

**LOCAL LORE.**

Advertisements in this column charged for at the rate of 15 cents per line.

**Wheat 63.**  
—Neal Murray of Albany, spent Christmas day at the Nolan home.  
—James Booth came over from Newport Wednesday for a Christmas visit.

—Mrs. L. L. Porter of Oregon City, arrived Wednesday and is the guest of relatives.

—Mr and Mrs H H Veatch arrived Tuesday for a holiday visit with Benton county relatives.

—Miss Erma Sutherland of Solo, arrived Wednesday, and is the guest of Miss Julia Randall.

—Miss Emma Benson returns today to her home in Portland, after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Edgar Jackson.

—W H Kaupisch arrived Wednesday from Halsey to take charge of the creamery during his father's absence in Portland.

—Walter Sheasgreen came in from Blodgett to spend Christmas day at his parents' home.

—The bans of marriage were announced for the first time at the Catholic church Thursday, of Henry Ridder of Soap Creek, to Miss Mary Kemp.

—Claud Gatch and family arrived by Wednesday morning's boat and are guests of relatives until the first of the year.

—The regular meeting of Corvallis Grange occurs this afternoon. Officers are to be elected and a full attendance is requested.

—The First Spiritual Union of Corvallis, will hold services at Barret Lyceum on Sunday at 3 p. m. All friends cordially invited.

—Services at the M E church tomorrow, morning and evening by the pastor, John Reeves. Subject of morning sermon, "Immanuel—God with us." Communion services following the morning sermon.

—Rev. G. S. O. Humbert will preach an object-lesson sermon at the Christian church next Lord's Day at 11 a. m., on the subject, "Writing a Book." Parents, bring your children. Subject at 7:30, "A Great Offer Rejected."

—The Albany-bound C & E train went out of town an hour late Wednesday on account of a trifling accident at the station. The switch was not thrown far enough over and the front trucks and one pair of the drivers on the locomotive were derailed. By use of various devices and an hour of time, the heavy machine was again landed on the track and the train proceeded on its way.

—Miss Edith Gibson arrived from Boston Tuesday evening. For three weeks after her return to Boston last August, she suffered with a violent attack of malarial fever, and up to present, is not wholly recovered from the effects. On this account, she was compelled to give up her work in music at the New England Conservatory, from which she would have graduated this year. She does not expect to accompany the family on a trip to California, but will remain for the present in Corvallis.

—Miss Martha Walker, who was committed to the insane asylum from Benton last week, is dead. The remains were brought to Philomath on the Corvallis & Eastern train Wednesday, and it is supposed that the interment took place at Oak Ridge Christmas day. Death occurred at asylum Tuesday. The deceased was about 72 years of age, and was deaf and dumb from birth. She was a sister of Jesse Walker, with whom she made her home for a long time.

—Joe is the American name of the Chinese Cook on the government snagboat, Mathloma. On a previous occasion THE TIMES had something to say of his ingenuity in the construction of a miniature boat run by clock work. Since that time he has evidently improved his skill. Now he presents for the admiration of his visitors a perfect model of a war cruiser, built almost entirely of tin, with turreted guns, conning towers, etc. Its motive power is four dry batteries, the force of which is transmitted to a three-inch propeller. The craft is two and a half feet in length and eight inches wide. When Joe sends it out for a cruise on the river, he accompanies it with a skiff to see that it does not run away and get wrecked in the rapids. The boat is equipped with reversible machinery and necessary switches.

—Arrangements are practically complete for the reception to be given by the Ladies Coffee Club on New Year's day. The hours will be from three to six p. m. In the evening there is to be an informal dancing party. All friends of the club are invited to the reception. Light refreshments will be served, comprising cake, coffee, cocoa and tea. The following committees will preside over the refreshment tables: cocoa, Mrs. Mary Bryson, and Mrs. Woodcock; tea, Mrs. E. H. Taylor and Mrs. Berchold; Coffee, Mrs. Sellig and Mrs. Charles Lee. The other committees are, refreshments in general, Mrs. B. W. Johnson and Mrs. Huston; invitation, Mrs. L. F. Wilson and Mrs. J. O. Wilson; executive, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Huston; informal party, Miss Davis, Mrs. Lilly and Miss Bessie Danneman; reception, Mrs. Callahan, Miss Helen Crawford, Miss Sarah Jacobs, Mrs. Lafferty, Mrs. Brunk, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. M. Elston Lee.

—Miss Love of Portland, is a guest at the Danneman home.

—Profs. Covell and Hayward leave today for Newport.

—President Gatch and his son Claud, leave today for Newport, for a brief vacation.

—After a visit with Corvallis friends, Mrs. P. F. Woodford returned yesterday to Portland.

—Mrs. C. L. Hicklin departed Friday for an extended visit with friends at Troutdale, Oregon.

—Mr and Mrs. Huston spent Christmas with Albany relatives. They returned home yesterday afternoon.

—Frank Groves of the Bremerton Naval yard is spending the holidays with relatives.

—Ross Finley is in town for the holidays. He is employed in an assay office in Portland.

—Mrs. Ellen Mundy arrived home Thursday from Portland, where she spent several days, visiting friends.

—A. F. Hershner, principal of the Gresham school, came home on Christmas day to spend the holidays with his family.

—James Taylor arrived Wednesday from California. He is very much improved in health, and will remain in Corvallis for the present.

—A young lady wants to do housework for her board while attending college. A young man wants a similar place. Address or apply to George Coote, Corvallis.

—The Christmas mails arriving at the local postoffice comprised fifteen sacks Wednesday, 28 sacks Thursday and 12 sacks yesterday.

—John Adams, who was for years in the auditing department of the old O. P. headquarters in Corvallis, is now a partner in a big mercantile establishment at Oregon City.

—Mr and Mrs. Hugh Smith are spending the holidays with Corvallis relatives. They are to remain until after New Years. Mr. Smith is employed in the tin and plumbing business at The Dalles.

—Some merchants declare the late Christmas trade to have been the best in years, and others complain of a falling off. It is probable that the average is something above the usual. It ought to have been, considering general conditions.

—Rev. Father Jurek, who is to go to a mission in Washington, is to leave about the middle of the coming month. The mission embraces several counties between Chehalis and Seattle, and Father Jurek is to be in charge. He has been nine years in the Corvallis parish, and is deservedly popular with his congregation and others who regret his departure.

—The delayed Eastern mails reached Corvallis on Christmas day. There was a huge mass of the matter, and it took the increased force of clerks in the postoffice far into the afternoon to complete the distribution. While the work was in progress, a large crowd congregated outside, waiting for letters and Christmas packages from far away friends and relatives.

—Mrs. F. P. Sheasgreen has been financier for the Corvallis Degree of Honor during the past six years, and she has qualified to serve during the ensuing year. As a mark of their appreciation of Mrs. Sheasgreen's services, members of the organization, at their regular meeting Tuesday evening, presented her with a handsome chateleine purse. The presentation was made by Mrs. Sarah Moore in a few appropriate words, which was responded to by Mrs. Sheasgreen in her usual happy manner.

—At the home of the bride's parents, in Job's addition, on December 24th, C. R. Franklin and Miss Clara Blakelee were united in marriage. Rev. H. O. Deck, of the Evangelical church, officiating. The bride is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blakelee, and the groom is a member of the well-known Franklin family of Corvallis. He is a machinist and electrical engineer and holds a good position at Anacortes, for which place the bridal pair started immediately after the ceremony and which they expect to make their future home.

—Complaints have been heard, finding fault because the boys who broke into Dunn's store were not punished. Of course it is always the other fellow's boy that the public wants the law to fall on. That always makes fault-finding. As to enforcing a penalty, it is always necessary to have a prosecuting witness, and when Mr. Dunn drew out of it, the wheels of justice were clogged. In the state's attorney's office, it is understood that as the investigation proceeded some of the boys who squawked, subsequently went back on their confessions. As to those who complain, it is probable that if they will make complaint and furnish sufficient evidence, conviction can be had. As to the boys, the complaint now made is a warning for them. Feeling has been aroused, and the next escapade is sure to result in an unpleasant ending.

**Notice to the Public.**  
On account of the advance in the price of blacksmith supplies, we, the undersigned, blacksmiths of Corvallis, have been compelled to raise the price after Jan 1st, 1903, to two dollars per horse, new shoes all around, and one dollar per horse, old shoes all around.  
W. M. Porter,  
Horning Bros,  
J. F. Phillips,  
L. V. Baker.

**IN SLOUGH AND DITCH**

Water Was There and so Was George Erastus—A Freshet Incident.

It happened during the late freshets, but as it is a sort of a water-logged story, it has been a long time coming to the surface. It concerns George Erastus Lilly. He visited his farm a good many miles west of Corvallis, on a certain stormy Sunday, and as there was water all over the face of nature that day, he made the trip on foot. He was belated on the return trip, and did not find him at the house of Mr. Dixon, five miles west of Corvallis, a suppliant for a night's lodging. Of course, he was accommodated, and he finally retired, telling the family that he would leave very early in the morning, and would not disturb them.

So he did. When he awoke he piled into his wet trousers without ever stopping to look at his watch. He stole out on tiptoe and took the road for town. It was dark as a stack of black cats outside, and there was water everywhere. Every ditch was running bank full, and every slough in the road was a raging torrent. George Erastus managed to fall into them all. He cooned fences and crawled over bridges in the dreary attempt to avoid the swollen streams, but even this was hazardous business, as George Erastus realized many a time.

For about two hours, as near as he was able to judge, George Erastus waded and walked and swam, and then arrived at the outskirts of Corvallis. In the town, no beacon light was burning, save that of the flickering street lamp. No light beamed a welcome from his chamber window, or sent out a thrill of delight from the cozy kitchen. Inside the house there was the solemn stillness of the night, and the door was locked. George Erastus' voice was thick with the water he had swallowed, and the driving and beating rain made more noise than could be. It was a long, long time, a very long, long time to George Erastus before he finally awakened the family, and got inside beyond the reach of slough water, and the stalking ghosts of half-drowned men.

After his family had bailed him out and partially restored his circulation, George Erastus enquired the time, and was solaced with the news that it was about four a. m. and that he had left Dixon's at two about four or five hours earlier than was his purpose.

**To the Public.**

Beginning January 1st, the delivery wagons of both Corvallis meat markets will be discontinued, and all meats will be carried to customers in all parts of the city by the general delivery. They will give an all day service, instead of only a morning delivery as heretofore. Smith & Hunt, Wicks & Lilly.

Nolan & Callahan's holiday presents are all worth one hundred cents on the dollar the day after Xmas.

**To be Sold Saturday**

I hereby give notice that on Saturday December 27th at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, I will sell to the highest bidder, the old cable that has been in use on the Corvallis ferry, sale to be at ferry landing.

V. E. Watters, County Judge.

**For Sale.**

A twelve room house and six acres of land on College Hill. House fitted with modern improvements, three fire places water supply from good windmill and tank located on premises. For terms apply to E E Wilson, Corvallis Oregon, or H T French, Moscow, Idaho.

If you want a suit of clothes at a price to please for the wear—men's and boy's—We have them for you. J. H. Harris.

**Christmas Oysters.**

Hand in orders now. Ample supply can be obtained if sufficient notice is given. Apply at Commercial restaurant.

**"Burgoo" Dinner.**

The ladies of the M E church S will give a dinner and supper on Women's Day, December 30th, at the rooms of Mrs. Hemphill south of the postoffice. The dinner is styled a "Burgoo" dinner and will be especially appropriate for the W O W and candidates.

**For Sale.**

Poland China Hogs, Shropshire bucks Polled Angus cattle, and 85 head of goats. Also a few bushels left of cheat and Speltz seed.

L. L. Brooks, Corvallis.

**Diamonds**

Diamond Rings.  
Diamond Ear Drops  
Diamond Brooches.  
Diamond Studs.  
Diamond Stickpins.  
E. W. Pratt, Jeweler & Optician.

**The Christmas Stir IS NOW ON At S. L. Kline's.**

You should not fail to be numbered among the lucky purchasers this week. Now is the time and this is the place to buy your Christmas Presents.

**Toys and Holiday Goods Galore. The Collection is Complete, so don't delay.**

**Our Christmas Dolls**

They are the kind that every little girl wants, and you can secure a whole family here. We have them in all sizes, from a tiny baby doll to a great big beauty, from 5 cents to \$5.00.

**Gollar, Guff & Glove Boxes**

Always suitable for a Christmas present for a lady or gentleman friend, 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00.

**Purses and Ghatelaine Bags**

In all the latest novelties, from 25c. to \$3.00.

**Albums**

25c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00.

**Hand Mirrors**

Articles that are always useful, 25c. 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.50.

**Gloves & Suspenders**

For quality and style our line can not be excelled. Gloves, 25c. to \$1.50. Suspenders, 10c., 15c., 25c., 50c.

**Toilet Cases**

The prettiest line we have ever shown, in ebony, sterling and celluloid, 50c. 75c. \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00.

**Neckties and Mufflers**

Never before have we shown so large and complete assortments. The newest ideas in silk designs. Prices, 25c. to \$1.50.

**Special Sale of Men's Suits**

Part of our clothing was late arriving and we have placed them on sale at a 10 per cent. reduction. These are the famous Hart, Schaffner & Marx make, quality guaranteed. A good chance for X-mas present.

**Pictures and Decorated Ware**

Matted carbon mounts and medallions. A very pretty line of decorated ware, all at popular prices.

**Holiday Slippers**

For ladies and men. Slippers are an ideal present. Our line is large and attractive.

Prices, 50c. 75c. \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00.

**Ping Pong**

A royal game, or table tennis, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00.

**Silverware**

In broken pieces and sets, from \$1.50 to \$7.00.

So varied are our assortments of pleasing things, and the prices range so wide, that selections to suit every individual's taste can be made at

**S. L. KLINE'S, The White House, Regulator of Low Prices.**

**KINGSBURY HATS**  
Made to wear  
Sun, alkali dust or rain do not phase them.



**Not a Soul**  
Can buy a sole sounder than the sole sold by us in our Top Round Shoes for men. Always \$3.50, never less.

**Kuppenheimer**  
Guaranteed  
Clothes Are:  
Faultless in fit; the standard of fashion, tailored perfectly; the long-service kind; par value; seasonable in every way; the absolute-satisfaction or money-back kind.

**See our New Line of Lace Curtains.**

**New Railroad in Corvallis.**  
We refer to those in our Toy Department. We've enough Tin Horns, Whistles and Drums to make life miserable. Those who like first pick among the pretty and not to be duplicated things will appreciate our early Christmas showing. We have Dolls of all nationalities, in fact everything in the toy line, from a Jack-in-the-box to an Automobile. Bring in the children and see all the toys. They're new. You didn't pick over them last year nor year before.

**F. L. Miller,**  
Corvallis, Oregon.



**HOSIERY TALK**

One of the lines we are proudest of is our hosiery—hosiery for men, women, boys and misses.

**Iron Clad**

This is the trademark of the kind of hosiery we sell—clad your feet with "Iron Clads."

**At Miller's.**

