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It will be an interesting place  
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Besides a big display of  
all the latest novelties in  
toys of every kind and the  
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of Albany, Oregon removed to 350  
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From, Including all things required in Fitting up  
an Elegant House.

There are Low Prices and a  
Choice Line to select from.

CALL ON BLACKLEDGE  
FOR CHRISTMAS GOODS.

## A SEVERE STORM

GREAT WINDS RAGE EAST  
OF THE ROCKIES.

Thermometer Falls to 34 Degrees  
Below Zero—Telegraph Lines  
Disabled and Railroad  
Trains Delayed—Four  
Men Killed in Ex-  
plosion.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—One of the se-  
verest storms of recent years has  
raged throughout the territory ly-  
ing between the Rocky Mountains  
and the Great Lakes since early  
this morning, and has caused much  
trouble to street-car companies,  
railroads and telegraph companies.  
The latter were the greatest suffer-  
ers from the blizzard, which swept  
through the west and northwest  
during the last 24 hours, and which  
was preceded by a heavy fog and  
drizzling rain, which made the  
wires almost unworkable.

The intense cold and terrific gale  
that followed close upon the fog  
coated the wires with ice, and later  
in the day through poles to the  
ground, crippling the companies  
badly. Railroad trains were badly  
delayed all threw the West,  
some of them being 24 hours late.  
Street-car traffic in all the cities of  
the west and northwest was practi-  
cally at a standstill at some time  
during the day.

In its extent the storm was the  
most widespread of any during the  
last 15 years. Counting the fog as  
a component part of the storm, it  
stretched from the Rocky moun-  
tains to New York, and from Win-  
nipeg to New Orleans.

At 10 o'clock tonight the storm  
was reported as subsiding at Kan-  
sas City and other points in a north  
and south line from that city.

At Chicago and east of here the  
storm was still raging with great  
violence and was expected to con-  
tinue throughout the night, the  
center of the storm being between  
Chicago and Cleveland. Reports  
from Kansas City early in the day  
were that the storm extended from  
the middle of Missouri as far south  
as Indian territory, and police  
police were stationed to turn  
back light delivery wagons, which  
would infallibly be turned over if  
they attempted to pass the corners  
ahead of them.

Between noon and 7 o'clock in  
the evening the mercury dropped  
from 34 to 11 and was still falling.

Fort Gaines, Ga., Dec. 28.—The  
farmers and merchants met today  
and decided to burn their share of  
2,000,000 bales of surplus cotton.  
A starter was made today, when a  
bonfire was made of cotton on the  
streets at Fort Gaines. It is not  
yet determined where it will stop.  
The farmers have decided to set the  
pace, and are moving determinedly.

A large crowd paraded with much  
spectacular ceremony. The object  
is to show that the farmers are  
ready to sacrifice a few bales for  
the benefit of the masses.

New York, December 28.—  
Nan Patterson, the former show girl  
who is in the Tomb's prison charged  
with the murder of Caesar Young,  
was in better spirits today than at  
any time since the second jury  
which heard the testimony in her  
case reported that they were unable  
to agree upon a verdict. She be-  
lieved she said, that the freedom  
for which she has longed for more  
than six months was about to be  
granted. Telegrams had come to  
her from Wheeling, W. Va., an-  
nouncing that four prominent men  
in that city were prepared to fur-  
nish bail for her in any amount up  
to \$50,000. If the offers from  
Wheeling have been made in good  
faith, it is probable that the court  
will be asked within a few days to  
fix the amount of bond.

While Miss Patterson would not  
reveal the names of the Wheeling  
men who offer to go on her bond,  
dispatches from that city say they  
are Charles W. Swisher, secretary-  
of-state-elect, of Wheeling, and H.  
J. Price, a merchant; T. A. Dave-  
ney, a lawyer, and Howard Black,  
a banker of Fairmount.

Miss Patterson's counsel conferred  
with Assistant Attorney Rand  
today. Afterwards it was learned  
that both sides desired delay, and  
it seemed probable that Miss Pat-

erson will not be put on trial again  
for several months.

Mc Patterson spent part of the  
day with his daughter in the  
Tomb and said after leaving there  
he feared she was going insane.

"She is broken down comple-  
tely," he said. "I tell you my little  
girl is a physical and mental wreck.  
I am afraid that her mind is giving  
away under this dreadful strain.  
She is worse than she was when she  
collapsed after hearing of the jury's  
disagreement. I have sent for our  
family physician."

Dr. McGuire was sent for later,  
and after examining Miss Patterson  
said:

"Miss Patterson is in a highly  
nervous and even a hysterical con-  
dition, but in my judgment there  
need not be any fear of insanity  
from present indications. She  
laughs a good deal, but the laugh-  
ter is of a hysterical character rather  
than from any impulse that ap-  
pears like insanity. She needs  
good care and constant watchful-  
ness and companionship. The lat-  
ter, as we all know, cannot be very  
well supplied in a prison."

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 28.—Three  
men were killed instantly and two  
injured, one so that he died soon  
afterwards by an explosion of four  
boilers at the sawmill plant of Wal-  
worth & Neville, at Wallville,  
Wash., shortly after 1 o'clock this  
afternoon. Almost immediately  
after the mill started for the after-  
noon run a terrific explosion occurred.

The cause of the explosion is un-  
known. The mill plant had been  
shut down for repairs and only suf-  
ficient steam was kept up to run  
the cross arm factory, and for the  
dry kilns. The boilers were in-  
spected by the official inspector of  
a boiler insurance company ten  
days ago, and were pronounced all  
right. The plant is situated on  
Rock Creek, 27 miles west of Che-  
halis, on the Chehalis & South  
Bend railroad. When the mill is  
running, 100 men are employed in  
the plant. The mill stands direct-  
ly north of and near the railroad.  
The boiler house leans against the  
mill building on the west side.

The fact that the mill proper was  
not running accounts for the small  
number killed, as a large number  
of men work within a few feet of the  
boiler-house, in the mill, about the  
saw, carriages and rolls. The mill  
was badly wrecked by the explo-  
sion. The damage is estimated at  
several thousand dollars. The  
cross-arms plant is situated some  
distance west of the main mill. The  
mill is one of the best equipped in  
this section of the state, and did a  
large business in timbers and the  
manufacture of crossarms.

At Kings Valley.

The Christmas tree at the Evan-  
gelical church was well loaded with  
presents.

Ernest and Sam Eddy of O. A.  
C., and James Chambers and Fred  
Groshong, from Portland, are  
spending the Holidays at home.

Mr. Seibert is doing a good busi-  
ness in photography in the Valley.

Art Miller is doing good work at  
logging although he has a good  
deal of mud to contend with.

E. O. Frantz has found a curiosi-  
ty in the shape of breach of an old  
fashioned gun. He found it near  
where Old Fort Hasking stood. He  
has not been able so far to find any  
one who has ever seen anything  
like it.

The hills have a very thin coat  
of snow. Some trees are full of  
apples yet.

There were dances at Tom Alex-  
ander's and David Kibbey's last  
Friday night. A pleasant time is  
reported from both. Uxo.

Olives in bulk, fresh and fine, at  
Hornings's. d21tf

I am Here to Stay—Attention

Owing to our inability to get a  
location on the street, we have  
opened our store over First Nat-  
ional bank, in room 12 for a short  
time.

We have a nice stock of gold  
jewelry which we shall be pleased  
to show you, and at prices below  
anything you have seen. We do  
all kinds of watch and jewelry re-  
pairing. Come and see us before  
buying your Xmas presents and be  
convinced of the truth.

D. E. Matthews,  
Room 12 over 1st Nat'l bank.  
d14-tf

## OTHERS INDICTED.

GRAND JURY FILES SEVERAL  
NEW INDICTMENTS IN  
LAND-FRAUD CASES.

S. B. Ormsby, W. H. Davis and  
C. E. Loomis to Undergo Trial  
—All said to Be Mixed  
Up in Land Ring—Two  
Others Included.

Portland, Dec. 28.—The Federal  
grand jury made its second public  
appearance yesterday afternoon, at  
which time it returned indictments  
against Salmon B. Ormsby, of Sa-  
lem; William H. Davis, of Albany;  
Clark E. Loomis of Eugene; Hen-  
ry A. Young, George Sorenson, of  
Portland; John Doe and Richard  
Roe. The charge is that the in-  
dicted men entered into a conspi-  
racy on December 29, 1901, having  
as their object the defrauding of the  
government of the United States  
out of a portion of its public lands  
in township 11 south of range 7  
east, and that by means of false and  
forged applications, false and for-  
ged affidavits and proofs of home-  
stead entry and settlement, some  
in the names of real and some in  
the names of fictitious persons, the  
government was induced to issue  
patents to the lands.

It is charged that in furtherance  
of the conspiracy, William H. Da-  
vis swore to an affidavit before S.  
B. Ormsby in which he said he had  
resided upon the claim taken by  
him as the law required, and it is  
also alleged that the conspiracy was  
a part of the one entered into by S.  
A. D. Puter, Horace G. McKinley,  
D. W. Tarpley and Emma L. Wat-  
son.

In the indictment just returned  
William H. Davis, mayor of Alba-  
ny and chairman of the republi-  
can county central committee of  
Linn county, is the central figure.  
Ormsby and Loomis, Sorenson and  
Young have all been before the  
public from the opening of the land  
fraud trial several weeks ago, but  
Dr. Davis had not been brought in-  
to the case by the government un-  
til the latter part of the week just  
passed, when he appeared before  
the grand jury by his own request.

The government expects to prove  
by the evidence against the Albany  
man that he went into the conspi-  
racy to defraud the government  
knowingly, and a year after he had  
abandoned his claim as the result  
of a correspondence with the land  
office at Washington.

The story shows that Davis went  
into the forest in 1892 in company  
with William Horn, a timber loca-  
tor, of Albany. Horn located him  
on a claim and built a cabin for  
him in the same year. The cabin  
was afterward destroyed by a tree  
falling upon it and the next year  
Horn built another. In  
1893 Dr. Davis went to his claim  
for a day or so, and again in 1893  
he spent a short time there on a  
fishing trip. He also went fishing  
in the vicinity in 1895.

Dr. Davis made his final proof  
before R. B. Montague, of Albany,  
in 1900 and swore that he had cul-  
tivated five acres of ground each  
year since residing on the land;  
that he had raised crops and had  
made the place his residence except  
for short periods in the winter,  
when he was obliged to leave to  
make a living for himself and fam-  
ily.

In 1901 C. E. Loomis came to Al-  
bany to make a report on the  
claim of Dr. Davis, in connection  
with about 45 other claims held up  
by the department. It is said the  
doctor became uneasy about this  
time and wrote to Binger Hermann,  
then commissioner of the general  
land office, asking his advice in re-  
gard to his filing. He also asked  
Mr. Loomis to write to the depart-  
ment in regard to his claim.

Under date of March 11, 1901,  
Loomis wrote a personal letter to  
Mr. Hermann asking his advice in  
relation to the claim. He stated  
that Dr. Davis was in trouble over  
it; that he had dropped the land  
upon its being put into the Cascade  
forest reserve, but that he had later,  
upon the advice of Col. Bob Miller,  
made his final proof. The Colonel,  
so said the letter, had advised Dr.  
Davis to the effect that all the time  
elapsing since the creation of the  
reserve and the date of actual en-  
try and since the survey had been  
made would be recognized by the

department as residence. The let-  
ter closed with the statement that  
Mr. Loomis would be glad to gain  
any information which might be of  
some use to "some very good friends"  
of Mr. Hermann's in Linn county.

This letter was given to George  
R. Ogden, a clerk in the depart-  
ment, by Mr. Hermann, who re-  
plied March 26, 1901. Ogden called  
attention to the fact that the  
doctor had sworn to his cultivation  
and residence in his affidavit and  
said that if it appeared from the  
fact's that the claim had been  
abandoned such affidavits would  
make Dr. Davis, or any other per-  
sons, liable to, prosecution for  
perjury.

Upon receipt of this letter Dr.  
Davis abandoned effort to secure  
the claim and nothing more was  
done about it until May, 1903,  
when Ormsby was sent to make a  
report on the lands. Some of the  
claims had been recommended for  
cancellation by Loomis and among  
them was the Davis claim. D. W.  
Tarpley came to Davis about this  
time, so it is said, and made a propo-  
sition to him which he accepted.  
Davis was to secure \$200 each from  
the men who had filed upon the  
claims and afterward abandoned  
them. Tarpley was to receive a  
share, and so was Ormsby, who  
had been sent by the government  
to make his report. Through  
Ormsby it was expected that the  
claims could be passed to patent.

Dr. Davis, it is said, then secured  
pledges from 14 men, each of whom  
promised to donate \$200 toward se-  
curing patents to their old and  
abandoned lands. Of this sum the  
doctor is said to have raised \$1390.  
He gave \$600 of the sum to Tar-  
pley and the rest was to have been  
divided between Ormsby and a firm  
of Washington, D. C., attorneys,  
who were to be employed to look  
after the securing of the patents at  
the general land office.

The report of Mr. Ormsby was  
favorable, in spite of the fact that  
Loomis had once reported against  
the claims, and in October, 1902,  
patents issued to the lands.

Henry Young, another one of  
those indicted, is well known in  
Portland and in the Willamette  
valley as an athlete. He came from  
Astoria and was given a clerkship  
in the secretary of state's office by  
Frank I. Dunbar during the early  
part of that official's first term.  
Young, however drank to excess  
and was discharged. He later was  
entangled with the law for having  
collected money from various per-  
sons in Salem under pretense of  
representing a firm with which he  
had no connection and is supposed  
to have left the state under this  
cloud. He was at one time a mem-  
ber of the Multnomah football team  
and was known as "Spike" Young.  
Young represented himself as Geo.  
A. Graham before Judge Galloway,  
then of the Oregon City land office,  
and also made affidavit before R.  
B. Montague as Henry Young.

Young is now in the East, but  
the government does not have any  
great desire to apprehend him, as  
he is of too little moment at the  
present time. As the offense for  
which he is indicted is not extra-  
dictable, it is thought that Young  
will not be one of those to attend  
the trial.

George Sorenson is also a well-  
known Portland character. He  
was at one time a deputy sheriff of  
Multnomah county under Sheriff  
Frazier and was charged with graft-  
ing Chinamen and was discharged.  
He then went into the real estate  
business. He has been implicated  
in many things in Portland not to  
his credit, and about a month ago,  
when the land fraud drew near,  
left the city. He is now supposed  
to be in Missouri.

Ormsby is supposed to be at his  
home in Salem, while Loomis is in  
Eugene and Davis is at Albany.  
The court fixed the bonds of each  
of the men at \$4,000 and they will  
be served with the indictments and  
placed under bonds at once.

Join the crowds onward to Nolan &  
Callahan's great reduction sale.

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from \$2.50 up. Also a few hens and  
pullets.

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the boy—the hustling boy is the boy we  
like to fit out with clothes, the chap that  
is never still, climbs trees and fences  
and plays. We have got the cloths to  
hold them. Nolan & Callahan.