

THURSDAY.

## BIG SUIT,

Resulting From T. J. Black's Warehouse Business.

A suit was begun in the Circuit Court of Linn county, this morning, with the following title:

Ida M. Tobin, Mary Black, H. C. Davis, W. H. Gulliford, B. F. Allen, Jas. A. Smith, John Davis, John M. Porter, Alexander Powers and Robert Andrews, Plaintiffs, vs. Portland Flouring Mills Co., Salem Flouring Mills Co., Halford, Guthrie & Co., and Jas. C. Black, admr. estate of T. J. Black.

The complaint shows that T. J. Black, deceased, at the time of his death was running two warehouses at Halsey and one at Derry, Polk county, with 40,000 bushels of wheat in storage at the Halsey warehouse, 10,000 bushels at the Cummings warehouse, and 32,000 bushels at Derry, the title of which remained in the plaintiffs and between one and two hundred bushels of the wheat to the defendants and there is now in the possession of the Portland Flouring Mills Co., 3077.46 bushels, 3440.20 bushels with Halford, Guthrie & Co. and 9296.29 bushels with the Salem Flouring Mills; that the same was demanded by the plaintiffs, but possession refused, they claiming a lien on the same on account of alleged advances. That the defendant T. J. Black is insolvent, and unless the wheat can be traced to the different defendants the plaintiffs are wholly without a remedy; that the administrator is willing to surrender the wheat, but cannot do so without an accounting and therefore a receiver is asked for the wheat.

Upon motion before Judge R. P. Boise, Mr. A. Wheeler was appointed receiver with bonds fixed at \$40,000.

Weatherford & Wyatt are attorneys for the plaintiffs.

## Fire at S. P. Depot.

This noon fire was discovered in a passenger coach standing just south of the baggage room. The alarm was sounded and the depot fire department turned out in full force and soon had two streams playing on the fire. After an exciting fight it was put out. Damage to cars about \$400. No insurance. Too much smoke cannot be given to L. E. Koe, chief of the department, also to C. M. Frank, who gave valuable assistance showing him how to be up in the business, to A. D. Barker, who was profuse in advice and to H. Kinn, who emptied the water from a bucket and threw the bucket into the flames.

Dr. Vard Littler was in Portland yesterday.

Thomas Thomas the engineer was in Portland yesterday.

Prof. Martindale is attending the teachers institute in Salem.

Miss Ina Law Robertson, of Chicago, is in the city on her way to San Francisco.

Miss Cronin, of Portland, is in the city, the guest of her uncle J. R. Borum.

License has been issued for the marriage of George Peters and Rebecca White.

Miss Ray Toole is the guest of Mrs. Emma Steenfat at the St. Charles during the holidays.

J. J. Magard recently of Indian Territory, is here with a view of locating.

Ole Tobiasen returned to Portland this afternoon to resume his work in the engineers department of the S. P.

Mrs. E. E. Davis and daughter have been at Harrisburg spending the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wright and children, spent Christmas with relatives at Brownsville, returning home today.

Mrs. Cora White and Mrs. Jerome Williams went to Portland yesterday afternoon, the latter on a visit with the former who now resides there.

William Amon of Brownsville and Miss Amelia Haveland, daughter of a farmer, were married at the St. Charles Hotel last evening. They have the best wishes of many.

Mr. L. Samuels, the life insurance man of Portland, was in the city today.

Mr. Samuels will be remembered as the editor of the famous West Shore, a credit to the early days of Oregon. The Democrat man kept several copies of the magazine.

Mrs. J. E. Michael left here Tuesday of last week, her destination being Hopewell, Yamhill county, to be at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Henry Wood, who suffered a stroke of paralysis the day previous. Mrs. Michael writes home that her mother died Tuesday before she reached here. She was seventy-six years old.—Corvallis Times.

FARM HORSE DEAD.—Altago, one of Altamont's best sons, owned by McKnight Brothers of this county, died a few days ago at their farm near Tallman, at the age of 16 years. He was the sire of some of Oregon's best trotters, Flora G, with a record of 2:21, Hugo 2:22 and others nearly as good, six or seven under 3:00.

You remember the wonderful Lion Bass, whose voice is like the sound of a monster church bell. He will appear with the Nashville Students, at their concert at Albany. The celebrated soprano known as the "Colored Mocking Bird," will appear with the Nashville Students in their concert.

At an O. A. C. football meeting on Monday, Ray Goodrich was elected captain and Grant Elgin, manager for the next year.

Annie R. Beard has brought a suit for divorce agt., her husband, Henry W. Beard.

LOST.—Small book entitled "Reading Club," Geo. M. Baker editor. Return to Knecht & Misers.

at tower clock is looked for now a ny time, and may be ready to go to the officials next week.

# ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Imparts that peculiar lightness, sweetness, and flavor noticed in the finest cake, short cake, biscuit, rolls, crusts, etc., which expert pastry cooks declare is unobtainable by the use of any other leavening agent.

Made from pure, grape cream of tartar.

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## MUST PAY.

Judge Burnett held an adjourned term of the first department of the circuit court in the recorder's office this afternoon and rendered his decision in the two cases against P. G. Morris and his bondsmen for about \$3,800 alleged to have been embezzled by him as treasurer of Linn County. The court held that there being no direct evidence it was the presumption that in the first case the \$1845.26 supposed to short in that term was turned over to his successor at the end of the term, and hence rendered judgment for only \$389.94 and interest against the treasurer and his bondsmen for that term, L. Flinn, J. W. Cusick, P. Cohen, A. B. Griggs, A. G. Marshall, W. A. Paul, S. F. Young, Wm. Faber and P. B. Marshall, and \$5,410.80 and interest against the bondsmen of the second term, J. W. Cusick, A. B. Griggs, P. B. Marshall, L. Flinn, S. E. Young and A. G. Marshall. The total judgment will be for \$488.74 on the first term case and \$5,731.34 on the second term case. Total \$4,242.09. The defendants attorney gave notice of appeal to the supreme court.

## Lebanon.

From the Cliterton:

Mrs. S. S. Hughes left last night for San Francisco and other California points, on a visit to her children.

Chas. A. Smith has purchased 80 acres of land from his uncle, F. M. Smith. The land purchased joins Charlie's farm and was purchased for use as pasture, and now he has a complete farm.

Ernest Elliott, a druggist from Portland, has purchased N. W. Smith's drug store and confectionary stock, and will take possession in a few days.

Postmaster S. K. Smith has been notified by the postal department that the Lebanon postoffice will after January last be rated as a third-class office, being raised from a fourth-class. For the past year and a half the business of the office has been gradually increasing.

J. S. Mealey, of Foster, was accidentally shot in the ankle last Wednesday by the discharge of a revolver he was carrying in his hip pocket. The injury, although very painful, is not of a serious nature.

Mr. Adolphus Boslar, one of Lebanon's thrifty and enterprising young men, and Miss Cora Cox, daughter of Cornelius Cox, and a prominent teacher of Lacombe, were married at the home of the bride's parents near that place, Monday, December 25, 1899.

C. B. Green, of Minnesota, has purchased W. Week's property in the west part of town and will move to this place in the spring. Mr. Green writes that several of his neighbors are also coming west to seek new homes in a more congenial climate, and will probably locate in or near Lebanon.

Last Friday morning, while J. S. Hughes was trying to raise one of the water gates at the light station, in order that the water could pass out of the canal without overflowing the country above, he met with an accident which came near costing him his life. The gates are entirely too heavy for one man to handle, and just as Mr. Hughes had succeeded in getting the gate part way up it fell, knocking him back into the waste flume, where the water runs down the chute into the ditch below. Before he could do anything toward helping himself he was swept with the current into the ditch below, where he struggled along until he was carried 150 yards down the stream before he succeeded in reaching the bank and getting out. When he finally succeeded in getting out on the bank he was so exhausted and chilled that he was barely able to reach home.

Ben Martin and Mr. Harrington, who recently went to California to sell a patent washer, have returned. Mr. Martin arrived Thanksgiving day, and Mr. Harrington last Saturday. They operated at Redding, Red Bluff, and other northern California towns, and did a profitable business. Mr. Martin says that his profits for the three months are greater than for three years at the farming business, in which he was until recently engaged. Next month the partners leave for 8-attle and other points in the state of Washington.—Corvallis Times.

There will be a drill in team work on the floor at the A. O. U. W. hall tonight in charge of Capt. Phillips. All members are requested to be present.

August Fisher of Eugene left his home last Friday and has not been heard from since. There are several theories about him, including suicide.

## MARRIED.

CLARK-REES.—On Dec. 27, at the home of J. D. Reese, in Benton county, by Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, Mr. Merion F. Clark, of Corvallis, and Miss Mary A. Reese, of Fairmount.

## Portland the Cause.

A correspondent in the Corvallis Times signing himself B makes some very striking remarks as follows:

I read with great interest your article, "Not Bread but a Stone." While I have never believed that Tongue would or could do anything for the Yaquina bay, I am not willing to place the blame of killing the Yaquina bay entirely on his shoulders. Long before Tongue was elected to congress the plans were laid to kill off the Yaquina. Dolph, Mitchell and Herman had all been friends of the Yaquina as well as the whole state. That was not satisfactory to Portland, and they were all shelved. The pretense that Dolph was defeated because he was a gold man, that Mitchell was defeated because he was a silver man, that Herman was defeated because he was for both, gold and silver, is a very thin pretense, but it was sufficient to catch gudgeons; and Benton county is today largely responsible for the death blow given the Yaquina bay in the report of the last board of engineers.

Did not a delegation go from this county to Salem and work against Dolph? Did not a delegation go to Salem and work against Mitchell? All were of the same party, and now we have our reward and the members of the legislature of 1897 and 1899, who actively aided, in preventing the organization of the legislature in 1897, and the defeat of Mitchell in 1899, have theirs, and the harbor that is the natural outlet for the Willamette valley and all that portion of Eastern Oregon lying directly east of the Cascade mountains, including Crook, Sherman, Grant and Malheur counties, is killed so far as political bosses can do the job.

Portland is to have a 40 foot channel at the mouth of the Columbia, a 30 foot channel to Portland, a drydock, a mint, a smelter, to all of which no one objects; but she might have allowed us a small appropriation for the Yaquina. B.

## The Teachers.

The western district teachers association, which has been in session several days at Salem, will adjourn tonight after a successful and entertaining session. This forenoon officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

Frank Rigler, of Portland, president. P. L. Campbell, of Monmouth, 1st V. P. E. G. Reesler, of Eugene, 2nd V. P. G. W. Jones, secretary. Nettie Whitney, of Albany, treasurer. Prof. J. M. Martindale, of Albany, Decker, of Oregon City and G. A. Gregory of Jacksonville, ex. com.

Prof. Martindale, Pratt and Littlefield committee on resolutions.

Albany was selected as the place for meeting next year.

In the department of superintendence of counties, Prof. McDonald of this county was elected president, E. V. Littlefield vice president, and C. L. Gilbert secretary. Several resolutions were held and important subjects discussed, Prof. McDonald leading the discussion on high schools for rural districts.

Boston Banks continue to fail. Baked beans are evidently running short.

A receiver has been appointed for the Salem Truck and Dray Co. upon application of John Savage the senior partner. You must bring all the children to the Nashville Students next Monday evening at Albany. They will enjoy it hugely.

A good example is being set in the alley back of the Revere House by graveling it, and rounding it up, the proper way to fix an alley. Let others follow suit.

The city treasurer is now paying warrants for January and February of this year, which indicates that the current warrant account is not in a very bad condition.

Hear the funny man of the Nashville Students Company sing "Miss Virginia," and come and hear the beautiful new negro lullaby, "Just a Little Nigger."

The old plantation melodies seem to strike a popular chord in the hearts of the people. Again and again were they greeted with thunders of applause. No concert was ever more enjoyed by our people.—Denver Tribune.

It was current rumor on the street last night, when the Times went to press, that there was a case of small pox on the Long Tom. The victim was said to be Riley Logan, who visited his mother while she was suffering with small-pox in Kings Valley.—Corvallis Times.

Mrs. Moon informs the Democrat that the statement made in the last meeting of the city council, that all the two young men at her place died in reference to the body of Mr. Perkins, who died at her house, was a mistake, that they not only did that, but also assisted in burying him at the cemetery.

FRIDAY.

## The New Court House.

Linn County has a new court house. No trace of the old can be seen on going through the new building. There has been a complete transformation, and a cost of less than \$20,000 this county has one of the finest buildings in the state, modern, with all the latest conveniences, and artistic in construction. It confers credit on the architect, Mr. Burgraff, and the builders, as well as on all concerned in its construction.

The county officials will begin next Tuesday moving into the new quarters, which will all be ready for them at that time. Only the circuit court room will remain to be finished. In order that our readers may know where to find the offices, which have been changed we give the following pointers: On entering the pretty front doors the recorder will be found directly ahead and to the right, in a fine suit of rooms. Opposite are the offices of the assessor. Do not go straight ahead or you will tumble into the larger hall and into numerous store rooms. Turn to the right and go up the elegant stair way winding to the second floor and turn down the hall way to the right for the county clerk who has two rooms and a vault. Opposite is the sheriff's office and further south on the east side the office of the county treasurer. The county court room is at the left as you enter the second story, with the office of the county judge in the corner. The superintendent will be found directly over the county judge in the most slightly room of the building. The circuit court room is on the top floor arranged in up-to-date style with jury box, private office for the judges, witness and two jury rooms.

Plenty of room for all, splendidly arranged and located suitable for the different officials.

If you would go into the tower and see the workings of the Seth Thomas clock, or higher up and witness one of the finest rural scenes in the world get a key to the door near the landing on the third floor.

Mr. Maurice Payne was doing business in Salem this forenoon.

Miss Merle Simpson, of Corvallis, is visiting Albany friends.

Dr. Vard Littler returned this noon from a trip to Portland and Astoria.

License was issued today for the marriage of G. S. Childs and Flora Pritte.

W. J. D'Arcy, one of Salem's live attorneys, has been doing business in Albany today.

The most popular girl under ten years of age gets a doll at the L. O. T. M.'s tonight.

Mrs. Mathews, wife of the junior member of the new drug firm of Peacher & Mathews, joined her husband this week and will reside here.

Mrs. Thrall and Miss Fortmiller of the public school, returned this noon from Salem where they had been to attend the teachers institute.

A pleasant party was given last evening by Miss Lillian Lanning at the home of her father in the third ward. Several hours were passed in a delightful manner.

Mrs. J. N. Hoffman is making arrangements to join her husband at Sampter, where he has been several weeks, and where she will open her millinery store.

Bruce Grey, son of Sheriff Grey of Prineville, is in the city the guest of Judge Duncan. He is accompanied by Harold Baldwin, son of T. M. Baldwin the banker.

One of the social events of the week was a reception tendered by Mr. C. H. Burgraff, to the members of the late Owl company at the Maccabee hall. A fine time was had.

Prof. Hiram Tyree passed through the city yesterday afternoon for Salem, where he will attend the state teachers association meeting, and thence return to his home at Dillard Montana.

Superintendent Paine is moving to Eugene preparatory to turning over the state land and other paraphernalia of his office of superintendent of the insane asylum to his successor next Monday.

## Probate Court.

In case of O F Swank petition to sell real estate filed.

In estate of Ora M. Sherer et al minors report of guardian filed.

Final account filed in estate of J. R. Bucknam.

In estate of Lowell Ames undertaking an appeal filed.

In estate of A. L. Gustafson bond filed.

Recorders office:

Deed S J Allen to Geo D Barton, 562 55 acres 14 W 1..... \$1000

Deed Wm Lynch to Seth Childe, 8 1/4 acres 12 W 2..... 80

Deed E B Lybecker to T B Hopkins 330 acres..... 5

Deed O & C R E to Marion Gaines, 40 acres..... 40

Deed T B Hopkins to M Gaines, 330 acres..... 23 1/2

Deed Alice Sloan to E J Hearn, 88 x 150 feet, Harrisburg..... 35

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Albany's \$6,800 a year interest account is small beans compared with Boston's \$10,000 a day interest debt.

Those Pentons should be put down at double quick pace.

Three more days of the nineteenth century according to Ayer's almanac.

Whenever a house becomes vacant in Albany there is somebody ready to step into it.

A new subscriber to the Democrat is all the way from Juneau, Alaska, and there are others.

The steamer Eugene is waiting for a raise in the river down near Salem, spending the time at the bar.

The Boers gain as much as the English by waiting a few days for more breath. The indications are that they are the ones who have the ace up their sleeves.

Congressman Ellis was in Portland yesterday and denied the story that he was a candidate for sergeant-at-arms of the lower house. This takes an awful burden from the public mind.

Governor Geer made an address to the teachers at Salem without discussing the expansion question. Prof. Hawley would not have been equal to the occasion.

A Portland dentist has just pulled out leaving a cavity in the pocket books of his many creditors. His name is Brown, no relation to any of the Albany Browns.

Rev. P. S. Knight, of Salem, has just married his three hundredth couple, evidently having had a steady business. These calls for services as knot tiers generally go by streaks. One Albany preacher who married eleven couples last year has this year united only one couple.

It is the same the world over. Those Indians had an excuse for not beating the Californians more. There was too much sand, and yet it has always been said that it is a pretty good thing to have sand in a foot ball game.

The Eugene's justice dismissed the case brought by a woman against a photographer for libel for posting a debt in a window. There are plenty of people who ought to be posted in the skies and the newspapers, among others the delinquent subscriber and meat and grocery eaters who spend their money for whiskey and c-ruses.

Stanford and Multnomah are to play football in Portland on New Years. As it is the last opportunity of the season the Democrat makes a prediction. It is that Stanford will win. On account of the big defeat by the U of O there are many who think otherwise.

A brother editor in another city writes in the following encouraging way:

If I attend the next meeting of the Oregon Press Association I shall certainly insist on your having the medal for that trip home from the football contest at Portland.

"Several drummers kept in practice, and an old maid gave a friend her opinion of things."

The above is the gem that calls for special recognition. Have often wanted to say the same thing but did not know how to do it. Thanks.

Speaking of the wedding of Mr. Merton Clark of Corvallis, and Miss Reese, across the river recently, the Corvallis Union Gazette says: The parlor was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens, and in one corner was suspended a wedding arch of cedar, from the center of which hung a wreath tied with white ribbon. Beneath this stood the wedding party. Mr. Elmer A. Clark cousin of the groom, acted as best man, while the bride's sister, Miss Annie Reese, was maid of honor. Immediately after the ceremony all sat down to a tempting lunch. That evening Mr. and Mrs. Clark came to Corvallis, and are now at the home of the groom's parents where they will remain for the present. Mr. Clark is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark, of this city. He is a young man of exemplary character and industrious habits and stands high in the estimation of the entire community. Miss Reese is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reese of this county, and a worthy young lady, who is highly esteemed by all who know her.

Miss Ina Law Robertson, traveling companion and cook, continued their journey to San Francisco on last night's overland, where they will spend the winter. Miss Robertson's life during the past few years has been a very interesting one. Several years ago while traveling through the east as financial agent of Walteburg academy she met James Law, a very wealthy attorney well advanced in years, and a member of her church at a town in New York State. It resulted in a liberal subscription to the academy and a personal interest in Miss Robertson, followed by his making her his financial agent with her headquarters at Chicago, where she erected a fine residence. Mr. Law died a year ago leaving considerable of his large property, said to be about \$200,000, to Miss Robertson, who is using it in a philanthropic and benevolent manner.

The first rain today for about two weeks. Hot coffee and doughnuts tonight at the Maccabees. Don't forget "Gaffer Grey's Legacy" at the L. C. T. M. tonight. A herd of forty two new Elks were initiated at Portland last night. The Albany overland jumped the track this noon near the junction of First and Washington streets. Every child under ten years of age gets a present on the Christmas tree tonight at the K. O. T. M. hall.

Scio.

From the News:

Wm. Conaway, of Albany was in the city the first of the week, visiting with friends here.

Miss Maud Miller, of Albany, is visiting in Scio this week, the guest of Mrs. Ira Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole are proud parents of a bright baby boy which gladdened their home on Christmas day.

Died, at the home of his sister Mrs. Propst, five miles south of this city, Wednesday, December 27, 1899, R. H. Moore, aged about forty-five years.

A. L. Richardson's "valler" hounds treed a coyote a mile or less, and after a few well directed shots he was compelled to wind up his earthly career. There is quite a number of these "critters" in this section of the country, and their early demise would be a blessing to the owners of sheep. One coyote which makes its headquarters up Thomas creek a few miles from town is known to have killed nearly a hundred dollars worth of sheep this winter.

Last Sunday morning T. J. Munkers was very agreeably surprised on answering a telephone call from Portland. After the usual "hello" he recognized the McNamers boys, who were supposed to have been drowned on the Yukon river. The two brothers arrived home safely Sunday morning, and knowing that the mother was here with her daughter, Mrs. T. J. Munkers immediately called up T. J. to inform him that they are all right. Mrs. McNamer, accompanied by Mr. Munkers left Sunday afternoon for Portland and Forest Grove for a visit with the boys.

## The Boers.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg, dated Saturday, Dec. 23, says:

Every day reveals some fact regarding the strength of the Boer position at Colenso. Thanks to the services of Continental officers, the character of the campaign has changed. We are no longer fighting a foe who relies upon guerrilla tactics, but we have to deal with what is rapidly becoming a disciplined army, enjoying the advantages of knowing the country.

## Plague at Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The Transpacific Centennial, which has reached here from Honolulu, confirms the report that bubonic plague exists in that city. There had been no new cases of the disease, however, from December 12 up to the time the transport sailed, the 18th. The quarantined at the port was to be raised the 19th.

## Some Shootin.

CHIEVELY CAMP, Natal, Dec. 27.—A heavy Boer gun on Bulwain hill fired steadily upon Ladysmith throughout the morning. Ladysmith did not respond. The enemy, having been again detected attempting to improve their trenches facing General Buller, the British heavy guns opened upon them and the Boers scampered back onto the hills.

## Nothing in It.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The publication by the Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, of a secret treaty between Germany, Portugal and Great Britain, providing for the partition of Portuguese colonies, meets with no credence in official circles. A foreign office official said to a representative of the Associated Press that their advice, from Portugal and Germany left no doubt that the publication was largely invention.

## Means Death to the Canal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The visit of Senator Allison, Speaker Henderson, Representatives Hepburn, Conzies, Cummings and others to Newport, at same time that Colis P. Huntington and Cornelius Vanderbilt are there is perhaps a mere coincidence, but it has occasioned considerable gossip, principally to the effect that it will have an important bearing upon the canal legislation.

## A Live Fight.

MANILA, Dec. 27, 10:15 P. M.—Colonel Lockett, with a force of 2500 including artillery, attacked this morning a strong force of insurgents entrenched in the mountains near Montaban, about five miles northwest of San Mateo. The enemy were completely routed, the Americans pursuing them through the hills, where they fled in every direction. Four Americans were wounded. The Filipino loss was large.

## The Boer War.

LONDON, Dec. 28, 4:30 A. M.—Winston Churchill's arrival at Chevelay camp is perhaps responsible for some overcoloring of the gravity of the situation, but all today's news conveys the impression that Buller may be intending another attack upon the Boer position.

Certainly, the Boers are not inactive. At both Modder river and the Tugela they are said to be strengthening their forces and extending defense works.

## The Proper Rhine.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—"Congressman Hepburn, of Iowa, has assured everybody that he means to press the bill for the construction of the Nicaragua canal by the government for all it is worth," said ex-senator Miller, who was in Chicago today. "It will go through this congress if Mr. Hepburn can do it. This provides for building the canal, regardless of the appropriation made last session of \$1,000,000 for a commission to investigate and report upon the most favorable route for the canal."

## The River and Harbor Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Represent