TOWN TOPICS

Items of Local Interest for Busy Journal Readers.

Free tomorrow—Tomorrow evening, between 8 and 9 o'clock, handsome Christmas souvenirs will be given away to all callers at the store of the Eastern Outfitting company, 390 Washington street. These souvenirs will not be cheap, trashy stuff, but things of utility worth going after from any part of Portland. This square-dealing concern has grown in popular favor until its business permeates the entire city. No goods will be sold tomorrow during the presentation of these souvenirs, so that readers need not imagine that there is any scheme of that kind on foot. Indeed, those who know the management would not suspect such anyway. It is just a little act of kindness the store wishes to extend to its many friends and others who may favor it with a call.

Not many Portland people know that the finest woolens made from the product of the fleece are those turned out at Salem's big woolen factory, operated for so many years near the depot in that city. The mill is one of the largest in the country, and its output has favor throughout both the East and West where fine woolens are consumed. The Salem Woolen mills store, at 85-87 Third street, this city, is its sole representative in Portland, and garments bought there will be found of that class that has merit in every thread. C. T. Roberts, the manager, has on display ample evidence of the excellence of Oregon woolen goods, his suits and overcoats made from these cloths being among the best sold on the American market. It will pay Portland buyers to look them over.

"They actually do the finest collar and cuff work I ever saw," an attache of this office remarked—and his story is that of all patrons of the Union laundry, Second and Columbia. That steam heated collar and cuff polisher seems to put an extra gloss upon the fabrics. And it does not "yellow" the goods or weaken the fiber. The great wonder is that other laundries do not install one or more of these machines. Possibly the cost is too great.

The newly elected officers of Queen Bee Hive, No. 24, Maccabees, are: Past lady commander, Mrs. Bertha Perkins; lady commander, Miss Margaret Howatson; lady L. commander, Mrs. Louise McFadden; R. K., Mrs. Sarah B. Guerin; F. K., Mrs. Mary Wolfenbarger; chaplain, Mrs. Isabelle Ball; sergeant, Mrs. Ida Robinson; mistress-at-arms, Mrs. Carrie Billion; sentinel, Mrs. Nancy Smith; picket, Mrs. Edna Hutchinson.

One free treatment this week to anybody desiring to test the beneficial results of the Betz hot air apparatus in the cure of rheumatism, neuralgia, gout, stomach, blood and skin diseases, dropsy, paralysis or any other affliction of the human body. Men, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday; women, Monday, Thursday, Friday. Madame M. Vaughn, 101-302 McKay building, Third and Stark.

Criminal informations have been filed by District Attorney Manning as follows: Dan Jackson, William Harris, alias "Bad Eye," for the robbery of Willard Willis. Fred Kuhn, forgery of the name of Louis Denebacher to a certificate of deposit for $60. Not a true bill was returned in the case of J. C. Leonard, accused of having obtained money under false pretenses.

Martha Washington chapter, No. 14, O. E. S., has elected the following officers: Worthy matron, Mrs. Millie Terry; worthy patron, V. C. Dunning; assistant matron, Mrs. Adah H. Ball; secretary, Sarah D. Guerin; treasurer, Mrs. M. Z. Sinks; conductress, Margaret Howatson; associate conductress, Fern Raber.

A Christmas sale and entertainment will be given by the Woman's guild in the Sunday school room of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Albina, corner Vancouver avenue and Sellwood streets. The sale will begin this afternoon and continue this evening and tomorrow. A program has been prepared for this evening.

I will give a Xmas present of a two weeks' course in physical culture free of cost to everyone who joins my school before January 1. Special rates $1 per month for class work. Ringler's Physical Culture school, 309 Alder street. Individual treatment and class work for men, women, boys and girls. Phone Main 1951.

Henry Heppner, the founder of the town which bears his name, is improving slowly at Good Samaritan hospital. He was admitted last week while in a serious condition with an asthmatic affliction, but in spite of his advanced age he is making progress towards recovery.

Lizzie Bolivar, who was given an overdose of morphine last Monday by a novice to ease the pain of an inflamed eye, was finally resuscitated by Dr. Louis Buck after two days' attention. She is partly paralyzed on one side and will be taken to the county hospital.

B. C. Bartlett, a resident of Grants Pass, is a patient at Good Samaritan hospital, where a fracture of his arm was reduced. Mr. Bartlett was injured by an explosion of gas and was brought here for treatment. His injuries are not serious.

White House Cook Books come free with Violet Oats, the cleanest, most perfectly-made, most nutritive breakfast relish sold in this market. It is made at home from strictly fresh, polished oats. Coupons for cook book in each package.

The annual meeting of Pomona Grange of Multnomah county was held today at Pleasant Home, and officers were elected. There were many expressions in favor of the coming of the national grange to Portland in 1904.

An appropriate Xmas gift for a gentleman that shaves would be one of those guaranteed razors or safety razors with outfit that Albert Berni, the druggist, Second and Washington, has been selling so many of lately.

Stop that disgusting "hawking." You sicken even your best friends. B. & S. Catarrh Powders will do it. They're not cheap, but "are" effective. Three packages $1.25, and that's usually a cure. 303 Washington street.

Be careful. Don't let Christmas catch you with unbought gifts. If you're wondering what to give some married friend come see our line of silver and plated ware. John A. Beck, 207 Morrison, near Front.

Don't fail to see our stock of Chrismas umbrellas. Greatest variety on the coast. We always undersell the dry goods stores. Meredith's, Washington and Sixth and Morrison and Fifth.

Don't spoil a sewed shoe by putting a nailed half sole on. We sew them on "while you wait." Goodyear Shoe Repair company, near Gas company's office, Yamhill street.

When you get married you, of course, want nicely printed invitations. To get it done where satisfaction is guaranteed, take your work to Peaslee Bros. Co., Sherlock building.

Fancy work suitable for Christmas—hand-painted china on sale every afternoon at the Women's exchange, 510 Flanders. A special sale on Saturday afternoon.

Upon motion of Attorney F. Pierce Mays, Homer D. Angel of this city was yesterday admitted to practice in the United States district and circuit courts.

For two days only—This ad. and $1 good for one dozen cabinet photos at Warren's studio, 285 East Morrison, near bridge, Thursday and Friday only.

Hand-made lace fans from Brussels, exclusive in this city, to be had only at Lamotte's, 449 Glisan street, from $15 up. A nice Christmas present.

Beautiful calendar for every child bringing a package of linen to the Union laundry. This is a pretty present that does not cost the child a cent.

A concert will be given tonight at the Seamen's Institute, 100 North Front street, under the direction of Mrs. Edward A. Beals.

Bronzed, onyx, fancy marble clocks, some American, some from Paris, prices from $1 to $100. See Lamotte, 449 Glisan street.

Pupils of the Brooklyn school listened yesterday afternoon to Mrs. W. Wynn Johnson's address on the Philippine islands.

If you want a watch or chain, something different, something better than ordinary, see Lamotte, 449 Glisan street.

Steamers for The Dalles will leave Alder-street wharf 7 a. m. daily (except Sunday). Phone Main 914.

Mahillon band instruments from Brussels, finest on earth, for sale only by Lamotte, 449 Glisan.

Portland Club, 130 Fifth street. A palatable lunch served every evening from 8 until 11 p. m.

Winter Garden—Resort for ladies and gentlemen. High-class vaudeville. Admission free.

Have your fur garments remodeled into latest style at half price. 306 Burnside.

Don't grumble about your lunches. Eat at the Savoy, opposite old postoffice.

Free Viavi Health Talks, Thursday, 2:30, Lewis building. Ladies invited.

B. & S. Catarrh Powders kill catarrh. We warrant them. 303 Washington.

E. H. Moorehouse & Co., at Seventh and Alder. Telephone Main 1343.

If you would wear a smile eat at the Savoy, opposite old postoffice.

The four-story brick building on Front near Couch is for rent.

Knox-Kantner Concert company at Y. M. C. A. tonight.

Olympic Pancakes are pure and healthy.

Star course number tonight at Y. M. C. A.

Printing—Mann & Beach, 92 2d street.

Ansley, printer. Centennial envelopes.

Dr. A. F. Petzel, dentist, 401 Dekum.

Dr. Amos, surgeon, Dekum building.

Priceless.

A pair of solid gold
Spectacles or eye glasses,
Fitted afterwards by the
House that knows how,
Is the gift of gifts for those
Who, lacking vision, find
No charms in Christmas day.
Walter Reed, the optician,
133 Sixth street, Oregonian building.

LUMBER COMPANIES IN COMBINATION

THE SOUTHWESTERN WASHINGTON MANUFACTURERS WILL MAINTAIN SALESMEN IN FIELD AND DIVIDE THE ORDERS—REDUCES THE COST OF PRODUCTION.

The principal lumber companies of Southwestern Washington have entered into a combination to secure a more economical administration of their affairs and to secure a better representation among eastern buyers. The parties to this agreement are: The C. A. Doty Lumber company of Doty, McCormick Lumber company of McCormick, H. H. Martin company of Centralia, Sulphur Valley Lumber company of Centralia, PeEll Lumber company of PeEll, Globe Lumber company, Francis; Mutual Lumber company, Chehalis; H. J. Miller company, Chehalis, and the J. A. Veness company of Winlock.

N. J. Blagen, local representative and manager of the Bucoda Lumber company, said this morning that the combination had been agitated for a long time, but had only recently been finished.

"Long before we sold our mills in that territory," said Mr. Blagen, "the chief lumbermen of the section were trying to get together and when last October Mr. Doty of the Doty company began active work for this organization, he found many willing to join with him. The object, from what I know of former plans, is not to restrict the product of any of the mills in the agreement, nor in any sense to try to control the market. There are too many mills in the state of Washington to make such a task possible, but the object is to maintain three traveling salesmen in foreign territory. Each mill is now required to have a salesman in the Northwest, one in the South and one on the Atlantic seaboard. No mill in Southern Washington can afford to keep even one agent in the field and three means bankruptcy. The various parties to the combination will each pay their part of the expenses of three good salesmen and all will share in the resulting benefits. The average output of these mills is about 80,000 feet a day and the entire organization will probably be able to control a stock of 15,000,000 feet of lumber a day. There are other combinations, I understand, under way and several have recently been formed in Northern Washington. The combination may result in higher prices, but certainly in a decrease in the cost of production."

AT THE THEATRES

"THE TWO SISTERS."

Denman Thompson's play of real life, "The Two Sisters," comes to the Marquam Grand theatre tonight and it is worth one's while to look over the names of the characters, for there's a possibility of the recognition of some one you know. They are all real flesh and blood names, such as you would be sure to meet anywhere on our own continent and not the impossible dukes and duchesses with delicatessen titles, brought all the way from some unknown Oriental locality. To an intelligent theatre-goer—one conversant with the people of the stage, who have "made good" in recent productions, a glance at the names of the artists is suggested. Many will be found there who have achieved unusual professional fame, and whose presence in a "cast of characters" assures remarkable artistic results. "The Two Sisters" is announced as a companion play to "The Old Homestead" and it would be difficult to find a stronger endorsement for it.

"THE BONNIE BRIER BUSH."

A welcome announcement in local theatricals is the return of that veteran actor, J. H. Stoddart, in Ian MacLaren's Scottish idyl, "The Bonnie Brier Bush," at the Marquam Grand theatre for five nights, beginning Tuesday, December 22, with matinee Christmas and Saturday. This is the third transcontinental tour of this play and it increases in popularity with each successive visit. Mr. Stoddart, Mr. Fax and several of the original cast are still with the company, while the production, scenically is kept up to the high standard long ago adopted by Kirke La Shelle with all of his attractions. Few plays have received such unstinted praise and few actors have won such laurels as Mr. Stoddart at the ripe old age of 74.

"A MIDNIGHT BELL."

A new member will appear in the Baker theatre company beginning next Sunday afternoon. Miss Ora Waldrop, the ingeneue, will play Dot in Hoyt's "A Midnight Bell."

"THE MINISTER'S SON."

There is not enough religion in "The Minister's Son," at Cordray's theatre this week, to spoil the play, nor does it, too, detract from the comedy element. The heart interest is secondary.

"THE BELLS."

The Baker theatre company will be seen to excellent advantage this week in a special production of "The Bells," Leopold Lewis' great tragic-drama, with George Alison in the leading role. A one-act farce precedes the play.

MALEK COMING DECEMBER 21.

In a letter from George M. Chadwick to Elmore Rice, he says of Malek's concert at the Studebaker theatre December 6: "Malek played like a god last evening." The Chicago Journal of next morning, December 7, says: "He read Papa Haydn's andante until one almost heard the scolding of the redoubtable Mrs. Haydn interrupting her spouse's happier musical thought." "Not since De Pachmann have we heard those mellow chords, those exquisite ripplings, those tones that are sighs." "De Pachmann was different, for he delighted only the senses, while Malek gave us the spiritual Chopin." Malek will play the same program in Portland in the evening of December 21, under the direction of Elmore Rice, violinist.

Are You One!

If there is in Portland, or anywhere else, a customer of Ellers Piano House who is not perfectly satisfied with his instrument, and with the treatment he has received at our hands, we want to know who he is and where he is. We would like to make it right with him just as quickly as possible. Such is our rule. Fair, courteous, reasonable dealings, and "money back when not satisfied, our practice." This request is made in all sincerity and anyone, if there be any, who is dissatisfied, will do us a favor by stating his grievance at once. Ellers Piano House, No. 351 Washington street.

Journal friends and readers, when traveling on trains to and from Portland should ask news agents for The Journal and insist upon being supplied with this paper, reporting all failures in obtaining it to the office of publication, addressing The Journal, Portland, Or.

THE PIANOLA

Its Exceptional Fitness for a Christmas Gift

There must be a piano, of course. There usually is a piano in the home, and a love of music, which is quite as common as a piano.

Possessing these two things, there is no gift that will give so much pleasure, not only on Christmas, but throughout the year, and for many years—as the Pianola.

An instrument by the aid of which any one can play the piano, not merely with technical correctness, but can impart to it his own individuality, his own interpretation. Heretofore, the only obstacle to the universal enjoyment of the piano has been that to those who were not musicians, the piano was a sealed book. It stood mute and expressionless between them and the unexplored delights which the individual rendering of music affords. The Pianola has remedied this. Not the slightest technical knowledge of music is necessary to enable the music lover to render any composition, no matter how complicated, in exact accordance either with the ideas of the composer or with his own taste. The Pianola, as is well known, embodies in perfected form every practical feature of the slightest value for phrasing, accentuation and control generally of tempo.

It will thus be seen that while the music depends entirely upon the performer for interpretation, any member of the family can play a tune upon the piano with the aid of a Pianola, and that it can bring more pleasure to each one than any other one single gift. Price, $250; easy terms of payment arranged. Ellers Piano House, sole Northwest Agents, No. 351 Washington street, corner Park.

CHIEFLY PERSONAL

James Snipes, a millman of The Dalles, is registered at the Perkins.

Judge M. M. Godman of Dayton, Wash., is registered at the Imperial. Mrs. Godman is with him.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Baker of Dayton, Wash., are in Portland. Mr. Baker is engaged in the abstract business.

Walter Moore of Walla Walla arrived in Portland today to be with his mother, Mrs. Miles C. Moore, who is seriously ill.

J. C. McLennan has gone to Vancouver, B. C.

State Senator John C. Smith, George Warren, N. D. Bain and Frank Sweeney of Astoria departed last night for Mexico on a sightseeing trip.

Judge A. S. Bennett of The Dalles visited Portland yesterday.

H. S. Gile, a prominent prune dealer of Salem, is in Portland on business.

THE CITY OF HOMES.

Portland Is Rapidly Gaining the Reputation for Fine Homes.

Portland is sure to become the "city of fine homes" on the Pacific coast. Never in the history of the city of Portland has so many fine homes been erected as this year. Every one modern and strictly up-to-date structures.

As a resident district few people have as yet realized the important position the Hawthorne and Ladd's addition is figuring in the real estate markets of the city.

It is one of the best situated tracts of residence lots in the city, rolling land and tile drainage. Elegant wide graded streets with stone sidewalks. Plenty of city parks. The best graded public school and good churches are accessible to these additions. The streetcar service is such that from any part of these additions one can reach the city in seven minutes, while it can be walked in 25 minutes.

Without exception there have been more fine homes erected on these two additions during the past year than in any other section of the city. No cheaply constructed residences have been erected—all substantial homes, costing from $2,000 to $6,000. Here no lot is allowed to have two houses erected upon it.

People who have heretofore avoided living on the east side are now looking with longing eyes toward Hawthorne and Ladd's addition, and if we mistake not few available lots will be left for sale at the close of 1904.

It is well that homeseekers for pleasant, convenient and agreeable homes investigate this property.

"ROOKIES" TRY TO PLAY VETERANS

TELL WILD STORIES OF THEIR HEROISM IN THE PHILIPPINES TILL WEARY SERGEANT IN CHARGE EXPOSES THEIR MYTHS WITH A WORD.

Whether 42 men in army uniform were recruits raw and unveneered by drill and affliction, or whether they were veterans of the decimated Thirtieth infantry, was a question that was widely discussed at the union depot this morning.

From the morning California train these blue-clad soldiers alighted and clustered about the baggage room. Hot coffee and rolls, and an occasional can of tomatoes were produced, and breakfast was taken on convenient trucks. The men had no crossed guns on their caps to denote their regiment, their blankets were new and neatly rolled, their uniforms were somewhat worn and no arms of any sort were in evidence. A curious conductor stepped into a crowd of them and asked what regiment they belonged to. A tall private looked over the edge of his tomato can and said:

"We're from the Thirtieth. Ain't many left back there now. Yep, we come from ther islands last week. No, I don't think there is goin' to be any more trouble over there. Them niggers is pretty good fellers now."

Another volunteered the information that he was one of the three that escaped from the slaughter of E company and told how he had crawled from under the tent and escaped in the darkness clad only in his modesty.

"Where did you say that happened?" asked the baggageman.

"Down to Samar."

"You there?"

"Yep, me and Bill over there."

"Say," the baggageman looked disgusted, "maybe you fellers all come from the Thirtieth, huh?"

The chorus shouted that most of them did.

"I don't know where you rookies come from, but I do know thet you never saw the islands," remarked the baggageman as he trundled away his trunk. "I was with the Thirtieth myself."

"Them come from Manila," the sergeant smiled wearily. "Why, them fellows ain't never seen a jungle and not six of ther bunch know a Krag from a Springfield. I brought the entire lot from Angel island and they are assigned to the Nineteenth; some of them are goin' to Seattle. Them from the Thirtieth; the Thirtieth, did you say? Oh, hell!"

There were 58 recruits when the party left Oakland and that from undue visitations at depot saloons some had fallen by the wayside and only 42 remained. The men were locked in the baggage platform and that only a trusty few could obtain permission even to enter the waiting room.

"You suppose 'vets' would stand that?" queried the sergeant in grieved tones.

BOOKS GIVEN AWAY.

Interesting Object Lesson on the Pipe, Illustrating Its Origin and Development.

This interesting little book containing more than a hundred illustrations of pipes used in every country on the face of the inhabitable globe since smoking first originated until the present time, is being mailed to all customers of Sig Sichel & Co., 92 Third street. Any person who wishes to secure a copy of this pamphlet will be provided with the same, free of charge, by calling or sending to the above address.