

LOCAL NOTES.

St. Paul, paid for eggs at Wells and Son. Lowest prices in town at the Ladies Bazaar. First National Bank of Corvallis, Oregon. See the Christmas novelties at J. H. Harris. Fresh butter at Wells and Son, 24¢ cts per lb. See those \$1.25 umbrellas at the Racke store. Fresh butter at Kline's. 2 lb. roll for 60 cents. A splendid line of South Thomas cloths at Vogle's. Special bargains in flower pots at Wheeler & Langley's. Holiday goods in great variety at the Ladies Bazaar. An extensive line of spectacles at Vogle's jewelry store. The new slottings and rides are now ready at J. W. Willis.

New goods constantly arriving almost daily at the Ladies Bazaar.

The best assortment of holiday goods at Vogle's jewelry store.

The Oxford and other family bibles in the finest binding at T. Graham's.

Have you seen the novelties in tinted, baroque and the Ladies Bazaar?

E. P. Grefroz makes a specialty of ladies and gents victrola and vest chains.

Go to A. P. Peterson, for Picture frames. Best of mounting constantly on hand.

Wells & Son have some beautiful holiday presents. Come and see them.

Boys' suits, age 5 to 13, can be bought at a bargain. Call early. J. H. Harris.

Call and examine the large variety of solid gold rings, jewelry, pens and spectacles at E. P. Grefroz.

Received this week a line of ladies shoes that for price and style we claim first rank. Ask to see them. J. H. Harris.

If you want to buy a present for a relative, lady or gentleman friend, inspect the stock at Vogle's.

All of the standard books, Dickens, Scott, Thackeray, etc., in sets at T. Graham's at the lowest prices.

Elegant scarf pins, earrings, cuff buttons, studs, etc., with solid stone and diamond settings at Vogle's.

A nice Christmas present for a lady or Mrs. would be a pair of the nice slippers just received at J. H. Harris.

We are agent for the standard patterns. Fashion sheets given or sent by address free upon application. J. H. Harris.

Don't fail to give the Salemite in laundry a trial. If you want the best possible work done. Clothing called for and delivered.

Gold and silver watches, rings, watch chains, gold pens and pencils, just the thing for holiday presents, at Vogle's.

Gents' slippers in many stylish styles just received at prices to suit the hard times. J. H. Harris.

E. P. Grefroz has the largest line of solid gold, silver, jeweled and silver watches for the holiday trade, ever brought to the city.

By buying your groceries of Wells and Son, you are insured of good weight, good goods, low prices, and prompt delivery. Do you see?

Rev. W. R. Struble, in former years, a journalist of this city, now a minister of the M. E. Church of Portland, is visiting relatives in Corvallis.

Before purchasing your holiday presents, stop at T. Graham's drug store and see his novelties in the way of Christmas cards. A large variety to select from.

Mrs. C. W. Thrasher and Miss Addie Horton are prepared to do all kinds of sewing at the former's residence, opposite Graham and Wortham's drug store, on Main street.

Santa Claus is coming with the best assortment of Christmas goods ever brought to Corvallis and low prices never before equalled in Corvallis. Headquarters with J. W. Willis.

Have you a lady friend? Of course you have. What would please her better for a holiday gift than one of those leather or celluloid cases, or one of those fine cut glass or perfume cases at T. Graham's?

The sensation of the city is the fancy dance by eight of our accomplished young ladies on Dec. 23. They will be dressed in the costume predicted by Bellamy to be worn in the year 2000.

Sunday school Christmas entertainment at the Presbyterian church on Saturday evening at 7 p. m. Christmas services on Sabbath, morning and evening. A cordial welcome to all the services.

Diamonds! genuine diamonds can be seen at Ed. Grefroz's jewelry store in great variety in settings for finger rings, scarf pins, studs and earrings. Do not fail to see them. Just the thing for holiday presents.

In order to get our line of goods introduced, we will, until Jan. 1st, sell our line of decorated ware at actual cost. We have a fine line of goods, and invite an examination of the display in our show windows.

WHEELER & LANGLEY.

The Statesman is bent on having a railroad from Salem to somewhere, if it takes a whole winter's talk on the subject. The latest is the old project, dressed in new clothes, which would link Salem and Astoria together by rail.

A very positive proposition. We are here and here to stay. We can't sell our new goods as low as though they were old and self-worn, but we will sell as low as any other house in Corvallis, quality being considered. So come along with your cash, and we will prove our assertion.

WELLS & SON.

FOR BEACON LIGHTS.—Mr. Brickner, of Wisconsin, from the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, Monday reported to the house a bill providing for sundry lighthouses and other aid to navigation. Among the most important is an item for beacon lights at twenty-five points on the Willamette river, between Salem and Portland.

FINER MONUMENT.—Mr. Geo. W. Harris, marble dealer of Albany, has just completed and set up in Crystal Lake cemetery a fine marble monument and granite curbing for Mr. D. Howell, which is the next piece of work in the cemetery. Mr. Harris requests any person who wants marble or granite work, to examine this piece of work and compare it with other work and then draw their conclusions. Mr. Harris will take orders for any and all kind of marble and granite work. Satisfaction guaranteed.

USELESS TO ASSESS THEM.

Illustrating the workings of the force called the mortgage tax system in Oregon, a bit of correspondence between officials of Gilliam county and the state board of equalization, now in session in Salem, tells the story exactly. The assessor of the county named writes as follows:

"This county has been out the state tax on a great many mortgages heretofore, and as the county court of this county and myself did not find a law under which collection of mortgage tax can be forced, so under instructions from the said court I did not assess them for this year."

Practically so. Now is the experience of the Gilliam county assessor by any means anomalous when compared with that of other assessors throughout the state. This mortgage tax law, as it stands, is capable of being made an instrument of unequal taxation and injustice and correspondingly an overburden upon some taxpayers, while others escape. Whatever works so partially between man and man is always inviting and to maintain it is essential fraud.

In doing what Gilliam county has officially done she has simply followed out the practice of individuals which she was powerless to prevent. What individuals have done in that county, individuals have done all over the state, and what that county has done officially must be done by the other counties or such a thing as a fair and equal taxation of the various counties in relation to each other will be out of the question.

To whatever extent Gilliam county and Multnomah and Clatsop and Umatilla and various other counties here and there, may manage to skirt their share of state expenses just so much the burden is increased upon those taxpayers who do attempt to live up to the law in good faith. Such are the practical operations of the mortgage tax system. It is an engine of jugglery, evasion fraud and deceit. It is a force that the people are getting tired of.

TOUGHING TAXATION.

A petition, a copy of which is now at the postoffice receiving signatures, will be presented at the coming session of the legislature, the heading of which reads as follows:

"To the Honorable Legislature of the State of Oregon, session 1893:

Whereas, the liberal minded and broad thinkers of this free land of America have long since reached the conclusion that all property should be subject to taxation.

Therefore, we, the citizens of the state of Oregon, would most respectfully petition your honorable body to repeal all laws now on the statute books whereby any property, either corporate or private, (save and except that devoted exclusively to charity) is exempt from taxation. Except, also, all property belonging to the United States, the state of Oregon, and to the several counties and school districts in the state."

"DEVOUTLY TO BE WISHED."—The statement once more gains currency that the Southern Pacific is going rapidly ahead with the work of rebuilding the old West Side narrow gauge line, and has a large quantity of material on hand for that purpose.

The Woodburn extension was built from materials intended for the West Side, and the deficiency has been made good. If this statement shall prove true, the result will be hailed with marked gratification by one of the most productive and extensive sections of the valley, which is at present very ill-favored in the matter of railroad transportation, owing to the inadequate service of the narrow gauge line of road. There would be a wonderful development of resources both for the benefit of the company and the communities tributary to it, if the Southern Pacific management will bestir itself to a new deal and raise its narrow gauge system—in western Polk county, especially—so standard gauge proportions—not only as regards the iron highway and its appurtenances, but in the general daily management of traffic all along the line.

SPECIAL.

Special inducements to newly married people in furniture and bedding, carpets, etc. S. N. WILKINS.

The town clock is again in the sulks—decidedly out of sorts—decidedly "rambolic"—essentially stubborn about something. It refuses to keep step with the onward march of time. Many of the rest of us are similarly inclined. These vibrations of the ticky "pure and beautiful" don't exactly inspire the average Woodfoot with enthusiasm the most vehement. They had as well be left off the programme for all the welcome they ever get here. The town clock has a right to get mad about it. But the fact is that while the "big majority" have to go on doing business, snow or no snow, chill or no chill, the town clock ought not to be exempt any more than the balance of the folks. It is there to do business and should be brought to "time." This is a plain fact on the face of it. The GAZETTE has suggested how it may be properly done, and if anybody can offer a better idea, all right. At any rate the town clock should be kept in motion, or else label it "dumb watch" and be done with it.

THE SANTIUM'S BIG TIMBER.—The enormous timber sent to the world's fair by the state of Washington have attracted a great deal of attention and comment, but if Oregon had the enterprise she could procure from her magnificent forests logs that would dwarf the Washington monsters into insignificance. Matt Collier, a timber land locator and experienced lumberman, who lives near the Breitenbach above this place, says that he can get out a timber within five miles of Green Basin that will square four and a half feet and 140 feet long. He also says that there is a tree on his claim that measures thirty-one feet in circumference, six feet above the ground and 170 feet to the first limb. It is estimated that there is 70,000 feet of lumber in the tree.—Santiam Lumberman.

A BLOCKADE.

My store is too small to hold the car load of new and elegant furniture just arrived, and have marked down everything to induce those who intend buying soon to buy now. Come in and inspect my stock. S. N. WILKINS.

At the old stand of P. Weber. 24.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE NOTES.

AN INTERESTING BATCH OF ITEMS FROM THAT INSTITUTION.

The first of this week saw lively proceedings in the literary societies, the occasion being the election of officers. After lively canvassing, but with no ballot stuffing, the following officers were elected in the Websterian society: President, L. L. Swann; Secretary, Mrs. M. Franklin; treasurer, W. F. Holman; chapter A, president, Chas. Gaudin; secretary, Miss Jennie McGillic; chapter B, president, W. T. Lee; secretary, Miss Burtene Gifford. In the Ciceroan society the officers chosen were: president, N. J. Howan; secretary, Cande Williams; treasurer, Miss Della Gellaly; sec. A, Mr. H. Desborough; president, W. F. Kealy; secretary, sec. B, Mr. E. G. Emmett; president; Miss Ola Robbins, secretary. At the meeting of the Hesperian Lyceum last Friday, after an interesting programme, the following officers were elected: President, E. G. Emmett; vice president, A. T. Buxton; secretary, Miss Hortense Grefroz; treasurer, John Allen; sergeant-at-arms, Lee Applewhite; editor-in-chief, L. L. Swann; assistant editor, Miss Lotta Rose; critic, R. C. Finley. The report of the retiring treasurer showed that the amount in the treasury Dec. 19th was \$104, so the H. L. is still in the lurch of the living—financially, at any rate.

All examinations end on Thursday, Dec. 22, so that students living at a distance can start for their homes on Friday if they wish.

The second installment of the uniforms arrived last Tuesday, and another squad of 23 boys were soon parading around with their heads in the air, not deigning to notice the ordinary school boys. It is rumored that the girls will appear at the beginning of the next term wearing short school dresses of navy blue color, but so far it is only a rumor and nothing more. The band uniforms have all arrived now, and the band boys present quite an imposing appearance—to their minds, at any rate, in their new uniforms.

NOTES FOR WOMEN.

Mary Allen West, for some time editor of the Union Signal, died in Hamana, Japan, Dec. 1st.

The American Woman Suffrage association will meet in Washington, D. C., in Malzoroti's new music hall June 15-19.

Miss Helen Hood's cablegram, dated London, Nov. 30th, says that Miss Walford addressed a large audience at Sanderland the evening previous.

Dr. Amy C. Bowen, of California, is the first and at present the only woman ever admitted to the medical schools in Berlin.

Miss Jessie A. Ackerman, one of the W. C. T. U. workers, relates a peculiar but fascinating experience among the pearling seas. She visited the bottom of the sea in a diving suit, returning safely. She is the first woman who has accomplished such a feat. E. M. S.

THE MASQUERADE BALL.

The programme will commence promptly at 8:45 p. m. Masquerade are requested to enter the hall by the side door on Madison street. Lady masqueraders desiring the cab to call for them will please leave their name and address at Stock's cash store. You will be entertained for a few minutes by eight beautiful young ladies in a quadrille introducing many unique figures. There is positively no free list. Prices of admission are as follows: Spectators, 50 cents; gentlemen masqueraders, 1.50; lady masqueraders, free. The main floor will be reserved for the dancers. Gentlemen spectators will be allowed to dance after the unmasking by paying \$1.00 extra. Supper at the Cafe Royal at \$1.00 per couple. Music will be furnished by Parsons & Fleck's orchestra, of Portland.

AMERICAN CHOLERA.

T. C. Burnett, the democratic candidate for sheriff, was taken violently ill at Clearbrook. He had all the symptoms of Asiatic cholera, and for an hour or two it was feared he would die. They finally gave him a dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy, which revived him and a physician arrived. That is precisely what the manufacturers of that medicine recommend for cholera. Send for a physician but give them medicine until the physician arrives. If cholera becomes prevalent in this country next summer this preparation will be in great demand because it can always be depended upon. For sale by T. Graham.

TRAINS—WIRES—MAILS.

The storm bids fair to bottle this part of the country up completely. The wires are down in every direction and all communication is cut off. Yesterday the train from Portland, due at noon, reached this point at 4:50 p. m. The Oregon Pacific train from Yaquina arrived a few minutes behind time, going through to Albany as usual but somewhat belated and getting back here an hour and a quarter behind time. She proceeded on her way coastward, but it is doubtful about her making the trip over the mountains. We shall not be surprised to see every avenue of communication with the outside world closed up for some days.

The storm is general from California to British Columbia, including the interior as far east as St. Paul, Minn.

Gents, you can not only get a bargain in shoes at J. H. Harris', but have one of the best lines to select from in the city. Don't fail to see our line before buying.

THE SEMI-OFFICIAL CANVASS.

The official canvass of the vote in Oregon's thirty-one counties for the presidential electors has not yet been made by the state officers, on account of impending litigation, but if it were to be made it would show the following totals:

REPUBLICAN.
John P. Caples.....32,662
David M. Dunne.....34,928
Geo. M. Irwin.....34,932
H. B. Miller.....34,910

DEMOCRATIC.
W. F. Butler.....14,243
W. M. Colvig.....14,817
Geo. Noland.....14,207

PEOPLE'S.
W. G. Burleigh.....23,875
W. H. Galvani.....23,811
S. H. Holt.....26,963

DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S.
Nathan Pierce.....35,813

PROHIBITION.
G. W. Black.....2,258
N. R. Gaylord.....2,250
A. W. Lucas.....2,257
Gilman Parker.....2,281

THE MANDAMUS CASE.
As the figures above indicate, the republican electors, with the exception of one, all have majorities. Miller, who received the lowest vote of the republicans, is contesting the election of Pierce, the populist friend candidate. Miller brought mandamus proceedings in the circuit court for Marion county to prevent the secretary from counting the vote cast for Pierce in those counties in which his name appeared twice on the official ballot and to compel the governor to issue him (Miller) a certificate of election. Judge Barnett denied the petition and the petitioner took the matter on appeal to the supreme court, where the argument has been made. The official canvass of the state vote will be made as soon as the supreme court's decision is rendered.—Statesman.

Do you wish to know the quickest way to cure a cold? We will tell you. To cure a cold quickly it must be treated before the cold has become settled in the system. The first symptom is a dry, loud cough and sneezing. The cough is soon followed by watery expectorations and the sneezing by a profuse watery discharge from the nose. In severe cases there is a thin white coating on the tongue. What to do? It is only necessary to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in double doses every hour. That will greatly lessen the severity of the cold and in many cases will effectually counteract it, and cure what would have been a severe cold within one or two days' time. Try it and be convinced. 50 cent bottles for sale by T. Graham.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

A fine line of novelties for both young and old in illustrated books, fancy stationery, albums, stationery in plush cases etc., for the holidays, at T. Graham's.

MARRIED.

RILEY—JACOBS.—At the residence of the bride's parents in this city, on Thursday evening Dec. 20th, by Rev. E. J. Thompson, D. D., D. C. A. Riley and Bertha Jacobs, both of this city.

The best wishes of many friends are extended to the happy couple as they sail out together on the ocean of life.

YOUNG—VANHOUSEN.—At the residence of the bride's parents near this city, Wednesday evening Dec. 21st, by Rev. E. J. Thompson, Miss J. Young and Eliza Vanhousen, both of Corvallis.

The wedding was a very pleasant one and the parents are well and favorably known to many in this city. The congratulations of all are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Young upon the happy event and the earnest wish expressed that their lives may be filled with much blessing and prosperity.

It is an insult to your intelligence, but some unscrupulous dealers try it. For instance: you're suffering from some skin, scalp or scrofulous affection, or are feeling "run-down" or "used-up." There's a torpid liver, impure blood, and all that may come from it. You've decided wisely, that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the medicine to help you. You know that it's guaranteed to do so, as no other blood purifier is. If it doesn't benefit or cure, you get your money back.

Can you ask more? But what is best for you to take isn't always best for the dealer to sell. He offers something that's "just as good." Is it likely? If the makers of a medicine can't trust it, can you?

If they can trust it, then why not guarantee it, as the makers of the "Discovery" do? The genuine sold only through authorized agents, at the uniform price of \$1.00. Beware of spurious imitations or dilutions, offered at low prices.

CLOSING OUT SALE.—For the next sixty days I will sell my entire stock of trimmed and untrimmed felt and velvet hats regardless of cost. Ladies, now is your time to secure a hat as bonnet. Remember to bring along the cash; no credit. Mrs. J. MASON.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT POSTPONED.—On account of the inclement weather, the public school entertainment prepared for last evening was postponed until January 6th, two weeks from to-morrow evening.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—Nothing is more conducive to comfort these long winter evenings than a pair of easy clippers, and nothing would be more appropriate as a present for a lady or gentleman. Webber & Son have just received an elegant stock of slippers expressly for the holiday trade, and are closing out their stock of ladies' kid shoes at greatly reduced prices.

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Your Eyes

Red Letter Sale!

Prices all in Plain Figures.

Suits and overcoats almost given. Prices reduced from 25 to 50 per cent.

Our entire line of overcoats, suits and pants for children, boys and men must go between now and Dec. 31st.

Children's suits, former price, \$1.25, now \$.95.

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" " " " 18.00 " 15.00.

Call early, as all prices are cut deep in our Clothing Line.

STOCK'S CASH STORE.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY ACRES FOR SALE OR TRADE.

Good stock ranch well adapted for fruit; all under fence; good house, two barns; 50 acre under cultivation. Terms, \$10 per acre, \$500 cash, balance to suit purchaser. Will trade for city property. Geo. M. STARR, Philomath.

TAKE YOUR WATCHES TO U. B. VOGLE, Next door to Row's cigar factory.

DO YOU WANT

Please the Children?

If you don't fail to look at the big stock of Toys, Dolls, Wagners, Christmas Tree Decorations and

Holiday Novelties

G. W. BIGHAM'S,

Before making your purchases. He also manufactures all kinds of Soda Water, and keeps a fine line of Oregon and California Fruits and Produce, fine Tobacco and Cigars all the leading Periodicals, Novels, etc.

SAY!

When you are purchasing HOLIDAY PRESENTS for your friends, you could not please them better than to accompany the gift with a package of these Fancy Creams and Caramels, and

Home Made Candies,

MANUFACTURED BY G. W. BIGHAM.

MONEY TO LOAN.

Money to loan at 8 per cent interest on farming land in Benton county. Enquiry of J. R. Markley & Co. Office over the post-office, Corvallis, Oregon.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

FOR 154 PERSONS

To be given away at KLINE'S

GRAND DRAWING

To take place FRIDAY, DEC. 23, '22.

Every buyer of goods to the amount of \$5.00 in one bill will be entitled to a ticket in the drawing.

CONSISTING OF VALUED AT

1 pair family blankets.....\$ 7 50

1 Webster's Dictionary..... 5 00

81 novels..... 20 00

6 pair fancy decorated vases..... 6 00

5 fancy flower pots..... 1 50

12 fancy bouquet holders..... 6 00

1 toilet set, 3 pieces..... 2 00

21 fancy cups and saucers..... 9 00

6 fancy mugs..... 2 35

2 fancy flower baskets..... 7 50

3 card receivers..... 1 00

11 sets decorated individual butters..... 3 50

2 decorated gravy dishes..... 75