 up
- Ladies' Gold Filled Watches \$12 to \$20
- Ladies' Solid Gold Watches \$20 to \$75
- Gent's Silver Watches from \$7.50 up
- Gent's Gold Filled Watches \$10 to \$35.00
- Gent's Solid Gold Watches up to \$35.00

Remember

When you purchase of us, that you are not running any risk. We assume all the responsibility. All you have to do is to select the style. You are not looking at a picture of a watch, you are looking at a real watch. We tell you all about the quality of the case, of the make of the movements when you select it and then if the watch does not give satisfaction it is up to us to make our guarantee good. You simply return the watch to us and you are sure to find us at our old stand, the Bridge Corner, and always glad and ready to make good our guarantee.

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