

Daily Guard, January 1

Write it "97"
Leap year over.
Fletcher Linn is in the city.
A beautiful New Year's day.
The banks remained closed today.
Watch parties were numerous last night.
Clarence Luckey is visiting at Fall Creek.
Carleton Smith returned to Salem today.
Aunt Lizzie Holloway is visiting at Goshen.
The boys will now have to do the proposing.
Attorney A. L. Frazer, of Portland, is in the city.
Mrs. A. Wheeler arrived from Shedd this afternoon.
A rumor is current again that Maeo is alive.
Portland has bonded indebtedness of \$4,922,979.95.
Wheat is 89 cents per bushel at Portland, the highest figure reached in five years.
L. H. Johnson went to Creswell this afternoon to make relatives a short visit.
John Templeton, of Junction, is in the city and is the guest of John Handmaker.
Hereafter the stage coach on the McKenzie route will make daily trips to Lenoir.
The Eugene Lumber Company shipped a car load of lumber to Ogden, Utah, today.
"Deacon" Davis went to Harrisburg today to attend the masquerade ball at that place tonight.
A marriage license was granted last evening to J. H. Weider and Miss Margaret Whitney.
The lunch given by Clem Hades last evening was largely attended and was a very elegant spread.
The directors of the First National Bank met yesterday and declared its usual quarterly dividend.
Only two banks failed in the East yesterday. It is generally five to ten these days of prosperity.
Make the new leaf you turn over today an improvement over the one you turned over one year ago today.
Prof. Williams, who was recently stabbed by Ed Meader, a pupil, at Prairie City, Grant county, has since died.
Mrs. J. P. Crump, of Jacksonville, who has been visiting with relatives and friends in this city, left for Medford this afternoon.
Mrs. Skaggs, wife of Rev. A. D. Skaggs, is lying very low with consumption at The Dalles. They are well in Lane county.
Disbarment proceedings have been instituted against John Ditchburn of Portland at Hillsboro for unprofessional conduct in the Stevens trial.
Deputy District Attorney L. T. Harris, who has been visiting with friends at Oregon City and other points down the valley, returned home today.
The dry-goods stores, clothing establishments, boot and shoe stores and barber shops closed at noon today and will not open until tomorrow morning.
The "Advance Agent of Prosperity" is getting in his "deadly work," Geo. Pullman, the palace car king, has reduced the wages of his employees 15 per cent.
Currie & Huston, today, moved their second hand store from the old Goldsmith building to the R Mount building, corner of Ninth and Oak streets.
Oregon City Enterprise: Lawrence T. Harris, of Eugene, deputy prosecuting attorney for Lane county, was in the city this week, a guest at the home of Robert Beattie.
S. S. Train and wife and J. R. Whitney of the Albany Herald, who attended the Weider-Whitney marriage last evening, returned home on this forenoon's local train.
Wiskys has been reduced to 5 cents a drink in Roseburg, says the Review, and yet some of the calamity howlers are asserting that there are no signs of the "good times coming."
East Oregonian: The First National Bank of Baker City has deposits of \$345,000, and "cash on hand" and where it can put its hands on it at any time of \$300,000. There is little demand for money in Baker City.
The total vote at the recent presidential election was 13,888,702, as follows: McKinley 7,101,401, Bryan 6,470,656, Palmer 15,556, Levering 139,560, Bentley 14,392, Machette, socialist, 33,587, McKinley's plurality 630,742, majority 315,369.
Chicago Record: "I want to buy a New Year's present of a book for a young man." "Yes, miss; what kind of a book would you like?" "Why, a book for a young man." "Well—but what kind of a young man?" "Oh, he's tall and has light hair, and he always wears blue neckties."
Roseburg Plaindealer: Mrs. McClaren has leased the Van Houten for the unexpired term of eight months by the term of C. F. Carhart's lease. To this arrangement the lessors, S. Van Houten and S. Bailey, object and so the matter is in a state of uncertainty as to the result. It is understood the matter will come before the courts for adjudication.
Woodburn Independent: Eugene has been having a poultry show, which, as stated by visitors, to be the finest exhibit ever made in the state. This doesn't astonish us as we know when Eugene's citizens take hold of anything of interest to either state, county or city, she does her work thoroughly and complete, setting an example to other cities that they would do well to follow, in action, not in wind.
Judge Crowell of Jackson county, has discovered something to the credit of the state railroad commission; he says it out does one bull pine in that county. He does not state whether the act was beneficial or not, but it is to be presumed that it was also, that there are no other bull pines that are a menace to the public well. Having therefore at an expense of some \$75,000 during the past two years, gotten rid of that tree, might it not be well to relieve the state of the expense of the commission for the future?

Sam Case is visiting in Corvallis.
J. M. Shelly, of Portland, is in the city.
Dr. Paine returned to Salem this forenoon.
Fletcher Linn and wife went to Portland today.
Prof. Alice Dorris returned to McMinnville via this forenoon's local train.
A car of hops was shipped to the East this afternoon from Dunn's warehouse.
The streets were crowded with people this afternoon, many farmers being in town.
C. C. Cherry, of Seattle, Wash., is in Eugene visiting his children, relatives and friends.
Rev. R. C. Oglesby, a pioneer M. E. minister, is lying at death's door at his home at Myrtle Point.
Miss E. L. Saltzman has received \$500 insurance on goods damaged by fire in her store recently.
Mrs. Horace Oditt had an operation performed on her right hand this afternoon for a very bad felon.
Two tramp umbrella menders are in the city. Give them a wide berth and patronize our regular business men.
The department has granted original pensions to Milo Taylor of Springfield, and John W. Patrick of Hazel Dell.
Eva Vaughan, daughter of Floyd Vaughan, went to Salem this morning to enter the blind school at that place.
The State press seems to be of the opinion that the legislature should reduce the legal rate of interest in Oregon.
The Eugene Divinity school received yesterday 20 valuable volumes for its library, the gift of Dr. Rowland of Salem.
We are informed that Senator John H. Mitchell arrived in Portland last night to take personal charge of his campaign.
Miss Bertha Goldsmith of Oregon City, will arrive tomorrow to visit a few days at the home of her parents in this city.
Miss Edith Brown, of Eugene and Master Arthur Runey of Foley Springs, went to Monmouth this morning to attend school at that place.
Geo. Strachey, of Southern California, has purchased the Watson farm this side of the Springfield bridge from F. W. Parker, and will make it his home.
Yesterday's McMinnville Reporter: President Boardman and wife, arrived from Colfax, Wash., on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Boardman's health remains substantially as when she left here several weeks ago.
This morning M. E. Edwards and D. M. Holbrook, of Fall Creek, left for Monmouth, where they will enter the Normal school at that place, and in the afternoon Miss Stella Hyland of the same place went to Drain to enter the Normal school.
During the coming year don't neglect to give your own town a boost when you can. One of the ways to do this is to patronize your home merchants in your purchases whenever you possibly can—sending your money away to one of the city department stores won't help build up Eugene.
Dallas Observer: Hon. Robt. Clow and wife of Junction City, attended the funeral of Mrs. A. S. Crider Saturday. The Observer acknowledges a pleasant call from Mr. Clow. Mr. C. was for many years a resident of this county and represented it in the state senate. He says he has a good deal of love for old Polk yet.
E. H. Ingham and wife leave tonight for an extended visit to Southern California, Mexico and the East. After spending a few days in Southern California they will go direct to the City of Mexico, and thence to the Eastern states. The trip is made with the hope that it will benefit Mr. Ingham's health, which has been quite poor recently. As with them a pleasant and beneficial trip.
The man who puts a two-line local in his home paper once a year and thinks he will build up a big trade and imagines the printer is getting rich off the profits, should bear in mind that the last page of Munsey's Magazine has been sold for one year to four advertisers, each of whom occupies a quarter of a page and pays \$6,000 a total of \$24,000 for the page. One line in the Youth's Companion costs 35, while a page in the Ladies Home Journal costs \$4,000.
The origin of women's special privilege of "proposing" during leap year is stated to be that in the year 1288 a statute was published by the Scotch parliament, ordaining that during the reign of "Her Most Excellent Majesty Margaret" every maiden and lady of high and low estate should have liberty to speak to the man she liked. If he refused to take her to be his wife she would have the privilege of fining him \$100, or less, according to his estate, unless he could make it appear that he was betrothed to another woman, in which case he would be free to refuse. After the death of Margaret the women of Scotland became clamorous for their privileges, and to appease them another act of parliament allowed them to propose every fourth year.

Foster Unfolds the Weather Conditions to be Faced in the Month.
Foster's last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from 27th to 21st and the next, says, will reach the Pacific coast about January 1st, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 2nd, great central valleys 3d, to 5th, eastern states 6th.
Warm wave will cross the West of Rockies country about January 1st, great central valleys 3d, Eastern states 5th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about January 4th, great central valleys 6th, eastern states 8th.
This disturbance will come in the beginning of the high temperature storm period and while snows may be expected in the northern Rocky mountain country not much precipitation will occur east of the Mississippi river.
Immediately preceding the storm wave the weather will be colder than immediately following it.
These conditions of January will reach the Pacific coast about the 6th, cross the west of Rockies country by the close of 8th, great central valleys 9th, eastern states 11th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 14th, great central valleys 12th, eastern states 14th.
This disturbance comes in just before the high temperature storm period and the temperature will rise much higher than in the preceding disturbance.
The cool wave following will probably not go below the preceding cool wave but the fall in temperature will be much greater and will therefore have greater effect. Precipitation will be lighter.
January, 1897, weather.
As a general average the temperature of January will be above normal. In shorter periods it will run to extremes. Temperature will reach the lowest points not far from 2d and 29th and the highest not far from 12th and 16th. The warmest part of the month will be near the 16th, coldest near the 29th. Severe storms about 4th and 25th. These dates are fixed for the general north and south line of the Mississippi river and the weather changes will reach points further west from one to three days earlier; east of that line as much later.
The best ice weather will occur near January 2d and 29th. Ice will not be unusually thick and ice men should make good use of all their opportunities to store the crystal blocks.
Temperature of the week ending January 2d will average below normal.

It is pleasant to drift leisurely through art galleries, to sit for hours, if one has the mind, before the glowing canvas of one's favorite artist and while looking with eyes that see beyond the painted picture, to dream dreams; to float away, away to that realm of fancy where we walk hand in hand and heart to heart with our kindred, more creatures of the imagination, more real to us than the comrades of every day. But no picture painted by the hand of man ever equaled, or can even approach in beauty, in grandeur and in never failing charm, the wonderful changing scenes which are daily framed by the wooden pillars of my verandah.
Nature is a tireless artist. Hour by hour she creates and re-creates her unrivalled effects in form and color. And whether it is in sun or rain, through morning mists, under the full glow of moon, or in the fading light of the brief day's close that I look out upon her panorama of earth and cloud and sky, the chariot is never broken.
Often on rainy days the silvery draperies are drawn across the western horizon; the Coast Range is blotted out and the level plain beyond the town seems to stretch away till it melts into limitless distance, and one can almost hear the rhythmic beat of the waves upon the shore of our wild North Pacific sea and catch the gleam of a white gull's wing or the shadowy outline of a sail.
The best testimonial as to fitness and capability of that tractor can possibly have is that which is evidenced in the thoroughness and excellence of his pupils. Fortunately, indeed, is he who feels safe to put his work to the test in this manner. Since Mr. Nash returned to us, a teacher, where we had known him as a student, it has been a matter of expressed regret that he has steadily refused to play in public, modestly preferring to let the work of his pupils speak for him. However we have great cause to congratulate ourselves upon the addition of so high an order of talent to the musical faculty of Eugene. It is sincerely to be hoped that as a community we may prove ourselves sufficiently appreciative to warrant his remaining here. It would be a distinct loss if we failed to keep an instructor who comes to us so thoroughly equipped by nature and education for the position he fills.
Among the new books of the early winter is a volume of short stories by an Oregon writer who has won recognition in the East by the excellence of her work.
Ella Higginson, though now a resident of New Whitson, Wash., began her career as an authoress in Oregon City, and belongs to us in more senses than one. And this delightful book, "The Flower that Grew in the Sand," is definitely local in color. It comes, too, from the publishing house of The Caxton Company of Seattle, and equals in point of excellence, artistic design and execution the productions of any of the long established Eastern houses. I must confess that I was very pleasantly surprised to find that we had a publishing company so near home that was capable of turning out such high class work.
Most of the stories in this volume have already become familiar to us through the pages of the leading periodicals. Mrs. Higginson points true to nature. She dips her pen in the romance, the pathos, the tragedy of every day life and writes with the power of a George Elliot. In strength, in terrible beauty of description and in dramatic intensity "The Isle of Leppers" equals anything that has been written these many years. The hopeless horror of the moment when the weird wailing chant, "Unleash, Unleash," breaks upon the ears of the castaways, is a thing to numb the heart-strings of the reader. It is a story of retributive justice.
James Whitcomb Riley's last book, "A Child-World" falls far below his earlier productions. With one or two exceptions it is dull to extinction. But one of these exceptions is exquisitely sweet in the memories it recalls:
"There was a cherry tree. The blue jay sit,
His blue against the snow—
There was a cherry tree—our children eyes saw
The miracle—its pure white snows
Into a crimson fruitage far too sweet,
But for a boy to eat.
There was a cherry tree, give thanks and joy;
There was a bloom of snow—There was a boy;
There was a bluejay of the reallest blue."
L. M. M.

Its Coming is Welcomed by Ringing of Bells.
The departure of the old year and the arrival of the new was observed in an appropriate manner in Eugene. Watch parties were held at many homes of the churches and in many homes. At the moment when the change is supposed to have occurred, when gilded old 1896 stepped down and out and bright new 1897 entered and took the reins, bells chimed forth from a number of belfries, tolling the old year out and the new one in.
The day was pretty generally observed as a holiday. The banks, post office, offices of the county officials were closed, and this afternoon many business houses remained closed.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
At the First Presbyterian church regular prayer service was observed, after which a musical and literary program was rendered. The time was then spent socially until the arrival of the midnight hour, refreshments being served during the evening. At 12 o'clock while the bell was ringing Miss Lela Straub rendered a declamation, "The Dying Year," and appropriate songs were sung.
CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
At the Christian church prayer service was had last night. This morning a sunrise prayer meeting was held at 8 o'clock. At 10:20 religious services were held, followed by a dinner served in the church at noon. Religious services were held again this afternoon.
CATHOLIC CHURCH.
At the Catholic church communion service was held this morning, and mass and sermon was had at 10 o'clock. Tonight benediction will be held. As a special kindness today Rev. Father Black dined the members of the choir at his home.
M. E. CHURCH.
At the M. E. church the regular Thursday evening prayer service was observed after which a religious, social and literary program was carried out until 12 o'clock, when the biggest bell in the city was made to join its music with its smaller neighbors.
OTHER CHURCHES.
The regular Thursday evening prayer service was observed at the U. B. and Congregational churches, and no services were held at the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

Two young people people, well known in this city, were united in marriage last evening. They were Mr. J. H. Weider and Miss Margaret Whitney.
The wedding ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. G. M. Whitney, on South Willamette street, at 8 o'clock, by Dean E. C. Sanderson of the Eugene Divinity school, assisted by Rev. M. L. Ross, pastor of the Christian church. Only a few of the relatives and nearest friends of the contracting couple were present.
At eight o'clock little Miss Irene Train of Albany was seated at the piano. As she struck the notes of a beautiful wedding march the bridal couple entered the parlor. The groom was attended by his father, J. M. Weider, and the bride by her brother, J. R. Whitney of Albany. The couple advanced to the center of the room and were met by Dean Sanderson, who in a brief manner, said the words that made them man and wife. He was followed with a short prayer by Rev. Ross, after which the newly-married couple were introduced to those present and received the hearty congratulations and well wishes that awaited them.
The drawing room, parlor and dining room were tastefully decorated with evergreens, ferns and palms.
At 9 o'clock the bridal couple and guests were invited into the dining room, where an elegant supper was served. At 12 o'clock they entered a cab and were driven to their new home on the second floor of the Rankin block, where they will be at home to receive their many friends.
Mr. and Mrs. Weider were the recipients of many useful and handsome wedding presents, which were bestowed upon them after the service had been performed.
Both young people are very popular and have many friends in Eugene and elsewhere who wish them prosperity and a long and happy married life.

Surprise Watch Party.

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Last evening a pleasant surprise was given Mr. Geo. Frazer Jr., by a number of his friends at his home on west 5th street.
The party assembled about 8 o'clock and joined in social games until about 10:30 when the belated host arrived. Messengers from his home were sent to the various watch parties; the one delegated to the Presbyterian church finding him just after some one had asked him why he was not at his own watch party.
At 1:30 quotations were matched and the guests retired to the dining room where they feasted the old year out and the new year in.
Those present were, the Messrs. Hatfield and Blanch Taylor, Nettie Burr, Maude and Laura Bonney, Sule Gibbs, Mabel and Flora Wheeler and Fatin Johnson, and the Messrs. Geo. Frazer, Claire Willoughby, Bryant Drake, Frank Currie, Arnie Livermore, Glenn Bendish, Dick Willoughby and Arthur Frazer.
A PLEASANT SURPRISE.—Ye local scribe and his bride were tendered a very pleasant surprise by a number of their young friends at their home on East Tenth street last night. The surprise was planned by members of the U. B. Endeavor society and was headed by the president, Miss Jessie Livermore. About 15 young people met at Miss Livermore's home on Eleventh street and at 8 o'clock proceeded to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Edwards. They were gladly welcomed, and after all were seated a beautiful rocking chair was brought forth and, at the request of the president, was consigned to the newly married couple by Rev. Geo. D. Needy in a happy presentation speech. The time was then pleasantly spent in social converse and games until 10 o'clock when the host and hostess turned the tables on their guests by inviting them to partake of light refreshments. At 11 o'clock the guests bid their host and hostess a happy new year and departed for their respective homes. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Edwards, Rev. Geo. D. Needy, Mrs. J. W. Owen, Misses Jessie Livermore, Lizzie Brent, Ione Ziegler, Irene Brownson, Elma Hendricks, Audrey Close, Clara Edwards, Carrie Dues, Ermine Owen, and Nora Luckey; Messrs. C. Harris, S. M. Garrison, H. Owen, C. Oglesby and Mr. Calef.

These present were: Hon. S. M. Yoran and wife, Hon. S. H. Friendly and wife, Hon. H. E. McKelroy and wife and daughter, Mrs. Crump of Jacksonville, Hon. Jas. F. Robinson and wife, Prof. Narayan and wife, Dr. Kuykendall and wife, Dr. Prentice and wife, Dr. Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. James Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Scarborough, Mr. and Mrs. Yerington, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Osburn, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Adair, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Abrams and Misses Theresa Friendly, Peggy Underwood and Nellie Loomis.
The matter of the cancellation of tax certificate No. 429 of 1895. At this time comes Chas. R. Sauer, by Wm. K. Scarborough his attorney and shows to the court that a part of the said lands were assessed to Martha A. Anderson and that the tax on said part was paid by said Anderson. Wherefore petitioner prays that said certificate of sale No. 429 be cancelled. It is further ordered by the court that said petition be not allowed. It is further ordered by the court that E. O. Potter, county judge be and he is hereby authorized to execute a quit claim deed to Charles R. Sauer (the present owner) of that portion of said land wrongfully sold for said 1895 taxes.
In the matter of the tax certificate No. — for taxes of year 1895. At this time it was ordered by the court that James Sharp be allowed to redeem the property described in said certificate upon payment by him of said taxes and costs without paying the 20 per cent additional provided by law.
In the matter of the Wheeler road in Fairmount. At this time this matter was considered and the bond being incomplete said matter was continued for the term.
In the matter of cancellation of tax certificates Nos 179 and 191 of 1895. At this time it was ordered by the court that tax certificates of sale Nos 179 and 191 of 1895 issued to W. Sanders be cancelled, the said sales being made on an erroneous assessment and a rebate having been allowed September 14, 1895, amounting to \$8.00.
Bills allowed:
L. N. Boney, Row river bridge, \$85 00
H. R. Kincaid printing claimed \$78.00 allowed, 69 00
J. F. Callison commissioner, 45 45
W. T. Bailey " " 39 00
E. O. Potter stamps, 2 00
E. O. Potter expenses of L. N. Boney to Row river bridge, 3 00

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Miss Kerns Surprised.

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