

LOCAL LORE.

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—Born recently, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Foster, a son,
 —Regular meeting of the Coffee Club Monday afternoon at 1:30.
 —George Caley arrived Thursday and is spending the holidays at his home.
 —Mrs. Burnett has arrived from Albany and a guest at the Grefroz home.
 —Smith Mann arrived Wednesday to spend the holiday vacation with his parents.
 —Eugene Guard—Rev. T. S. Hansaker of Corvallis, is visiting his parents in this city.
 —Mrs. Sarah Moore has issued cards for an "At Home," Wednesday afternoon, December thirtieth.
 —Mrs. A. C. Barclay and children arrived Wednesday from Portland and are guests of Mrs. Sarah Moore.
 —There will be services at the Catholic church tomorrow. Mass will be an hour later than usual. Evening services at 7:30 p. m.
 —The regular services will be held at the M. E. church South, tomorrow morning and evening. League at 6:45 p. m. and Sunday school at 10 a. m.
 —Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Smith and son, arrived from Salem Thursday, and are guests at the home of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gilbert.
 —Alfred Schummel, whose father was recently buried, is here from Tulare, Calif., to look after the condition of his relative's estate. It is probable that the widowed mother will go to California to reside.
 —The First Spiritual Union of Corvallis will hold services tomorrow in Barrett Lyceum. Doors open at 2:30. Service at 3 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.
 —Phillip Fowler is the name of a new arrival who has come to Corvallis with his family to reside. Mr. Fowler is a first class blacksmith, and has accepted a position at J. T. Phillips' well known establishment.
 —Eugene Register—Contractor W. L. Heckart and wife were passengers on today's train going to Bruce, Benton county, on a Christmas visit. He will return after the holidays while Mrs. Heckart will stay for several weeks.
 —Three sheep, killed by a wolf, were found dead on the farm of Thomas Taylor, in Lobster the other day. Sapp Brothers of the vicinity heard of the incident, and the following day put bounds on the track of the animal. Within a short time a cougar was traced, and a bullet from the rifle of Clarence Sapp killed him. The carcass measured nine feet from tip to tip.
 —Fifty head of stock sheep are said to have changed hands this week at a dollar per head. P. A. Kline was the purchaser. The ruling price of stock sheep however, is \$1.25 to \$2. The price will undoubtedly get better as the winter advances. The high price of feed and the over supply of sheep is the chief cause of the decline in values. Good beef is now quoted at three and a quarter, which is a slightly better price than recently ruled. A well known dealer freely predicts that beef will be three and a quarter or better in the spring.
 —Work is progressing on the new cement building that Bert Thompson is erecting on Main street. The walls have been completed above the first story, and are gradually nearing the top of the second. A layer of cement is laid on the wall on one side of the building, and while it is hardening, a similar addition is made to the wall on the other side. It is expected now that the building will be ready for occupancy about March 1st. The lower floor is to be occupied by the furniture and music establishments of O. J. Blackledge. The lower floor is 70 by 25 feet and the upper floor is 50 by 25.
 —Business is rushing at the express office now. The arrival and departure of Christmas packages makes a volume of business that the force available is only able to handle with extreme difficulty. On the railroad the Christmas business is so great in amount that messengers are buried under it. Such a crush is expected always as holidays approach, but this year is a record breaker. Incidentally, too, the volume of business at the local office shows an increase during the past year to the amount of \$150 to \$200 per month. The fact indicates a healthy growth of population in the district tributary to the office. That is to say, there are more people to send and receive packages.
 —A correspondent writing from Philomath, says: The department of education at the College of Philomath gave a recital Tuesday night that from start to finish delighted the audience which packed Kezel chapel to overflowing. Prof. M. Good-nough's rendition of Valse Brillante by Schulhoff, Rondo Capriccioso by Mendelssohn, and Valse Brillante by Moszkowski was a brilliant exhibition of technical skill. He possesses marvelous powers of interpretation. Miss Mabel Cronise delighted the audience in two charming selections. Miss Cronise's style is entirely free from the affectation that so frequently characterizes the performance of trained singers. Her vocal performances show her tutorage to have been strictly classical.

—Mrs. M. Jacobs entertained the social Whist Club last Saturday.
 —Little Gertie Sechler is seriously ill at the Sechler home with pneumonia.
 —Mrs. Martha Burnett is spending Christmas with her son Bruce, at Falls City.
 —A new walk will soon be in service between Mrs. Mason's and the Mann Furniture store.
 —Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hall are spending Christmas at the home of their son, Harley Hall, near Corvallis.
 —Workmen are laying a two inch main through the alley in the rear of the Fisher and S. L. Kline brick on Main street.
 —Mrs. Ellsworth Irwin went to North Yamhill Wednesday to spend Christmas with her mother and other members of the family.
 —Theodore Barnhart is painting a sign one and a half by sixteen feet for a new bank at Condon. It is to be shipped there in a few days.
 —Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bergan, of Ellensburg, Wash., is in Corvallis on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Will Horning. The ladies named are sisters.
 —Representative Hayden arrived Thursday from attendance on the extra session at Salem, and is to leave Saturday for his home in Alsea.
 —Many of Otto F. L. Herg's friends sported fine Havanas Wednesday at the former's expense, all because there is a new baby girl at his home.
 —Walker, the O. A. C. Center, who has been employed during the holiday vacation at Harris' store, left Thursday for Portland to spend the holidays with his parents.
 —Mrs. Fred Adler arrived Wednesday night from near Condon. She is a sister of Mrs. W. A. Buchanan, and came to be at the bedside of the latter, who is seriously ill.
 —Mrs. Martha Burnett, Mrs. M. A. Cannan and possibly the elder Mrs. Pernot, expect to leave for California Monday. Mrs. Huston and Helen will probably be members of the party.
 —Chester Avery arrived Thursday from Southeastern Oregon, and will remain in Benton during the winter. He still has a band of cattle in Lake county, but they have been placed in the hands of other parties for feeding purposes and will not require Mr. Avery's attention this winter.
 —Invitations are out for the New Year's reception to be given by the Ladies Coffee Club. The function transpires at Firemen's Hall from 2:30 to six, New Year's afternoon, and as on all former occasions of the kind, is certain to be very popular and successful. The invitation is general.
 —Miss Anna Thompson was hastily summoned to Portland Wednesday on account of an accident to her sister, Mrs. Joseph Ebner, formerly of Corvallis. A news item in Wednesday's Oregonian relates that Mrs. Ebner was accidentally caught between two street cars, and was badly shaken up. Her injuries are not serious.
 —Ben Elain has resigned his position as mail carrier on R. F. D. Route number 2. The resignation is to take effect as soon as his successor can be qualified. O. E. Connor has been named for the place, and has given bonds. As soon as the bond is approved, Mr. Connor will go on the route. The change will probably be made in a few days.
 —The three-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Norton was buried in Masonic cemetery yesterday afternoon. The family arrived Tuesday from Bantre, and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kizer. They came for medical aid for their babe, but the child died the afternoon of their arrival. Mrs. Norton is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kizer formerly of Blodgett.
 —Mr. Miller and family arrived Wednesday from Indian Territory, and have come to Benton to reside. They are the advanced guard of several families who will also pitch their tents here if Mr. Miller's report of conditions is favorable. Mr. Miller says that many people in his part of the country have their eyes on Oregon, and are only waiting a favorable opportunity to seek new homes in the West.
 —W. L. Sharp and A. Hodes were the lucky ones at the raffle for the live deer Tuesday evening. Chances on the animal were sold to the amount of about \$25. Previous to the raffle there was much speculation as to which of the participants would have a fine piece of venison for his Christmas table. It turns out, however, that the deer will not appease the holiday appetite of any one. It was purchased from the winners by J. Wraga, who sent it to Newberg, where a suitable enclosure will be provided for it.

THIRTY SIX DEAD.
 Is it Cougar or Mushrooms?—Fatality Among Ed Blake's Goats.

It turns out that, instead of fifteen, there are 36 dead goats on the farm of Ed Blake, who resides on Soap Creek. In Saturday's TIMES it was recounted how the number was fifteen, and that the fatality is supposed to have resulted from eating toadstools or mushrooms. The goats were running in the timbered hills on the western part of the farm, and the dead ones were found on Tuesday of last week. It was also related that some of the dead goats were found partly covered with dirt and rubbish, as though some marauding wild animal had secreted the carcasses.
 Mr. Prindle, who came in from the farm Wednesday morning, relates that the number of dead goats is 36, instead of fifteen. They are a part of a band of 200 that Mr. Blake was pasturing in the fir timber in the hills. In the stomach of one goat that was subjected to a post mortem examination, mushrooms were found. It was also noticed that the plants, which were abundant in the vicinity had been bitten off. All this tended to set up a theory that the fatality resulted from eating the plants, and accordingly a quantity of the mushrooms, taken from the vicinity have been sent to the TIMES office, whence they were placed in the hands of Prof. Pernot, bacteriologist at the college. Professor Pernot will investigate the plants to determine whether or not they are poisonous. Unfortunately for the purposes of the examination, a stomach with its contents from one of the dead goats was not sent. In case death resulted from eating the mushrooms it might of happened either from acute indigestion, or from poison, and a more accurate result could have been reached if an examination of one of the stomachs and its content could have been made.
 According to the statement of Mr. Prindle, a cougar or other wild animal may have had a hand in the killing of the goats. Tracks were found that were so large that they are believed to have been that of a cougar. At the spot there was much moss and other rubbish, and a clear imprint of the footprint could not be found. As stated last Saturday many of the carcasses were found partly covered, which is certain indications that a wild animal was on the scene about the time of the fatality.
 With goats worth \$4 and \$5 per head, Mr. Blake's loss is considerable. The survivors in the herd have been taken from the timber and are now grazing in a safer locality.

HUNTERS ARE DISGUSTED.
 New Law Prohibits Killing of China Pheasants—What Hunters Say.

As for bottled wrath, there is more of it Corvallis now than there has been in town since the coyote and the red skin were the only residents. There was more profanity and more threat of damage to life and limb Thursday afternoon and since that Carrie Nation could arouse in a four weeks raid on the saloons of the country. Even members of the church were heard to say, "damn," "Dog on it," "by jinks," and a whole lot more words dreadful to hear.
 The whole trouble is over the action of the legislature in passing a law which prohibits the killing of China pheasants until the year 1906. The news came like a thunderclap in a clear sky, and it sent every sportsman in town on his feet swearing like a sea captain. The news spread over town like wild fire and within an hour every hunter in town looked as though he would start to the graveyard to sit awhile among the headstones in the dismal evening time. Ed Wilson appeared as though suffering with a bad attack of colic, and Sheriff Burnett like some incurable ailment had hold of him. The universal verdict was that the legislature had made a sublime donkey of itself.
 The new law passed with but few votes against it. The arguments used for it were that the pheasants were fast disappearing, and that unless killing was prohibited for a time, they would disappear altogether. Representative Cornut of Linn, combatted this assertion and said there are as many pheasants now as at any time before and that if the law should be passed he should hate to go home among his constituents.
 The law will only be effective in increasing the number of law breakers. Pheasants will be killed regardless of the law, the hunters say, because they are plentiful, and there was no reason for passage of the new act. They think the next legislature will be prompt in repealing the measure.

HIS GOOSE POND.
 But he Couldn't Shoot Wild Geese There—Now he is Mad.

Jesse Foster was in town Wednesday, and was in that frame of mind that usually comes to a man who falls six or seven times over a rocking chair when he is seeking his virtuous couch in the darkness. That is to say, Mr. Foster was mighty mad, not at the family rocking chair, but at goose-hunters. His anger was serious enough, it is related, that he sought the advice of lawyers, and that he has gone home, prepared for war if necessary.
 There is a pond on his place, where the geese roost at night time. Briar bushes are around the spot, and hunting there is transcendently attractive as well as easy. As a result, the hunters round about have shot there a great deal notwithstanding the fact that the farm is plastered all over with trespass notices, which warn sportsmen to stay away.
 It was all right with the farm owner until he wanted a goose himself. But the shooting was so constant each evening that it dawned on Foster that if he ventured down he might get shot. Nevertheless, he sallied down to the pond the other night, feeling all the time that there was danger in every step, and sure enough as he got near, "bang, bang," went a dozen shots with geese and goose shot flying in his and every other direction. In consequence, he went home without a goose, and madder than if he had fallen over forty rocking chairs. It is time now for the neighbors to give Jesse a chance at his goose pond.
 The celebrated stilltoe pocket knives at the Bicycle Hospital. Every blade warranted.

A MONTANA TOUGH.
 Gives Officers Much Trouble to Land Him in Corvallis Jail.

A big, raw-boned, tough-looking husky, pretty well jagged, got off the west-bound C & E. train Wednesday. On the cars he had been boisterous and disorderly, drinking frequently from a bottle and otherwise conducting himself in a disreputable manner. He loafed about the depot for a couple of hours and there made himself as disagreeable as possible to parties in the vicinity. When it was suggested that he seek a hotel, he at once became belligerent. Station Agent Cronise telephoned for the police and Chief Lane and Night Officer Osburn were soon on the scene. The fellow resisted arrest, and it was finally necessary to call the assistance of several other persons and a dray. After a hard struggle he was bound to the dray and thus conveyed to the city jail. Upon being freed when the jail door was about to be closed he darted at Osburn as if to strike that officer, but was intercepted in time to save the ruffian a battered skull, as Osburn had drawn back with a massive padlock in his hand. A search of the fellow's person was rewarded by \$3.60 in cash. He pretended to be from Butte, Montana.
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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