

NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST

SALEM

NOTICE—Salem subscribers will please take notice that the Journal agency has been removed to E. Davis, 180 state street, who will receive subscriptions, complaints, payments, etc.

WOULD LIKE TO FIND AN EX-CONDUCTOR.

(Special News Service.) Salem, Dec. 21.—Bert Davis, a young man who for the past few weeks worked as a conductor and motorman on the street car line in this city, left here a few days ago, and the manager of a company has since been searching for him, as it is claimed that the young man had failed to turn in his collections. Davis was conductor on the depot car, which meets all trains, and always had a heavy travel. Under the rules of the company he was supposed to turn in his collections daily, but for three days he stood off the clerk in the office on the plea that the money was in his other clothes, then he left. Late Saturday night, after he had been gone several days, a letter was received from him stating that the company owed him about as much as he had taken, and called it a settlement. He also sent back his punch and badge, as he had no further use for these articles. The manager of the company announced that he would pay Davis's wages, due him, more than cover the money taken.

In Memory of a Member. Secretary of State Dunbar has had the desk of the late Representative Murphy of Union county draped in mourning. The desk and chair used by the deceased stands in the front row in the extreme right side of the house, and it is the purpose to keep it draped during the entire special session unless some member, who has not as conspicuous a place, should demand the right to occupy the one forever vacated by deceased.

REVIEW OF SITUATION Work and Gossip Among Members of the Legislature.

Salem, Dec. 21.—Whether the special session will last two days or three weeks is at this time a problem unsolved. Republicans all state that they are anxious for a short session, but up to this time not one has been found who will show his sincerity of purpose by introducing a resolution to that effect. There is a possibility that some member who is being crowded off the political automobile, and figures that it is more to his advantage to waive harmony with his fellow law makers, and make a bid for popularity with his constituents, to come out and boldly make a fight for a short session in the interests of economy. This man would have to come from a district that expected nothing from the extra session but the passage of a tax bill.

Republicans Inactive. That the Republicans are inactive in their expressions about favoring a short session is evident. The one thing simmering down, is that the great majority are in favor of a long session, but no one has the courage to stand for the responsibility of advocating such a course. Many have tucked away, over the proposition, and some are waiting for a midnight oil, and which they are as anxious to present as the small boy will be to get to his stocking on Christmas morning. All they are waiting for is a plan whereby the bars for general legislation can be let down.

Bank of Mendocino. Up to this time there has been an entire lack of organization. The members are undecided as to what should be done and are looking for some Moses to lead them to action. No one has appeared that can supplant congressman Fulton as a leader. Others who belong to the Fulton faction that at one time exercised considerable influence are now holding themselves in the background. Among these is Senator Booth of Eugene, who represents Douglas, Josephine and Lane counties. He lost prestige through the effort in the last regular session to secure the passage of the notorious Rines improvement bill which was killed without further consideration when its object was exposed. His bill providing for the appointment of rangers to protect the forests was voted, it is seemingly having for its design the protection of the vast tracts of timber land controlled by the Booth-Kelley Lumber company.

President Brownell is the man to whom many look for a solution of many political problems. Last evening he remained in his room most of the time and gave but little satisfaction to those that sought for information while he was in the hotel corridor. Today he has been in touch with nearly all the members and when the meeting takes place this evening he will be one of the ruling spirits.

Many of the members are opposed to holding a caucus for formulating a line of action. They claim that they do not want to be bound by any pledges which might interfere with their work later in the session. The expression is in the holding of an informal meeting and decide on the best course to pursue.

The meeting will probably be held late this afternoon and if nothing is accomplished it is probable a caucus will be held tonight.

Bills Up Their Sleeves. If the bars are let down for general legislation Representative Banks from Multnomah county will advocate a measure for the suppression of the open season for the killing of elk for five years. He gives in support of his action the statement: "Unless something is done for the protection of this kind of game in two years there will not be enough elk in Oregon to make a barbecue for the members of the lower house."

Others have for consideration outside of the Eddy, Phelps, Portage road, county fees and veto business, bills of a more nature. Some of the opinions of the members and the things they expect to do are given in the following interviews:

W. T. Hume.—I think the session should not be too short. Now that we are here we should take ample time for the full consideration of the tax question. I have no special bills to introduce but if the food-gates are opened I will have some matters to propose. No new legislation but correction of old laws that need it badly. There are laws on the statute books that are unconstitutional and should be corrected.

M. A. Miller (Linn).—The session, today and tomorrow bills will be given away free with \$1.00 purchase of over (patents excepted) at the Lauer-Davis Drug company.

REV. MR. HILL IS RECOVERING. (Journal Special Service.) Westport, Or., Dec. 21.—Rev. H. R. Hill, who is sick with typhoid fever, is improving and will be able to preach again doubtless by the middle of January. In the meantime his place will be filled by Rev. J. K. Hawkins of Clatskanie.

VANCOUVER

NOTICE.—The Executive office of the Oregon Daily Journal is located at 903 Main street, John P. Lundberg, agent.

MILLS OF CLARKE COUNTY MAY CLOSE

(Journal Special Service.) Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 21.—The Mill & Lumber Manufacturers' association of Clarke county held a meeting yesterday afternoon at La Center for the purpose of considering the advisability of shutting down the various logging camps and sawmills. The real proposition before the association was whether it is best to continue operations at all or cut wages. It is said that wages are too high to allow the mill men any profit; that the price for railroad ties are coming down, and that it is too unprofitable to continue operations with the present standard of wages and the price of lumber. The most probable outcome is that the mill men will cut on the wages rather than shut the mills down. Many of the employes state that they will quit before they will work for any less than they are now getting, while a number of others believe it will be better to work for less wages and have work than to have no work at all.

Found Saloons Closed. The W. C. T. U. it is said, made another tour of the town yesterday afternoon for the purpose of ascertaining if any of the saloons were opened. The members found all saloons closed, it is said, excepting one. In this particular one, however, there was no business being carried on.

From the statement of the bartender, it is learned that he happened in the saloon for the purpose of securing some personal property, and, having an appointment with a friend elsewhere in about an hour, loitered in the saloon reading the paper, and while doing so three ladies came in and handed him an invitation card to an evangelistic service at the M. E. church, to be held that afternoon and evening by Rev. E. M. Randall.

Sons Star Theatricals. The Lone Star troupe gives an entertainment at Battle Ground last Saturday evening at the Exhibition hall there. The hall was well crowded and the entertainment proved to be not only a grand success to the troupe, but very entertaining to the spectators. The Lone Star is a theatrical troupe organized of Vancouver talent, and their plays consist, mainly of symmetrical exhibitions, contortions, etc. The manager of the troupe is arranging to give a series of entertainments in this line at the different towns throughout the county and in the near future will give a grand exhibition in Vancouver.

OREGON CITY

NOTICE.—Oregon City subscribers will please take notice that the Oregon Daily Journal has been established at the Courier office, Seventh street, next to depot, where subscriptions, complaints, payments, etc., will be received by L. J. Canfield, The Journal Oregon City agent.

HE STOLE OVERCOAT FROM THE PARSON

(Journal Special Service.) Oregon City, Dec. 21.—Last night James Grider, a hobo sailor, was arrested and lodged in the city jail charged with having stolen Rev. Wood's overcoat. The minister was engaged in preaching to a congregation at the Methodist church when Grider entered the cloak room and took the coat. He was captured with the goods on him. Another coat, evidently stolen, was also found on the prisoner.

After the Divorce Suit. Herman Grimm, who was recently defendant in a sensational divorce suit, will leave in a few days for Texas. Mr. Grimm's wife secured a divorce from him on the grounds of non-support and cruelty. She also secured a judgment for about half the estate, which amounted to several thousand dollars. The couple are quite aged. Grimm is past 60 years, and both have grown children here and in Texas. Mr. Grimm has advertised all of his property for sale, and will go back to his native home in the Lone Star state to begin life anew.

Free From Debt. Multnomah lodge celebrated the paying off of all indebtedness against the order Saturday night with a banquet. There were present a number of the veteran members of the lodge from all parts of the county and he was well filled with members of the order. The Multnomah lodge is the oldest Masonic lodge west of the Missouri river. The occasion Saturday night was a most happy one.

Rebekah's of What. The Rebekah's of this city gave a most enjoyable party in Williamette hall Saturday evening. The three divisions of the Odd Fellows' lodge—the Rebekahs, the Subordinate and the Encampment—have each agreed to give \$50 toward the furnishing of a room in the Odd Fellows home at Portland, which will be known as the Oregon City home.

Oregon City Notes. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Brintout of Seattle are the guests of their parents in this city. Mrs. F. E. DePareq of Seattle is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Cowing. Fred T. Miles, who is employed as messenger for the Wells-Fargo Express company on the run between Portland and Roseburg, was visiting his parents here Saturday.

Jack Latourrette, who is attending college at Eugene, is home for the Christmas holidays.

ROSEBURG ODD FELLOWS. (Journal Special Service.) Roseburg, Or., Dec. 21.—A second lodge of Odd Fellows was instituted in this city last Saturday afternoon with a charter membership of 57, of whom 17 are former members of the old lodge. The affair was one of the most notable in the history of Odd Fellowship in Oregon.

Ten officers of the grand lodge took part in the institution, and in attendance also were many members of the order in other towns. The degree work was conducted in the evening by Roseburg's first lodge of Odd Fellows, Philanthrop No. 3. The affair was celebrated by a splendid banquet in the armory, given under the direction of Rebekah lodge No. 41. The new lodge will be known as Rising Star No. 174.

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AT ITS BEST An epoch of Christmas Piano Selling filled with triumphs—the busiest season we ever knew; the biggest stock we ever gathered; the most perfectly organized facilities for the great business; that is Eilers Piano House today. Sales reports jumped clear up into the fifties the past week. Many of the purchases were the most costly instruments carried by us and are designed for Christmas presents. The Chickering of Boston, the Weber of New York, and Chicago's great piano, the Kimball; the beautiful Vose that comes from Boston, too, and the Lester of Philadelphia, the sweet Pease, the Hobart M. Cable, Schumann, Bush & Gerts, Haddorf, Milton, Brinkerhoff, Wessner, Ricca and all the rest of our fine pianos. We are, of course, obliged to keep a majority of the names a secret as the pianos are designed for Christmas surprises. But our sales reports are here and open to inspection to those who wish to verify our statements. Our display includes a great number of our choicest makes in artistic cases, designed especially for the holiday trade, styles that are not found in the regular catalogues. Such pianos, of course, make an especially rare present, as only a limited number are supplied. Don't forget that among these there is a choice little Chickering quarter grand, compact but exceedingly graceful, with fine tone, full volume—just the thing for small parlors.

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RESIDED IN BENTON FOR HALF A CENTURY

Corvallis, Or., Dec. 21.—The funeral of C. B. Wells occurred from the Corvallis undertaking parlors at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, death having occurred in a Portland hospital Thursday. Mr. Wells resided in Benton county for about 50 years, having settled here in 1852. He served two terms as chief of police in Corvallis, going to Canada to reside in 1891. Deceased was born in Missouri in July, 1841, and was married to Miss Esther Garret in 1862. The surviving children are Ed, Lee and Will Wells, Alberta, Canada; Mrs. Waggoner, Eugene; Mrs. Gregory, Alberta; Mrs. Coit, La Grande, and Miss Jewell, Wells, Eugene.

Interment was in Odd Fellows' cemetery. Death of Carl Schimmel. Carl Schimmel, for nearly 20 years a resident of Benton county, died a few days ago at his home north of town. Mr. Schimmel was born in Germany in 1835. He came to Oregon in 1876, residing for a time in Portland and in Yamhill county. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Carriek, and interment was in Locke cemetery.

New Athletic Club. Corvallis has an athletic club. It was organized recently and has headquarters in the old Salvation Army hall on Second and Jackson. Jesse McHenry is president and Myron Taylor secretary of the club, and many of the business men have already joined the ranks. The total membership being 60. The new "gym" is well equipped with the usual paraphernalia, and the nightly attendance shows the interest that is taken in the organization. A New Year's ball is to be given by the club to raise funds for further furnishings.

In this world of wonders one should not be very greatly surprised at anything, yet to run across a seedy-looking "dick" of sewing machines with a \$2,500 collection of mineralogical specimens stowed away in his pockets is surely something of an innovation. Such a "dick" has been playing his trade in and about Corvallis the past few days. He gives his name as W. W. Gibson, of Eugene, Cal., says he is a bachelor, and that gathering specimens is his hobby. The collection that he carries about is truly a magnificent one, comprising opals, diamonds, agates, carnelians, sapphires and nearly every other gem and a large assortment of perfect arrowheads. The stones have come from all quarters—from the Garden of the Gods and the ravines of Southern Oregon, from Washington, California and elsewhere. Mr. Gibson avers on his honor that he has been offered \$2,500 for his collection, and that he has had letters from Tiffany and other noted lapidaries making inquiry for certain ones of his gems.

Turkeys for Portland. Smith & Boulden had several fine employed and nearly every other farm and a large assortment of perfect arrowheads. The stones have come from all quarters—from the Garden of the Gods and the ravines of Southern Oregon, from Washington, California and elsewhere. Mr. Gibson avers on his honor that he has been offered \$2,500 for his collection, and that he has had letters from Tiffany and other noted lapidaries making inquiry for certain ones of his gems.

CITIZENS WANT TO OWN THEIR LIGHTS

(Journal Special Service.) Eugene, Or., Dec. 21.—Municipal ownership of electric lights is agitating the minds of the people of Eugene to a certain extent at present. The city is at present paying over \$3,500 per year for about 30 arc street lamps, which is considered by many people, including a number of members of the city council, to be an exorbitant price. There are now before the council petitions for seven more arc lights, and they have been referred to the proper committee, but the council announces that the city cannot afford to put in more street lights at the present rate charged by the electric light company. Electric lights for Eugene are now furnished by the Lane County Electric company, composed of some of the wealthiest men in the city, including members of the Booth-Kelley Lumber company. The company is just now completing a mammoth light and power plant at Springfield, to give Eugene and surrounding points a day and night service. While municipal ownership is strongly desired by many, it is probable that no action will be taken in the matter for a good while, as the electric company would probably not be willing to sell its big plant soon, and it would not seem practicable for the city to erect its own plant to run in opposition to the company's plant.

A Happy Wedding. Saturday evening Miss Mary L. McAllister, daughter of Dr. A. E. McAllister, and J. Arthur Gamber, registrar at the University of Oregon, were united in marriage at the bride's home in this city. Dr. B. F. Rowland, pastor of Humphrey Memorial M. E. church, performed the ceremony. The event was a quiet affair, only the immediate relatives of the couple being present. The young couple are both graduates of the university, their courtship having begun several years ago, when they were pursuing their studies at that institution.

Booth-Kelly Will Build New Mill. Eugene, Or., Dec. 21.—The Booth-Kelley Lumber company have announced that they have definitely decided to erect a large sawmill on their Harrisburg property in the early spring and have it in operation by the middle of the summer. It is said the capacity of the mill will be in the neighborhood of 100,000 feet of lumber per day. The company has an excellent site for a sawmill at Harrisburg, owning 30 or 40 acres on the banks of the Willamette river.

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Ray Littlefield's Sandwich

Ray Littlefield, son of a prominent Eugene citizen, is under arrest here for assault and battery upon Emil Etter, proprietor of the Bureau saloon. The trouble occurred in Etter's place Friday night. It seems that Littlefield knocked a sandwich out of Etter's hands, whereupon the latter grew angry and words passed between the two, finally ending in blows. In the mixup Etter's face was badly beaten up and his injuries were so severe that it was necessary to take him home in a cab. Littlefield's trial will be held when Etter is able to be down town.

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