

Nice weather for the holidays. The holiday trade has been very heavy. Alex Anderson has returned from Salem. Miss Anna Sovorn has returned to Eugene. J. R. Young of Santa Rosa, California, is in the city. Horace G. McKinley has returned home to Wisconsin. J. I. Jones came down from Cottage Grove this morning. The club dance last night was another social success. Christmas trees and entertainments tonight and tomorrow night. Ex-Sheriff James Noland, of Creswell, was in Eugene today. Alex Anderson, of Portland, is visiting his parents in this city. Attorney J. M. Williams paid Junction City a professional visit today. Prof. Louis Barlight left on the early train for San Francisco to spend the holidays. Over 50 poor families received contributions out of the Christmas donations today. The Chehalis Poultry Association is holding a poultry show in Newburg this week. The postoffice has been doing a rush-business this week sending out Christmas packages. Lane county's tax on merchandise has been raised 10 per cent by the state board of equalization. A marriage license was issued today to Charles Bamford, aged 50, and Emily Croup, aged 45. The school children have been busy today distributing the Christmas donations among the poor. T. T. Nicklin has been elected trustee of Helmet lodge, K of P, of this city, vice G. W. Griffin resigned. Professors DeLashmatt and Carson went to Portland today to visit home during vacation. Miss Hattie M. Warner, teacher of music in the Drain Normal School, is visiting friends in this city. County Clerk Jennings today granted a marriage permit to Lester D. Jacoby and Miss Dolly C. Tallifer. Every poor family in Eugene will receive substantial Christmas presents today—something they can eat and wear. Mrs. M. Downing of Marion county is visiting with her sister, Mrs. A. C. Jennings, wife of County Clerk Jennings, in this city. The poor as well as the rich got Christmas presents in Eugene. Thanks to the public school children and their patriotic teachers. Robert Shelton, formerly of Eugene and who has been living near Portland for a number of years has moved up near Junction City. Salem Journal of yesterday: Hon. B. F. Alley, editor of the Baker City Republican, left this morning for his Eastern Oregon home. E. E. Brodie, of the Tillamook Rock light house, went to Irving today to visit relatives. He will return to Tillamook Rock December 31. Mr. and Mrs. John Kraus and baby, Rudolph, have come up from Salem to spend holidays at the home of Mr. Kraus's mother, Mrs. P. B. Kinsey. Miss Clara Edwards, who is attending the Drain normal school, arrived on the local train this morning and will spend the holiday vacation at home. Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Sykes went to Roseburg on Wednesday morning's overland, where they attended the wedding of Mr. Sykes' brother last night. Mrs. Elizabeth F. Lucas, of Portland came up today to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Adah L. Shelton, and grand-daughter, Mrs. R. McMurphy. Miss Jessie Withers, a student of the Drain Normal school, arrived on this morning's local and will spend the holidays visiting her parents north of town. Miss Catherine Patterson, a U. of O. student, had the misfortune to have a thumb put out of place, while playing basket ball at the gymnasium Monday. Eighteen children of the Salem schools were absent Tuesday, confined with the measles. There are many cases in the city, and a few cases of scarlet fever. The public school donations have all been distributed. All those who contributed to the cause can enjoy their holiday tomorrow with a feeling of satisfaction. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kays celebrated the first anniversary of their wedding Tuesday night. A number of friends were invited in as a surprise to Mr. Kays and a very pleasant evening was had. Henry Malloway attempted to rob August Kanne's hen roost at Oregon city Wednesday and was filled full of bird shot by the latter. He will probably recover, but was not able to eat Xmas chicken. A very little thing will cause excitement in Salem. The Statesman says: "Hon. W. M. Kaiser, the attorney, caused considerable amazement in the circuit court room yesterday by appearing in a brand new suit of clothes. Judge Hewitt congratulated 'Bully' on his handsome figure and the brother attorneys 'got the treats' at the close of the day's session."

Last quarter of the moon tomorrow. Christmas was happily observed in Eugene. Rev. Father Black went to Monroe this morning. Mrs. E. J. Frazier is confined to the house with illness. Fletcher Linn of Portland spent Christmas at home. Darwin Bristow was down from Cottage Grove today. Burglars entered two houses in Salem yesterday morning. Prof. J. P. Holland came up from Junction City this afternoon. John Barger, manager of the Journal, is visiting with his girl at Mohawk. Frank Taylor, who is teaching school near Creswell, is visiting in Eugene. Everybody "was good" in Eugene and Santa Claus came to see them all. C. W. Hurd has commenced suit against R. T. Cooper to recover \$52.64. Mrs. Perry Frank is suffering with a severe attack of neuralgia of the stomach. Mrs. Robert Scott, of Woodburn is visiting with the family of C. R. Bonney in this city. C. A. Davis, who has been employed at the state insane asylum, spent the holidays at home. 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MARRIED. Daily Guard, December 24. Last evening at 8 o'clock two popular young people, born and reared in Lane county, united their fortunes. They were Mr. Chester D. Edwards, city editor of the DAILY GUARD, and Miss Nellie May Owen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Owen, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Geo. D. Needy, of the U. B. church, who performed the ceremony in an impressive manner at the home of the bride's parents. Only a few of the nearest relatives were present to witness the tying of the marriage bonds. After congratulations the happy couple entered a cab and were driven to their new home in the C. S. Frank house on East Tenth street, where they will be at home to their friends. Both the young people are deservedly popular in this city and county, and their hosts of friends are pleased over their happy union. Ye editor, and the entire GUARD force, on and all, tender their hearty and best wishes to their co-laborer and his beautiful bride, for a long and pleasant matrimonial life. Daily Guard, December 26. OFFICERS ELECTED.—Eugene Grove, No. 4, Woodman Circle, at a regular meeting held last night elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Guardian, Miss Ida Patterson; magistrate, Mrs. Gibbs; adviser, Mrs. Kayendall; banker, Mrs. Lemley; attendant, Mrs. H. J. Day; inner sentinel, Mrs. Cowgill; outer sentinel, Mrs. McCready. Mrs. W. H. Parsons, Mrs. McMurphy and Mrs. Callaghan were elected board of managers. Mrs. W. H. Parsons was elected delegate to the state convention of the Woodmen circle, which meets at Pendleton January 29. Mrs. McMurphy was elected alternate. Daily Guard, December 26. SPEAKS HIGHLY OF IT.—Geo. D. Goodhue of the Oregon Poultry Journal, is in this city attending the Lane county poultry show. Mr. Goodhue, an authority on poultry speaks very highly of the Eugene show and states that it would be a credit to any part of the United States. Mr. Goodhue will give an extended account of the show in his journal. INTEREST SOLD.—Will C. Seavey has sold his interest in the Cogswell ranch, near Seavey's ferry, owned by Seavey Brothers, to Thos. E. Seavey. Tom Seavey will continue to run the ranch and Will will reside in Eugene this winter. Daily Guard, December 26. FAMILY GATHERING.—One of the happy family evenings of Christmas was the gathering at the home of Captain Isaac Gray on Eleventh and Willamette streets. Twenty-four persons were seated at a table which was loaded down with good things. GRAY'S WALK.—The S. P. company has constructed a gravel walk on its premises in this city from the southern limit of the depot grounds to the passenger depot. The gravel is an improvement over the old board walk.

THEY ALSO RESOLUTE. The county judges of Oregon have been in consultation in Portland, discussing various matters, and formulated the following among many other matters: That section 2780 shall be so amended that the time when interest shall begin to run on state taxes be changed from 30 days after the time set forth in section 2813, to July 1. A law requiring the payment of 1 per cent per month, or any fraction thereof, as a penalty from date of delinquency, until date of sale or of payment. That section 2341 of the code, which is as follows: "A sheriff shall be entitled to receive \$5 per week for keeping and boarding any person arrested on civil or criminal process, in the county jail, and a proportionate part thereof for any fraction of a week, provided that if at any time the number of persons confined on criminal process in such a jail shall exceed four, then the sheriff shall receive \$3 a week in place of \$5; and if there be to exceed four such prisoners in jail, he shall receive \$2.50. A law required every property owner to make return to the assessor by April 1 of each year, of all real and personal property owned by such persons on the 1st day of March; and, in case of failure, that no error in name or any other matter which would be disclosed by the return shall render void the assessment. Whenever any county becomes the owner of a tax title to any land, the county court shall have the power to sell such lands and direct the county judge to give a quit claim thereof. But the county court shall semi-annually give notice at what terms the said court bids will be received for such lands—and none of such lands shall be sold until said notice has been given four weeks in some newspaper of general circulation in said county. That a summary of the assessment roll prepared and certified by the county clerk, should be transmitted to the secretary of state, in lieu of the copy of the roll now provided in section 2788 of the statute. That section 5, of the salary act, page 80 of the laws of 1895, be amended as follows: "Strike out all after the words 'hereafter provided'." In all probate proceedings where the value of the estate is \$300 or less, the fee shall be \$5; where the value is more than \$500 and to exceed \$100, the fee shall be \$6.50; from \$1000 to \$5000, the fee shall be \$10, and all estates over \$5000, the fee shall be \$1. In matters pertaining to appointment of guardians, where the value of the estate does not exceed \$500, the fee shall be \$5; where the value exceeds \$500, the fee shall be \$10.

OUR ELECTORAL VOTE. The four republican presidential electors chosen by the people of Oregon at the late election will meet in Salem, on January 11, 1897, at noon, and officially cast their vote for president and vice president of the United States. Under a legislative enactment of this state, passed thirty odd years ago, the first Wednesday of December immediately following a presidential election was the time set for the electors to meet at the state capitol, and at the noon hour deposit their votes, each elector receiving \$3 for each day of service, and an additional \$3 for every 20 miles traveled in order to be at the designated place. The national law takes precedence over the state, and under its direction, the vote by states is made uniform. The greatest precaution is taken concerning the result of the vote of electors in each state, after it has been settled. The chief executive of the state certifies to the secretary of state of the United States the result of the vote, the number of votes cast, and for whom. A certificate of election is also issued to the several electors, under seal of the state, and duplicate copies sent one by mail to the president of the United States senate the other deposited with the judge of the district court in which the vote of the electors was cast. One of the four electors in Oregon will be chosen to act as messenger, and take the vote of the state to Washington. Each of the four electors, no doubt, would like to go, not only for the honor the trip carries with it, but also because the fortunate one chosen will receive about \$700 mileage, the government allowing the messenger 10 cents a mile each way. One of the electors resides in Eugene. We refer to Hon. S. M. Yoran. He is an honorable man and the people of Eugene and Lane county, irrespective of their political affiliations, respect and honor him. He is a good citizen and is ever ready to labor for the upbuilding of Oregon. The editor of the GUARD differs with the gentleman on political principles, but admires him as a citizen and a political opponent. He never descends to unbecoming methods, believing that every man is entitled to his honest opinions without being maligned. Hence, it would give us much pleasure if he was chosen to carry the electoral vote to Washington. He would make an impression among the other gentlemen that would be a credit to our far Western state. Naturally this is written without the knowledge of Mr. Yoran and we are not even aware that he would accept the position if tendered. Condon Globe: Had the credit system not prevailed in this country no one would now be oppressed. When people can get out of debt, and pay as they go, there will be prosperity such as this country has never known. The credit system in this country has had its day and never again will it prevail to so great an extent as it has heretofore. Rural Northwest: How many of the fruit growers have thoroughly looked for borers in the roots of their peach and prune trees? Prof. E. R. Lake, superintendent of the big prune orchard, "Prunetta," in Benton county, informed us a short time ago that every tree on the place is examined carefully once a year and enough borers are found and destroyed to fully justify the work. A prune tree, with one or more borers working in its roots just below the ground is not likely to thrive. Albany Herald: Gen. Rivera, who succeeds Maceo in the command of the Cuban patriot army, has informed Weyler, the Spanish commander, that the killing of non-combatant inhabitants must be stopped or retaliatory measures will be adopted. The action denotes that the new commander is a capable and efficient soldier, and will fill the place made vacant by the killing of Maceo with ability. It however adds another distinctive reason for outside interference in putting a stop to the barbarous warfare waged, through the inhuman Spanish practices. East Oregonian: The girl who takes as much pride in learning to dust a room properly as she does in learning to draw, who broils a steak with the nicety she embroiders a rosebud, who makes coffee as carefully as she crochets, is the girl who will make the economical, cheery wife, loving mother and delightful companion. It is not a crime to know how to keep house. Every girl expects to have a home of her own someday, yet the girl and her mother when circumstances permit, too often act as though there was no such thing as a servantless home and food grew on bushes ready for the picking.

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MARRIED. Daily Guard, December 24. Last evening at 8 o'clock two popular young people, born and reared in Lane county, united their fortunes. They were Mr. Chester D. Edwards, city editor of the DAILY GUARD, and Miss Nellie May Owen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Owen, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Geo. D. Needy, of the U. B. church, who performed the ceremony in an impressive manner at the home of the bride's parents. Only a few of the nearest relatives were present to witness the tying of the marriage bonds. After congratulations the happy couple entered a cab and were driven to their new home in the C. S. Frank house on East Tenth street, where they will be at home to their friends. Both the young people are deservedly popular in this city and county, and their hosts of friends are pleased over their happy union. Ye editor, and the entire GUARD force, on and all, tender their hearty and best wishes to their co-laborer and his beautiful bride, for a long and pleasant matrimonial life. Daily Guard, December 26. OFFICERS ELECTED.—Eugene Grove, No. 4, Woodman Circle, at a regular meeting held last night elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: Guardian, Miss Ida Patterson; magistrate, Mrs. Gibbs; adviser, Mrs. Kayendall; banker, Mrs. Lemley; attendant, Mrs. H. J. Day; inner sentinel, Mrs. Cowgill; outer sentinel, Mrs. McCready. Mrs. W. H. Parsons, Mrs. McMurphy and Mrs. Callaghan were elected board of managers. Mrs. W. H. Parsons was elected delegate to the state convention of the Woodmen circle, which meets at Pendleton January 29. Mrs. McMurphy was elected alternate. Daily Guard, December 26. SPEAKS HIGHLY OF IT.—Geo. D. Goodhue of the Oregon Poultry Journal, is in this city attending the Lane county poultry show. Mr. Goodhue, an authority on poultry speaks very highly of the Eugene show and states that it would be a credit to any part of the United States. Mr. Goodhue will give an extended account of the show in his journal. INTEREST SOLD.—Will C. Seavey has sold his interest in the Cogswell ranch, near Seavey's ferry, owned by Seavey Brothers, to Thos. E. Seavey. Tom Seavey will continue to run the ranch and Will will reside in Eugene this winter. Daily Guard, December 26. FAMILY GATHERING.—One of the happy family evenings of Christmas was the gathering at the home of Captain Isaac Gray on Eleventh and Willamette streets. Twenty-four persons were seated at a table which was loaded down with good things. GRAY'S WALK.—The S. P. company has constructed a gravel walk on its premises in this city from the southern limit of the depot grounds to the passenger depot. The gravel is an improvement over the old board walk.

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