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Of course he's brought us hundreds of pretty Christmas things that we cannot hope to enumerate. Come and look about. We want you to feel at home here; to feel that this lavish display was planned for Christmas cheer and pleasure. See these and many others.

Biggest Walking Skirt bargains ever shown in Portland.
\$3.50 Skirts at \$2.80; \$5.00 at \$3.90; \$10.00 at \$7.85 to \$40.00 at..... \$32.00 each

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Black Silks, six popular weaves, worth \$1.25 to \$2.50, now..... \$1.09 to \$2.18 yard

Black Wool Dress Goods, a variety of late kinds, worth \$1.50 to \$2.50, now..... \$1.29 to \$2.18 yard

Colored Wool Dress Goods, in choice, plain weaves, worth \$1.75 to \$3.50, now..... \$1.51 to \$2.91 yard

Ladies' \$2.50 Silk and Wool Vests, only..... \$1.79 each

\$3.00 Tights to match, at..... \$2.25 pair

Ladies' \$3.00 and \$3.25 Silk Hose, fancy shades..... \$1.98 pair

RICHARDSON'S CHRISTMAS TABLE LINENS.

An elegant profusion of them. Everything from the finest cloth to full table sets. Many handsomely embroidered pieces. All show the honesty of their Irish-Quaker origin.

OUR CROCKERY BARGAIN TABLES

Are aglow with dainty gift things for Christmas, arranged for easy selecting. Prices 5c, 10c, 15c to..... \$1.50 each

All Dinner Sets at very special prices.

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\$10.00

Fine Wool

Men's

Lounging and

Bath Robes

at

\$5.00

\$9.00

Suit Cases at

\$5.95



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10,000 Volumes Juvenile Books on sale today.

Special..... 25c, 35c, 50c

Half-Calf Library Books, publisher's price \$1.75, our price..... 95c

Illustrated Padded Leather Poets, publisher's price \$1.50, our price..... 75c

Great Sale of Black and Fancy Silks.

Holiday Sale of Umbrellas.

Sale of Silver-plated Goods.

Souvenirs of Oregon at attractive prices.

Panorama View of Portland, special 10c.

Toys, Dolls and Games at lowest prices.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

Meier & Frank Co.

Sunday's News Condensed

Entire stock of ladies' Neckwear reduced.

Six great values in boys' Clothing. (Second floor)

Great Handkerchief bargains on the Second floor

Bargains in Books and Calendars.

Entire stock of Furs at less than cost.

Stylish Long Coats and Petticoats reduced.

Entire stock of Sterling Novelties reduced.

Leather Goods, Stationery, Rugs, Brass Goods, Slippers, Perfumes, Smoking Jackets, etc., at special prices.

Shop during the morning hours whenever possible.

MEIER & FRANK COMPANY

HERO LAID TO REST

Brave Arthur Venville Honored by Military Funeral.

LAST SAD RITES IMPRESSIVE

Naval Battalion of National Guard Formed the Escort—Rev. E. T. Simpson Preached Sermon—Salute Was Fired and Taps.

The funeral of D. G. Arthur Venville, the naval hero, was held yesterday afternoon at the Bellwood Episcopal Church, and the services were conducted by Rev. E. T. Simpson.

At 1:30 the casket was placed on a gun carriage at Dunning's undertaking rooms, on East Alder street, covered with an American flag, in charge of five mounted men of the Oregon National Guard, and accompanied by four men of the Naval Reserve. From here the remains were taken to Umastilla and East Sixth streets in Sellwood, where a large detachment of Lieutenant-Commander R. E. Davis, and the firing squad were met.

The assembled Naval Reserve and firing squad marched to the Episcopal Church, which was already filled to overflowing. An impressive service was conducted. Rev. Mr. Simpson made a brief address appropriate to the event, calling attention to the touching character of the funeral.

From the church the militia escorted the casket, which was again placed on the gun carriage, wrapped in the flag, to Milwaukee cemetery, where the final rites were performed.

The firing squad fired the customary volley, and then taps were sounded. Thus was closed a most remarkable chapter in the history of the Navy, a parallel of which perhaps does not exist. On the opposite side of the monument to the inscription already there will be engraved another telling the circumstances of the finding of the body.

TO FACE COURT OF INQUIRY

CAPTAIN OF BARK PINMORE IS SUMMONED TO APPEAR.

His Action and That of Crew in Leaving Vessel to Be Investigated—Status of Salvage Claim.

The British bark Pinmore, which was abandoned by her captain and crew north of Gray's Harbor and was afterward picked up by a Puget Sound tugboat, is now at Tacoma. The vessel has been righted and will go into drydock. All kinds of conjectures are flying about as to the probable award of salvage money to her rescuers. It looks as if adjustment of the salvage question will be a hard nut to crack. There is a general opinion that the salvors will not get the large amount of prize money they at first expected.

Pinmore was not a derrick in the strict sense of the term, for she was at anchor. Captain Jamieson, master of the Pinmore, went to Tacoma last week. That the vessel had passed out of his control is shown by the facts that he was not permitted to enter the ship's manifest at the Custom-House and that he had to get permission to board the vessel. A court of inquiry will investigate the action of Captain Jamieson and his crew in abandoning the Pinmore. This court will meet in this city tomorrow at the British Consulate.

The vessel had a bedraggled appearance when she arrived at Tacoma. The Ledger of that city thus describes her arrival:

The fine, big vessel was a hard-looking sight when she put in an appearance, escorted by the three tugs. She was just exactly in the condition in which she was found by the Tye, not a thing about her having been touched. She had a terrible list to starboard of about 45 degrees, her starboard rail being almost awash. Her main upper topsails hung to the yards in ragged shreds, her fore and main lower topsails were set and she was flying the distress signal as well as the signal for a tug—the flag "B. N."—and her national colors were torn and ragged. There was considerable water in her hold, and an examination subsequently showed that her side ports had been checked off evidently purposely. Despite the list, even her donkey engine was in place on the main deck.

In the cabin bread and butter and coffee were on the table, while a sack of provisions was lying where it had been left when the vessel was abandoned. The chronometers were gone, but the barometer was in place and most of her stores were aboard. Her two forward lifeboats were in place. Other than her torn sails, the vessel appears to have sustained no damage. All that has to be done to her is to right her ballast. This will be quite a tedious job, but when it is done the ship will be as right as a new fiddle.

The Tye came across to Tacoma as soon as the ship had been made fast, and, after receiving the congratulations of

DENIES THERE IS A GRAFT

THOMAS E. WILSON RISES TO EXPLAIN PURPOSES OF HIS CLUB.

"It Will Boon Lewis and Clark Centennial," Says He—Members Will Get Badges, Pins, Free Tours.

Thomas E. Wilson, secretary of the Lewis and Clark Centennial Club, indignantly denies that the club has concealed in its aims any "graft," and insists that its organization was primarily designed to aid in the extensive advertising of the Exposition to be held in 1905. The circular sets forth that for \$1 the name of the applicant will be placed on the membership rolls, and that all the advantages of the club will go with the certificate issued upon receipt of the money.

"The Lewis and Clark Centennial Club hopes to be of material assistance in advertising the exposition," said Mr. Wilson last night, at his residence, at Fourth and Alder streets. "I am not now at liberty to state the names of those who are associated with me in the club, but we represent large property interests, which we expect will largely increase in value by reason of the immigration and development that will follow the Exposition. It is not a scheme for the purpose of producing revenue for the projectors of the club. It is designed to help boom the centennial, and I believe that the activity and energy of 100 persons banded together to accomplish this purpose will be more potent for good than the efforts of more people, who are each working separately."

"What will be the return to the members for the fee of \$1?" Mr. Wilson was asked. "The benefits will be many. To each member we send a membership card, leather pocket card, club pin, club stationery and a 64-page club book, containing over 120 illustrations. In addition members will have the privilege of the clubrooms for themselves and friends during the Exposition. We will send several members, to be chosen by unbiased and impartial judges, for the next four years to travel throughout the United States in the interest of the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition of 1905, and of this club. Members will be sent to the Exposition in St. Louis in 1903, and to the Portland Exposition in 1905."

"What will be the club features?"

"We will have several rooms where members and their friends can be comfortable, and will embrace the usual features of the social clubs."

"But will the single dollar produce enough revenue to secure all these benefits to the members?"

"That we do not know yet."

"How will the deficiency be made up, if one should result?"

"I presume the members will pay an assessment sufficient to make it up," replied Mr. Wilson.

"Then the dollar is but the first payment; others may follow?" asked the reporter.

"As to that I cannot say now. The club is in its embryonic stage yet. Our first purpose is to advertise the Exposition. As I have previously stated, myself and associates represent property of large value, which will be increased in worth by the Exposition and the atten-

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTIE HOME

Was Active in Discussing 1905 Fair—His Views on Church Matters.

Archbishop Christie returned Saturday night from St. Louis, Mo., where he attended the annual meeting of the American archbishops which was held at the Catholic University in the National capital. The university is in a flourishing condition, said Archbishop Christie last night, and is fulfilling the hopes of the clergy, who were responsible for its inception.

Of 19 archbishops in the United States, only two were present—Archbishop Peahan, of Chicago, who was unable to be in Washington, and Archbishop Chapelle, of the see of New Orleans, who is still in Rome in conference with the pope and other dignitaries of the church. Cardinal Gibbons presided, and affairs pertaining to the church and the university were discussed at the sessions.

Archbishop Christie said that there was no reliable information as to the identity of the apostolic delegate to be appointed by the pope to succeed Cardinal Martinelli. He did not believe that the published cablegram that the pope's secretary for Spain would have any influence in the appointment was to be considered seriously from any standpoint. The archbishop was reticent about discussing church matters of the future. In speaking of the dissemination of information concerning the Lewis and Clark Centennial in the East, Archbishop Christie said:

"We of Portland must begin an active campaign to inform the people of the East about the Exposition in 1905. I insist that the people of the country, clergy, and they know nothing beyond the bare announcement that an Exposition was being planned. We need to advertise it thoroughly, which I have no doubt the men behind the enterprise intend doing, and the sooner we begin the better will be the results obtained."

SAYS WOOD IS INNOCENT.

Lowenthal Declares One Colored Man Is Free From Guilt.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 15.—Alfred E. Lowenthal, the jewelry salesman who was robbed of samples valued at \$18,000 at Portland, Or., three weeks ago, today identified the \$500 worth of jewelry recovered by the Kansas City, Kas. police department, as being a part of the stolen property. Lowenthal asserts that W. H. Wood, who is under arrest at Omaha charged with complicity in the robbery, is innocent.

WHY ABOLISH COMMISSIONS?

Mr. Corbett Argues Against Change in New Charter.

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(To the Editor.)—Is there any good reason for abolishing such commissions as have been wisely and economically conducted? Recently the city voted by a large majority for a Water Commission, and a month or two later entered upon its work it is proposed to abolish it. The Water Commission has been in existence since the plant was acquired by the city from the private corporation. All activity has been wisely and judiciously conducted, greatly to the benefit of the city and its citizens. By their wisdom and foresight the best system and the best water in the United States has been secured, which, together with other great attractions of climate, location and the city's renown as a beautiful resort, is bringing to us thousands who are seeking new homes.

The Water Commission act was so framed as to keep it free from political influence and juggling. It was believed that business men of integrity could be secured to serve on this commission without pay or hope of reward other than the common good that they with other fellow-citizens would enjoy. They have all acted with conscientious fidelity to that end.

The Fire and Police Commissions have been changed with the change of politics, sometimes to our detriment. If they could be more permanent and less subject to change with the change of political administrations, the same as the Water Commission, it would, in my judgment, be better for the community. They would act with wisdom, fear, and favor of no one or any class, but solely for the good of the entire community. No 10 men can afford, with or without pay, to take upon themselves the entire duty of these several commissions, but let these duties be distributed and performed by good, reliable men on these respective commissions and you will have good results. After all is said, I depend largely on the men, the personnel, of such commissions. Where they have performed their duties well and satisfactorily to the public, why make a sweeping change that is quite likely to prove less satisfactory than the present system?

H. W. CORBETT.

FUNERAL OF D. P. THOMPSON.

Services to Be Held This Afternoon From First Unitarian Church.

The funeral services of the late D. P. Thompson will be held this afternoon from the First Unitarian Church, Seventh and Yamhill street, at 1:30 o'clock. The services will be conducted by the Rev. T. L. Elliot. After the service at the church the body will be conveyed to the Portland Crematorium, of which he was one of the founders, for interment. The honorary pallbearers will be: Tyler Woodard, H. H. Norup, Richard Williams, B. G. Whitehouse, C. A. Dolph, Judge C. B. Bellinger, J. Jacobs, Frederick K. Townsend and Levi Ankeny. The active pallbearers are: B. S. Stearns, W. F. Burrell, B. F. Beckman, H. Conner, Wirt Minor, Jonathan Bourne, Jr., R. R. Reed, Jr., and C. S. Jackson.

HAS NO OFFICIAL SANCTION

Book Purporting to Be for Benefit of ex-Lifers.

W. H. Roberts, assistant inspector of the United States Life-Saving Service, has sent the following communication to the Oregonian, with the request that it be published:

"Treasurer, Department, Office of the General Superintendent of Life-Saving Service, Washington, D. C., Nov. 18, 1901.—Assistant Inspector, 13th Life-Saving District, Coasts of Washington and Oregon.—Sir: A concern calling itself the 'ex-U. S. Life-Savers' National Benefit Association' has been incorporated under the laws of Maine for the alleged purpose of publishing and selling a history of the United States Life-Saving Service.

"It has been learned that agents sent out by this concern are soliciting subscriptions in various parts of the country, professing that the money obtained is to be used for the benefit of ex-life-savers of the United States Life-Saving Service and their families.

"This office desires it to be understood that neither the Life-Saving Service nor any of its officers has anything to do with the project or any connection whatsoever with it.

"Please give this statement the widest possible publicity by every means convenient to your hands. It is suggested that some of the newspapers in your district be asked to publish a notice of the foregoing as a matter of news. Respectfully,
(Signed) "B. I. KIMBALL,
General Superintendent."

FOUND GOLD IN EGGS.

Mining Man Enlightens Symposium on One Phase of Hen Life.

A party seated around a table at a popular club yesterday became engaged in a very animated discussion over a paragraph which one of them read from a paper. This told of a quantity of gold having been found in the gizzards of a lot of chickens killed by a farmer in Southern Oregon, whose farm adjoined a hydraulic mining claim. The majority of the party voted the statement a "misstatement," to put it mildly, while the remainder thought it might be true.


"You know," said one, "what chickens eat, or rather swallow, small gravel stones, which are retained in their gizzard, to assist in digesting the grain they are fed on. Perhaps they would swallow small pieces of gold for the same purpose."

"That is the correct idea," said a placid-looking man, who was one of the party. "I have often noticed that when we were stripping the earth off an extension to our mine, the chickens, of which a large number are kept in the camp, would always be on hand, searching for bugs and worms. Whenever they saw a particle of gold they would swallow it. When chickens are killed there, the gizzards are always carefully 'cleaned up,' and often gold to the value of \$5 or more is found in a single gizzard."

"Why don't you kill them all?" asked the capitalist of the party.

"Why should I imitate the fool who

NET RESULT OF ONE DAY'S SPORT.



A few years ago, it was quite a general opinion that game of all kinds had been about exterminated in Oregon. The protection afforded the deer by the enforcement of the game law has already caused a very perceptible increase in the number of deer, and in some sections they are about as plentiful as ever. Four young men residing in the eastern part of Malheur county—Ed Littlepage, Al Cleveland, Ford Metzger and Dave Manary—went out in the mountains a day or two before the close of the shooting season, and in one day killed three fine deer and one bear, which may be considered a good day's sport.

KINDERGARTENS TO OPEN

THREE OF FREE SCHOOLS FOR LITTLE TOTS READY FOR WORK.

Instruction Begins Today, as Result of Judge George's Decision—Delay in East Side Schools.

Three out of the six free kindergartens will open their doors to the children of Portland this morning, as a result of the decision rendered by Judge George Friday. There will be some happy faces at the schoolrooms, for teachers, children and mothers will welcome the news with glad hearts. The three schools that are ready to begin work at such short notice are the Third-Street Mission; the one at 391 Eighteenth street, North Portland, and that at 404 Third street, South Portland. Miss Dany Gaylor's school at Seventeenth and Market will open on Wednesday morning. The other two, at 83 Russell street, Albina, and at 62 East Alder street, will not open for the present—at least until after Christmas.

It is Miss Prichard's idea to have these schools that are ready to begin work promptly give the children one week's study before the holidays, so that they may have an opportunity to learn the Christmas songs and games, and in this way become imbued with the Christmas spirit. After Christmas it is expected that the work of the schools will go on regularly and without interruption.

During the long interval for rest—for the summer vacation has now been added nearly three more months—some of the teachers have been compelled to make other plans apart from kindergarten work, and for this reason, and because there is difficulty in re-renting the schoolrooms that were formerly used on the East Side of the river, there will be some little delay in reopening these two schools.

Two new principals and four assistants are needed for the work. The public will be particularly sorry to learn that Miss Maile Effinger, whose sacrificing and very able work at 291 North Eighteenth street, has attracted so much attention and pleasant comment, will no longer be at her post. She will be greatly missed, as she was peculiarly fitted for the work, having a rare insight into the needs of child life. The other vacant principalship will be at Albina, where Mrs. C. T. Tinker was formerly in charge. The selection of new teachers and a thousand other matters relating to the reopening of the kindergartens will keep Miss Prichard very busy for the next few weeks.

Tillamook Social Club.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Dec. 14.—The Tillamook Social Club was organized last night with a membership of 90, and will meet weekly for literary and social amusement. It includes most of the young people and several married couples. The officers are: President, C. Ben Rieland; vice-president, Henry Crenshaw; secretary, Miss Selma Allen; treasurer, Charles Franklin; marshal, Mr. Zimmerman.

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Be sure to order your Christmas Turkeys early. All orders delivered free.

AUTOMATIC ALARM SENT IN

Ceiling of Mason, Ehrman & Co's Store Got Too Hot.

The value of an automatic fire alarm system was forcibly illustrated yesterday, about noon, when an alarm of fire was sent from Mason, Ehrman & Co's store, second floor store, in the city. The store was protected with thermostats, placed 15 feet apart over the ceilings, and when these registers indicate 160 degrees of heat they expand and an alarm of fire is sent to the headquarters. Another alarm is registered along the wires to every fire station-house in the city.

Yesterday it became necessary to heat the store for the resumption of business today, and during the absence of the watchmen from that particular part of the building the stove sent out such a volume of heat that the ceiling got so hot that the ceiling registers expanded and a warning note of alarm from the automatic fire-box. Engines and trucks tore to the scene to take care of the fire, but there was none there. The ceiling was very hot, however, and the firemen said that if the heat had been allowed to increase without warning sent out from the automatic box, a lively blaze would have been there to welcome them when they arrived.

After many years' consideration the British and Foreign Bible Society has decided to alter the text of its Bibles to make it conform to the revised version of the Bible, as well as the authorized version of 1811.

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