

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The 25th Day of December Fixed as the Day of Nativity in the 4th Century.

Christmas is a festival of the Christian church, observed on Dec. 25th, as the anniversary of the birth of the Saviour. Its institution is attributed to Pope Telesphorus, who died A. D. 188, and since that time has been one of the most noted Christian solemnities. At first it was one of the most movable of the Christian festive days, many times being confided with the Epiphany, and celebrated by the eastern churches in the months of April and May. In the 4th century an order was obtained from Pope Julius I, for an investigation to be made in regard to the day of Christ's birth. The result, after a careful inquiry, was an agreement upon the 25th day of December. The chief grounds for such decision were the fact that Christ was born in the middle of the night, and in Roman Catholic countries it has been the custom since the 6th century to usher in the day by the celebration of three masses, one at midnight, one at early dawn and a third the morning. The day was considered in the double light of a cheerful festival and a holy commemoration, and was accordingly celebrated by devotion, merriment and vacation from business. The custom of singing carols, recalling the events of the birth of Christ, dates from the time the common people ceased to understand Latin. The bishops and lower clergy often joined with the people in carolling, and the songs were usually enlivened by dances, and by music of tambourines, violins and organs, in which fathers, mothers and children joined. Many of these old carols are still preserved. During the last days preceding Christmas it is still the custom for mountain minstrels to descend from the mountains to Naples and Rome, saluting the shrines of the virgin mother with their wild music, under the postical notion of cheering her until the birth-time of her infant at the approaching Christmas. In the painting by Raphael he has introduced a shepherd at the door playing on a sort of bagpipe. Preparatory to Christmas the bells are rung at midnight throughout England and the continent; and after the solemn celebration of the mass, for which the churches of France and Italy are magnificently adorned, it is usual for the revelers to partake of a collation that they may be better able to sustain the fatigues of the night. Among these Christmas revels were the so-called feasts of fools and others which were often termed "December liberality," in which every thing serious was banished, inferiors prostrated their superiors, great men became frolicsome, and illustrated the proneness of men to occasionally reverse the order of society and ridicule its deceptions. It was formerly customary in England to begin their festivities on Christmas eve, and were often continued till Candlemas (Feb. 2) every day being a holiday till twelfth night (Jan. 6). In the houses of the nobles "lord of misrule" was appointed whose office was "to make the rarest pastimes, to delight the beholders and his dominion lasted from "All hallow eve," (Oct. 31), till Candlemas day. The lord was usually clothed in a cap of turkeys, pies, puddings, etc. A glowing fire was made in the hall where the attendants were entertained, made of great logs, the principal one of which was termed the "yule log," or Christmas block, which might be burned until Candlemas. During this period the abundance of estates was shared among the participants and generous bowls of punch were served which had the effect of adding materially to the hilarity of the occasion. The festive and merry season on Christmas was a souse-bear's head, which was borne to the principal table with great state and solemnity. The common custom of decking the house and churches at Christmas with evergreens is derived from the ancient Druid practices. It was an old belief that sylvan spirits might flock to the evergreens, and remain unimpeded by frost till a milder season. The holly, ivy, laurel and mistletoe furnished the favorite trimmings which were removed till Candlemas. The last memorable appointment of a lord of misrule was in 1627, when he was called "a grand captain of mischief." The poems of Herrick contain many descriptions of old English Christmas celebrations. In the United States since the Puritans were at first stern opponents of Christmas pastimes, the day has been less generally celebrated in New England than in the middle, southern and western states. It is a legal holiday in some of the states, and is generally observed by religious services and by making presents and not infrequently by trimming houses and churches with evergreens. It is also very generally observed by imitating the German custom of Christmas trees.

ITS OBSERVANCE IN CORVALLIS. Appropriate Christmas services were held in all the churches on Sunday and in most of them special music was rendered both morning and evening. The festivities began Saturday evening with a Christmas tree at the Presbyterian and Christian churches. At the former the decorations, while not so elaborate as in former years, were very tastefully arranged. Recitations in keeping with the occasion were given by Miss Pritchard, Mildred Johnson, Amy Vaughn, Lola Wilkins and Walter Hufford. Pres. Bloss and Dr. Thompson delighted the children for a few minutes with a Christmas story. After a well rendered solo by M. A. F. M. Johnson began the distribution of presents. The trees were well laden with gifts for the little folks and gave no signs of the present financial condition of the country. The music was well selected and added much to the enjoyment of all.

AT THE CONGREGATIONAL. The services on Monday night commenced by singing No. 56, Pentecostal hymns, after which Rev. Kauter offered a short prayer followed by an address by the choir. Having had the literary exercises of the Sunday school on Sunday evening before, the committee began to distribute the presents at once. The tree was decorated with candles and long threads of popcorn hung in festoons from the branches. Back of the tree hung bunches of mistletoe nicely arranged about the wall producing a very pretty effect. The gifts were tastefully arranged on the tree and their distribution was the occasion of enthusiasm among the children. One hundred and fifteen sacks of candies had been prepared and were given one to each of the scholars. T. Graham and Prof. French received decorated contribution boxes but with no compliments attached.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Santa Claus visited the Christian church Saturday night in person. The children cheered him as he came down the chimney and they anxiously expressed their sympathy for him in his announced loss of a reindeer and the substitution of a male. The audience was large and the presents many, and the decorations are deserving of special mention for their beauty.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Monday evening Christmas exercises were held at the Episcopal church. The decorations here were out of the usual order and evidenced much industry in their arrangement. The usual Christmas tree was supplemented by a fire place and chimney composed of boxes, erected at the rear of the trees which gave the impression of being genuine brick and mortar. After a well rendered carol service the distribution of presents began and when completed S. Claus, Esq., in the person of Mr. Johnson, and by the aid of a fairy god-mother brought forth a present for every one from the seeming brick greatly to the delight of all the children. A Christmas tree party was given by Miss Hazel and Master Kline, to their young friends at their residence, Monday afternoon. The blinds were drawn, and the room brilliantly illuminated, and the tree, with its many lighted candles and presents for the children, made a very pretty sight. The children amused themselves by playing games appropriate to the occasion, after which they were led into the dining room where hot cocoa and delicacies were served. Justice being done, they all repaired to the parlors, when the presents were distributed, and each and every child went home happy.

FOR LEGAL SERVICES.

A Neat Sum Demanded From O. P. Bondholders. The Oregonian of the 29th inst., says, "There is nothing immodest about the compensation claimed by Fay & Gest for legal services rendered the bondholders committee of the Oregon Pacific and Willamette Valley Railroad companies. This committee consists of James A. Blair, Joseph Wharton and Alexander Brown, and Fay & Gest have sued them to recover \$48,705 as remuneration for legal services rendered in the interest of the railroad companies mentioned for a period extending from June, 1892, to the present time. The amount of money claimed is not the only interesting feature of the complaint filed yesterday by McGinn, Sears & Simon, for the plaintiffs. It begins by setting forth that the law firm now composed of John P. Fay and C. H. Gest formerly included J. Park Henderson. In July, 1892, Henderson retired, and all the interests of the firm and more especially in the litigation of the Farmers Loan and Trust Co., as trustee, against the O. P. and W. V. railroads, descended into the hands of Fay & Gest, who were employed as counsel by the bondholders' committee, of which James A. Blair is chairman. Plaintiffs allege that they have rendered \$45,250 worth of legal service to the committee and its representatives, and all their demands for payment of that sum have been refused. In addition to these services, the plaintiffs at various times paid out by request of the defendants for their benefit the further sum of \$3,555.50 in the transaction of business. The total amount due is \$48,705, and with this judgment is asked, together with legal interest from December 15, 1893. "Accompanying the bill of complaint is an exhibit of expenditures and the amounts due for services. Some of the items are interesting. One of them is: "To services of Fay & Gest, obtaining removal of T. E. Hogg as receiver, \$1,000," and "expenses of John P. Fay in New York assisting in removal of Hogg and obtaining subscriptions to \$45,250 worth of certificates, \$750." For obtaining a continuance of a sale of the road from March 1 to March 7 the amount claimed is \$2,500. Another \$2,000 is demanded for securing a second postponement of the sale till March 14, and for a third continuance till June 28 a similar sum is charged. John P. Fay's services in resisting the attempt of certificate-holders to remove C. H. Gest, F. K. Pendleton and John P. Fay as attorneys for receiver are valued at \$2,000, with \$300 extra for expenses and the price of his work in resisting claims of Wallis Nash and William M. Hoag for large salaries and taking of testimony before Referee Hufford in regard to same is quoted at \$1,750. The services of Fay & Gest in attending to the closing of the road in abandoning the "upset price" and offering the property to the highest bidder for cash are listed at \$1,000, with an additional item of \$35. "If the firm of Fay & Gest had no other client than the bondholders' committee, and succeeds in getting its account settled in full, it will have no reason to complain of lack of remunerative business since June, 1892."

Judge Fullerton made an order on the 29th inst. discharging Messrs. Fay & Gest from further services as attorneys for the receiver of the O. P. R. R.

COFFEE CLUB PARTY. Since the organization of the ladies' coffee club they have been noted for the success of their entertainments. They have had the reputation of giving the most delightful parties, and invitations from them have always been accepted by the young men with the greatest pleasure. There is always something about these "affairs" that bears the stamp of refinement and a social character not met with in other semi-public gatherings held in Corvallis. Each effort is an improvement on the previous party, and they now have the satisfaction of knowing that their social last Thursday evening was in every way one of the most enjoyable that the "beauty and chivalry" of Corvallis had ever been permitted to indulge in. For the occasion the firemen's hall in the city had been tastefully decorated, prominent among the decorations being an immense bunch of mistletoe suspended by ribbons from the chandeliers in the center of the room. The evening's entertainment began with William Dean Howells' laughable farce, "Unexpected Guests," and its production was well received by the audience. Of those taking part Miss Leon Louis, Col. Bob Johnson and Dr. Bowen Lester deserve special mention. This was followed by a vocal solo by Miss Adna Davignon who responded to a hearty encore. Miss Hattie Friendly displayed her superior ability as an elocutionist after which the floor was cleared and dancing was indulged in until eleven o'clock when a delicious lunch of sandwiches and cake with the never-to-be-forgotten cup of coffee. After refreshments dancing was again resumed and continued until one o'clock. Prof. Rosebrook and Miss Ollie Thompson furnished music for the dancers which was just about right. In the show window of THE GAZETTE stationery store may be seen several beautiful specimens of the painter's art—landscape views of local scenery, including the handwork of Miss Wallis Nash. We have a large supply of this material on hand in various tints and will gladly supply those in need of the same.

SOME CHOICE BEEF. Sixteen hundred and thirty-seven pounds was the gross weight of a cow, three and one-half years old fattened on the agricultural college farm and sold last week to J. C. Taylor of the Central market. It is somewhat remarkable that the distance around this animal measured a foot and five inches in excess of its length. On Tuesday of this week Mr. Taylor also purchased from the same farm a two-year-old that weighed 1410 pounds. These animals were fed according to the most scientific methods and without doubt made the finest quality of beef ever offered for sale in a Corvallis market. The price paid was one and one-fourth cents over the market quotation for ordinary beef cattle.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Go to Spencer's and get shaved. All men's suits at cost at Miller's clothing store. Vogle has a fine line of gold pens, warranted. Roller skating at the opera house this Saturday evening. Vogle has a fine line of jewelry for the December trade. All men's suits and overcoats at cost at Miller's clothing store. An elegant line Standard silverware at Ed Griffin's Jewelry Store. Grefroz takes the lead in fine silverware. Go and see his stock. Former price goods' cork sole calf shoes \$3.75, now \$3.00 at J. H. Harris'. All men's suits at cost at Miller's clothing store. Bargains in children's cloaks at the Ladies Bazar. All men's suits and overcoats at cost at Miller's clothing store. A fine line of Jewelry just received for the holiday trade at Ed Grefroz. We have reduced the price on dress goods. Call and see us. J. H. HARRIS. Fine selection of celluloid goods at the Ladies Bazar. Vogle can fit your eyes with a beautiful pair of lenses and cheap frames from 25 cents to \$7.50. Try them. Live turkeys at the people's grocery store 10 cents per pound. Dressed turkeys accordingly. C. H. Fargo & Co. box tip school shoes are the best on earth for the money. Try them. J. H. HARRIS. The Yaquina Bay hotel furniture at the second-hand store, is going cheap. Call early and secure bargains. Go to Hodes & Hall's Pioneer coffee saloon for your Xmas candies. They have the best stock in town. M. O. Warner, of Eugene, practical tuner and repairer of pianos and organs, is stopping a few days in Corvallis. J. C. Lewis, late purser of the steamer Hoag, will leave Sunday for his home in the east, where he will make a short visit, after which he will start for the south, for the balance of the winter. E. P. Grefroz' jewelry emporium is well stocked with a handsome lot of gems, such as diamonds, emeralds, agates, opals and other precious stones, all suitable for an appropriate Christmas present. R. L. Taylor has removed his barber shop from his old stand, and is now occupying the front part of Jacobs' cigar store. He invites his friends and patrons to call and see him in his new and comfortable quarters. Removals of all sorts are quite common nowadays in preparation for the new year, and large processions of bald-headed men are to be seen daily winding their way to Spencer's barber shop to secure some of that fine work on which Jesse has made a reputation. A pleasant surprise party was tendered Miss Nettie Spencer at the Woodward residence last (Friday) evening. Our timidity prevented an entrance to the spacious residence, but from a peep thro' the window at the many pretty belles and dashing beaux, we opine a pleasant time was had. A grand New Year's ball will be given at the opera house on New Year's evening in honor of the O. A. C. football team.

With this date, Friday, Dec. 29, Mr. G. W. McLangley, of the grocery firm of Wheeler & Langley, retires from the business, having disposed of all of his interests to Nels H. Wheeler, who will assume all liabilities and all bills will be payable to him. It is the desire of Mr. Wheeler to merit the continued patronage and confidence of the public, and to this end he has been fortunate in securing the excellent services of Mr. J. C. Mohr as salesman. He will keep a full line of first-class groceries and crockery which will be sold at the lowest living prices. Commencing with the first of the year the business will be conducted on a cash basis as nearly as possible. He, however, invites the patronage of all responsible persons who will make prompt monthly settlements. Watch for further announcements in next week's GAZETTE.

CREW LEAVES FOR PORTLAND. Two small boat-loads of river steamer employes left Corvallis this afternoon for Portland. Mr. Hadley furnished them with sufficient provisions to last until their destination was reached, as they have barely enough money to pay their expenses from Portland to their respective homes. Capt. Bell says that the river boats, Hoag and Three Sisters, will not be allowed to run until back salaries are paid. Receiver Hadley did all in his power to make a satisfactory adjustment of the matter, but to no purpose. A flat refusal was made to his proposition asking the men to work on half salary.

COURT PROCEEDINGS. In addition to the railroad case, the court disposed of the following cases Thursday: Morris Allen vs. John L. Ayer, et al., taken under advisement. J. P. McManney vs. D. A. Osburn, referred and continued for term. John Rickard vs. O. B. Hamar and Mary Hamar, decree of foreclosure. S. N. Wilkins vs. B. R. Job, et al., taken under advisement.

Holiday goods in great variety at the Ladies Bazar.

Two burglaries were attempted last Wednesday night, one at the gunstore of J. W. Will occurred about 9:30. The thief was frightened away before anything was stolen, by Mr. Durham, who sleeps in the building. At about 4:30 the next morning an attempt was also made to enter the gunstore of C. Hodes, but without success.

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"AFTER THE BALL."

The H. and L. Boys Fulfill Their Promise to Give the Event of the Season. As announced the Hook & Ladder ball was given in the opera house last Monday evening. A good time had been promised all who should attend and the unanimous verdict was that it had been even more than was expected. The orchestra, with Dave Rosebrook as leader, discoursed the best of music and in justice to them it must be said that the walls of the old city hall never echoed to sweeter tones or better time than on this occasion, not even when professionals were imported. From 9 o'clock when the caller announced the grand march until 4 o'clock the next morning when the electric globes ceased to shed their lights over the merry throng below, pleasure ran riot and the spectator forgot his actual existence in his interest in the variety of costumes and characters represented among the dancers. The sublime and the ridiculous in fashion, politics and society were represented singly and in combinations that could not fail to arouse the merriment of the most solemnized. It was an occasion to forget care and every one in attendance evidenced that they had done so to the fullest extent. Only dancers were admitted to the main floor and in this way there was not that crowding which usually characterizes the masquerade balls. At about half past ten the masks were removed and many speculations as to who were representing various characters proved to be ridiculous, wrong, so complete had been the disguise and so well the part carried out. College boys were among the dancers and they had not forgotten to introduce an impromptu football contest that evoked much laughter. Not only was the grotesque represented, but many of the costumes were elegant and costly. After unmasking, spectators were admitted to the floor, an opportunity of which many availed themselves. The net receipts to the H. & L. boys were something over \$50. The committee appointed the H. & L. boys to give the entertainment for their untiring efforts in the preliminary arrangements and in the management of the evening's entertainment. To them is due much of the success attained. The prizes were awarded as follows: To Miss McLyman, for the most elegant costume—fan. To Amelia Zirkel, for best sustained lady character—dressing case. To Ella Schmidt—pair of "black kids," for most original lady character. To Ira Nelson, for the most elegant gent's costume—a silk muffler. To Sol Smith, for the best sustained gent's character—a dressing case. To Fred Ober, for the most original gent's character—a pair of suspenders. Following is the list of maskers and the characters represented: Misses—Iva Smith, Night; Pearl Wells, Gypsy; Bessie Langley, North of July; Etta King, Moor; Hattie Hess, cook; Irene Smith, Nurse; Ethel Langley, nurse; Jennie Burke, Old Mother Hubbard; Gertrude Felton, ballet girl; Miss McCann, ballet girl; Gertrude Mackey, nurse; Ollie Armstrong, page; Bessie Barker, tambourine; Minnie Hodes, fisher maiden; Ella Zirkel, parlor maid; Gertrude Carlile, heliotope; Emma Taylor, Hook & Ladder fairy; Kendal, Spanish girl; Laura Williams, Topsy; Lulu Gillett, sun-bather; Hattie Gillett, dewdrop; Gertrude Alexander, blue bell of Scotland; Maggie Mackey, marguerite; Essie Mackey, gypsy; Myrt. Miller, gypsy queen; Julia Bier, black diamond; Addie Schmidt, bo-peep; Ella Schmidt, Nigger girl; Minta King, grandma; Mrs. F. Williamson, pink domino; Mrs. B. Woldt, Topsy; Mrs. J. Spencer, popcorn; Mrs. Smith, jockey. Messrs.—Sol Smith, Oregon moss-back; L. L. Hopkins, clown; Geo. Reed, fancy dress; Frank Zirkel, I am looking for my wife; Ed Stock, king; E. F. Kitson, Queen Lil; Willie Schmidt, newsboy; Westbrook, Albany, clown; George Patterson, bandmaster; Will Bloss, lady; A. S. Additon, Uncle Sam; A. W. Fischer, B. S. A.; Caleb Davis, after the ball; H. R. Hall, Idaho, fireman; H. B. Williamson, page; N. J. Rowan, moon; Howard Williams, girl; Homer Elliott, bicycle rider; D. Z. Irwin, sailor; Earl Brandenburg, clown; Pearl Hut-ton, clown; F. J. Ober, coon; Leo Gerhard, Albany Brewing Company; J. C. Irwin, Weinhard Brewing Company; Willie Schmidt, red, white and blue; George Clark, clown; Ira Nelson, Spanish prince; J. B. Walker, knight templar; Ed Zeis, knight templar; A. M. Weaver, hack driver; George Bowers, hack driver; Claude Carlile, jockey.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL. Last Friday a representative of THE GAZETTE visited all the departments of the public school of Corvallis, and was pleased with the general appearance of the teachers and students, and the character of their work. We have been told that the proper thing to do upon visiting a school is to report first to the principal. This we did, and found Professor Pratt in the midst of his work. In addition to the general supervision of the school, he has charge of the eighth grade. Prof. Pratt, who comes from a family of well known educators, was educated in one of the leading colleges of Michigan, holds a state diploma, has taught about thirteen years, during which time he has proved himself to be not only a thorough scholar, but one of the most successful teachers in Oregon. Under his management the school is doing fine work. In addition to the routine work of his room, there is an interesting literary society that meets weekly to prepare orations and give to express themselves on public occasions. Miss Maud Breneman has charge of the seventh grade. She graduated from Meyer's normal school, of Pennsylvania, and holds a state certificate. She taught seven years in Pennsylvania, and spent one year in Oregon. About fifty studious pupils are in her department. Department six is under the supervision of Miss Augusta Turney, who was educated in California, and has had about six years' experience as a teacher in the public schools of Oregon. She holds a state certificate, and is doing good work. Miss Mollie Bergen was also educated in California, and has had six years' experience as a teacher. Her room has now the banner for the most orderly marching. We were shown some drawing done from nature by her pupils, that deserves especial comment. Miss Kate Casto, formerly of Washington county, has charge of the fourth grade. Miss Casto is a graduate of the state normal school at Monmouth, and is meeting with success in her efforts to educate. Miss Leon Louis is a graduate of the O. A. C. '92, holds a state diploma, and has already distinguished herself as an instructor in the public schools. She has charge of the third grade in which there are about fifty-five pupils. The second grade is under the supervision of Miss Ada Sharples, formerly a teacher in the Eugene public schools. Miss Sharples is a graduate of the state university. In addition to the work of her department, she teaches drawing in the eighth grade. The little "lots" of the first grade, which number about sixty, are under the supervision of Miss Mary E. Newton, a graduate from the O. A. C. Miss Newton is doing commendable work in giving so much attention to each of these little people just at the time "they are entering on the flowery path of knowledge."

GENERAL NOTES. The school is doing through work. The enrollment this year will be about 400. All the teachers are enforcing the law regarding regular attendance. The register shows that patrons are not visiting the school as much as they should. Several of the teachers have done much to make their rooms attractive. Prof. Pratt has instituted a plan whereby competent teachers have charge of the play grounds during no-m as well as during the other recesses. The grade work has been arranged so that students graduating from the public school are prepared to enter the first year in the Oregon agricultural college. PHILMATH. The college at Philomath gave one of the most interesting entertainments ever witnessed by Philmath audience, Friday evening Dec. 22nd 1893. The students acquitted themselves well, showing that grand progress is being made by the Philmath. Keegel, principal, in a few well chosen remarks thanked the people for the patronage of the past and kindly asked a continuation of the same. Bishop W. Dillon, D. D. of Salem, presided at Sunday morning and evening at Keegel chapel. He will conduct the services during the week. Rev. Williams has taken up a regular appointment at Oak Ridge and will preach there on the first Sunday in each month at 3 p. m. A telegram to Bishop Dillon announces that the supreme court of Michigan has decided in favor of the radicals. This is an important decision as it embraces all of Michigan, and prominent portions of North Ohio and St. Joseph annual conferences. Ego. AN ENGINEER'S EXPERIENCE. FROM SOUTH CHICAGO DAILY CALUMET. SOUTH CHICAGO, October 7, 1893. EDITOR CALUMET: I desire to let the people of this section know the great benefit I have derived from the use of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I am an engineer, and in filling my duties as such, often become overheated, while the strain on my engine is very great, and has caused me much suffering. These pains were of such frequent recurrence, that I feared kidney trouble. Physicians could do nothing for me, and often, after catching cold I would be laid up and lose a day or two's work. About a year ago I caught a severe cold and had to go to bed. The pain in my back was terrible and I could get no relief. I sent to a drug store for some kind of liniment and the druggist said Chamberlain's Pain Balm was as good as anything. I had the Pain Balm rubbed all over the small of my back, then wet a flannel cloth and bound it across the seat of pain. In a few hours relief came, the pain had vanished, and the next day I went to work and have not lost a day since. Yours Resp., B. W. Bradley, Engineer. Pain Balm is for sale here by Graham & Wells, druggists.

FOR RENT. 320 acre farm; 170 acres in cultivation, balance enclosed pasture; good buildings, orchard, etc. M. S. WOODCOCK. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION. Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore between Nels H. Wheeler and G. W. Langley, under the firm name of Wheeler & Langley, in this day dissolved by mutual consent, G. W. Langley retiring. All accounts, notes and bills due the late firm will be payable to Nels H. Wheeler, who succeeds to the name of the said firm and who assumes all indebtedness of said firm. NELS H. WHEELER, G. W. LANGLEY. Dated at Corvallis Dec. 29, 1893. NOTICE TO CREDITORS. In the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Benton county. In the matter of the assignment of Max Friendly for the benefit of creditors. Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that Max Friendly, of Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon, on the 26th day of October, 1893, duly made an assignment to me of all of his property for the benefit of his creditors, and that I have accepted said trust and duly qualified as such assignee; and all persons having claims against the above named insolvent debtor, Max Friendly, are hereby notified to present the same to me, under oath, at the First National bank at Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon, within three months from the date of this notice. In testimony whereof, I, T. Egan, Assignee of Max Friendly for the benefit of creditors. Dated November 17th, 1893.

A * Few * Bargains

THE PRICES FOR HOLIDAY GOODS AT KLINE'S WILL enable all to give cheerfully upon the approaching Christmas. We are enabled to offer special inducements to purchasers of the following and many other articles: PLUSH ALBUMS, FANCY CUPS & SAUCERS, CHILD'S SILVER SETS, PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS, SILVERWARE & CUTLERY, VASES, DECORATED WARE, FANCY STOOLS, WISP BROOMS, MUFLERS, KID GLOVES, FASCINATORS, HATS, COLLAR AND CUFF BOXES, LADIES' AND GENTS' SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, DRESS SUITS, OVERCOATS, FANCY DRESS PATTERNS.

KLINE'S BUSY BIG STORE. PIONEER BAKERY * AND * * COFFEE * SHEDD * Hodes & Hall, Proprietors. Plain and Fancy Confectioneries, Ice Cream. Cigars. "Our Silver Champion," "Belmont," "General Arthur," and a full line of Smokers' Articles. Come in when Hungry and get a Lunch any hour of the day.

Just Received! A FRESH LOT OF SUMMER SAUSAGES AT HEADQUARTERS FOR FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC GROCERIES. TEAS FROM 25c TO \$1.50 PER POUND. COFFEE FROM 25c to 50c per pound. All kinds of Farinaceous Goods in Stock. Canned Fruits, Fish, and Vegetables. A complete line of Smokers' Articles, Cigars, Tobacco, Brier and Meerschaum Pipes always on hand. Stationery, Playing Cards, Notions, and Pocket Outfery. Also a full line of Willow, Wooden and Stoneware. Tea, Coffee and Spices a Specialty. Sole Agency for Antifermentine to preserve fruit without cooking. City: Shoe: Store. KRAUSSE BROS. BOOTS AND SHOES. Ladies', Misses' and Children's Fine Shoes AND SLIPPERS. Leaders in Latest Styles and Lowest Prices. W. WRIGHT, Manager, Corvallis, Oreg. on.

E. B. HORNING'S GROCERY, LITTLE BARGAIN HOUSE. AT THIS STORE You can procure at all times Choice Groceries, fresh from the markets, at prices defying competition. I have just received a fresh supply of Spices and Flavoring Extracts for your use in preparing CHRISTMAS DINNER. And invite you to call and purchase Glassware, Chinaware, Fruits, Nuts, and everything in my line. E. B. HORNING.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of B. T. Harris, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon for the county of Benton. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same to me at my office in Philomath, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated at Philomath, Oregon, December 4th, 1893. A. J. WILLIAMS, Administrator of the estate of B. T. Harris, deceased.

PROPOSALS TO FURNISH THE COUNTY IN WOOD. Sealed bids will be received by the county court at the Jan'y term, 1894, viz., up to, Wednesday noon, January 4th, 1894, to furnish the county 60 cords of oak grub wood and 30 cords of body wood of old growth red fir. All wood to be four foot long and to be cut before the sap raises; to be delivered between the first day of June and the first day of August, 1894. All wood to be first-class wood. The court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. B. W. WILSON, County Clerk. Dec. 7th, 1893.

J. FRED YATES, Attorney at Law. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. OFFICE—in Zieroff's Building, Corvallis, Or.

Closing-Out Sale Will Sell my Entire Stock of MILLINERY, Velvets, Plushes and Astrakhans, for Dress Trimmings. At Actual Cost for Cash Only. THESE GOODS WILL GO, FOR I must have money. Full line of Latest Style Hats, Bonnets, and Millinery Goods purchased especially for the Fall and Winter Season. MRS. J. MASON.

THE HOLIDAYS

THE PRICES FOR HOLIDAY GOODS AT KLINE'S WILL enable all to give cheerfully upon the approaching Christmas. We are enabled to offer special inducements to purchasers of the following and many other articles: PLUSH ALBUMS, FANCY CUPS & SAUCERS, CHILD'S SILVER SETS, PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS, SILVERWARE & CUTLERY, VASES, DECORATED WARE, FANCY STOOLS, WISP BROOMS, MUFLERS, KID GLOVES, FASCINATORS, HATS, COLLAR AND CUFF BOXES, LADIES' AND GENTS' SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, DRESS SUITS, OVERCOATS, FANCY DRESS PATTERNS.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of B. T. Harris, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon for the county of Benton. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same to me at my office in Philomath, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated at Philomath, Oregon, December 4th, 1893. A. J. WILLIAMS, Administrator of the estate of B. T. Harris, deceased.

PROPOSALS TO FURNISH THE COUNTY IN WOOD. Sealed bids will be received by the county court at the Jan'y term, 1894, viz., up to, Wednesday noon, January 4th, 1894, to furnish the county 60 cords of oak grub wood and 30 cords of body wood of old growth red fir. All wood to be four foot long and to be cut before the sap raises; to be delivered between the first day of June and the first day of August, 1894. All wood to be first-class wood. The court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. B. W. WILSON, County Clerk. Dec. 7th, 1893.

J. FRED YATES, Attorney at Law. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. OFFICE—in Zieroff's Building, Corvallis, Or.

Closing-Out Sale Will Sell my Entire Stock of MILLINERY, Velvets, Plushes and Astrakhans, for Dress Trimmings. At Actual Cost for Cash Only. THESE GOODS WILL GO, FOR I must have money. Full line of Latest Style Hats, Bonnets, and Millinery Goods purchased especially for the Fall and Winter Season. MRS. J. MASON.

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