

FUNDS FOR PILES

Over \$10,000 Raised to Make Him Senator.

BUSINESS MEN SLOW TO GIVE

Seattle Committee Finds Hard Work to Combat Wilson Faction and Numerous Dark-Horse Candidates for Senator.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Something over \$10,000 is represented in the promises to pay that have been collected for the Piles Senatorial campaign.

Up to the time the banquet of the business men was held, about three weeks ago, there was in the treasury about \$600 in promises to contribute.

At the banquet, when feeling ran high and promises came easily, the total subscriptions counted up to approximately \$500.

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Other resolutions passed provided for the exclusion of worms apples from the market; that nurseriesmen be compelled to give bonds that their trees are true to name; that the special and standard boxes be made the legal bushel box of Oregon, and the use of any other also be prohibited.

BEGINS NEW YEAR "DRY."

Saloons Have Been Selling Off Stock, and Expect to Close.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—At midnight tonight Corvallis becomes a "dry" town, as apparently the proprietors of the four saloons will offer no resistance to the new order of things.

The city authorities are preparing to cooperate with the county authorities in the enforcement of the law.

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"I WOULD, WERE I THERE"

Circuit Judge McBride Sentences Attempted Prison-Breakers Fred Stauch and Harry Lowe, a Dime-Novel Graduate.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—"I believe it is any man's privilege to escape from jail if he can. I don't believe I should want to stay in jail, if I were innocent; and if I were guilty, I know I would not want to stay there."

This is the statement of Judge McBride in the Circuit Court this morning in sentencing two men to the penitentiary. The men were Fred Stauch and Harry Lowe, the men who recently broke jail, and they received sentences of six years and one year, respectively.

In pronouncing sentence, Judge McBride said in part: "I am aware that this defendant has a wife. In fact, I received a very pitiful letter from her a few days ago appealing for mercy in behalf of her husband."

The price of the New Year's Oregonian that will be issued tomorrow morning, by mail to any address in the United States or Canada, postage prepaid, will be 10 cents a copy.

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NEW MAYOR'S ORDERS. Dr. Sommers Forces Out All Money Slot-Machines.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Dr. F. A. Sommers, who succeeds Mayor Dimick at 12 o'clock tonight, this afternoon directed Chief of Police Burns to require all money slot-machines to be removed from saloons and other places, boxed and placed on the sidewalk by midnight.

ENGINEER IS KILLED. Portland Passengers Receive Shaking Up in a Collision.

SUISUN, Cal., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The Oregon express passenger train, No. 11, from Astoria to Suisun, was wrecked here today, a misplaced switch here today and smashed into a gravel train standing on the spur.

EVERGREEN STATE'S DISPLAY Exhibit at Exposition Should Be Representative, Says Rands.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—When asked as to his interest in the proposed legislation in behalf of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, Senator E. M. Rands today stated that he has always believed in the Fair ever since the question of holding such an Exposition between this place and Ellensburg.

PAPERS FOR MAILING. Orders for thousands of copies of the New Year's number that will be published tomorrow morning have already reached The Oregonian.

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Happy New Year

STORE CLOSED ALL DAY MONDAY

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

GREAT REDUCTION ON MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS

- Men's \$12.50 Suits and Overcoats, reduced to \$9.75
Men's \$15.00 Suits and Overcoats, reduced to \$12.15
Men's \$16.50 Suits and Overcoats, reduced to \$13.20
Men's \$18.00 Suits and Overcoats, reduced to \$14.75
Men's \$20.00 Suits and Overcoats, reduced to \$16.75
Men's \$25.00 Suits and Overcoats, reduced to \$19.75
Men's \$30.00 Suits and Overcoats, reduced to \$24.50

As we have always sold the best makes of Clothing at \$3 to \$5 less than other stores, ask for goods of the same quality. These great reductions will be quite a saving to you on these high-class garments.

SAM'L ROSE BLATT & CO.

CORNER THIRD AND MORRISON

PROJECT IN PALOUSE

About 100,000 Acres Can Be Irrigated by Gravity.

COST IS \$35 TO \$40 AN ACRE

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ATHLETIC FIELD FOR FORT

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THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL Few People Know How Useful It is in Preserving Health and Beauty.

Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant purifier in Nature, but few realize its value when taken in to the human system for the same cleansing purpose.

Charcoal is a natural and safe purifier in the stomach and bowels; it collects the poisons and carries them out of the system.

All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered charcoal and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form, or rather in the form of large, pleasant tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but on the contrary, great relief.

A Buffalo physician, in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but 25 cents a box at druggists, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

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