

Our XMAS OFFERINGS

Our stock of Celuloid Goods and Crestware will be offered this week at a great reduction. Everything must go by Xmas.

Nothing would be appreciated more by a lady than a fine Card Case and Purse combined. We are offering an exceptionally fine line of these from 25c to \$2.00.

Handkerchiefs.—Everything in this department is a bargain. Nothing but the latest designs are shown on our counters.

Gloves, for evening and street wear, can be found here, from a 4-button to a 30-button length.

We are making a special offer of Japanese Ware in China. The goods will be offered at one-half their original cost.

Japanese Silk in all shades. We make a special price for this week of 35c a yard.

A choice line Figured Drapery Silk from 50c yard.

Special for Gentlemen.

Special drive in Neckwear, in Four-in-hands and Tecks, ranging in price from 50c to \$1.00, will be sold for 50c each.

Fine Neckwear.

We have on display a line of Rufus Waterhouse Co.'s Neckwear, conceded to be the finest in America. See window for display.

Gentlemen's Silk Handkerchiefs, in plain and colored borders; the sweetest thing of the season.

Muffers in all colors, and a large stock to choose from. Come and inspect them.

ALL GOODS MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.

PEASE & MAYS.

The Dalles Daily Chronicle.

WEDNESDAY, - - - DEC. 23, 1896

Weather Forecast.

PORTLAND, Dec. 23, 1896.
FOR EASTERN OREGON—Tonight and tomorrow, fair, with a probability of rain Friday.
PAGUE, Observer.

WAYSIDE GLEANINGS.

Random Observations and Local Events of Lesser Magnitude.

There was a light sprinkle of snow on the Klickitat hills last night.

Quite a number of Wapinitia citizens are in the city, making final proof on their railroad lands.

The Regulator got in last night at 7:30, bringing several big prairie schooners with families attached.

Heppner is going to have a telephone line to connect it with Hardman, Hamilton and Monument, and in time the line will be extended to Canyon City.

Tonight and tomorrow, in the store formerly occupied by H. Herbring, the ladies of the Good Intent Society will have for sale pies, cakes and doughnuts; also kitchen aprons.

The body of W. W. Edgerman, who was drowned at Hood River Monday, was found by a searching party yesterday. That of Carl Wood, drowned with him, has not yet been found.

The Lutheran Sunday school will give a Christmas entertainment at the courthouse Friday evening, commencing at 7 o'clock. The program will consist of music, recitations and brief orations by members of the Bible class.

There will be a Christmas service at the courthouse Friday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. C. Curtis of the Congregational church and L. Gray, of the Lutheran. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

"There are only three statutes of women in the United States." "Of course; the public doesn't want any ghastly and unnatural objects as works of art." "Unnatural?" "Yes; women sitting stock still, saying nothing."—Chicago Journal.

The water commission met last night and appointed a committee of three to confer with the city council relative to amending the charter so that the water commission can sell the lots belonging to the water fund. Under the present system the city council has the selling of the lots.

We learned at noon today that the body of Carl Wood, one of the men drowned at Hood River Monday, was found last night, and the funeral of the two unfortunate men took place today. Mr. Wood was to have been married Christmas day, which adds additional sadness to his sudden taking off.

A Christmas tree will be had in the audience room of the Methodist church Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. All members and friends of the Sunday school and church are invited to be present and to place any gifts on the

tree. All presents should be brought to the church as early as possible Thursday afternoon.

The Saginaw Herald of a recent date says: "Rev. G. B. Burnside, of the Fillmore avenue Baptist church, Buffalo, and Rev. Geo. Burlingame of Spokane, Wash., are in the city. They are both friends and associates of Rev. O. D. Taylor. They came here for the purpose of assisting him, if possible, in his trial in the circuit court."

Commencing Monday the fare on the Southern Pacific between Portland and San Francisco on steamer days will be increased \$2. On and after that date the regular first-class fare will be \$21, and the second, or tourist, fare \$14, with sleeper included in both cases. The O. R. & N. has not so far made any advance in rates.

A contract has been let to Shattuck & Co., of Portland, to build a new mill race for the mill at Boyd, belonging to Mr. Cockerline. The ditch will be about a mile and a half long, the water being taken out of 15-Mile, the water rights being secured from the riparian owners. Work will be commenced by the beginning of the new year.

Yesterday afternoon wagon load after wagon load of big coops filled with big turkeys were unloaded at the express office, until the sidewalk for fifty feet was piled full of them. Most of them went to Portland on this morning's train. It may be that prosperity has not returned in full force, but it is quite certain that Oregonians have full confidence in their ability to eat turkey.

Church Program.

The following program will be rendered at the Christian church Thursday evening, Dec. 24th, commencing at 7:45: Song..... Pastor Prayer..... Pastor Song..... Male Quartet Recitation..... Kendall Dufur Statuary with Readings..... Duet..... Misses Stone Recitation..... Edna Barnett Trial Scene (Wm. Tell Burlesque)..... Nine Boys Song..... Choir Drill..... Eight Young Ladies Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Indefinitely Postponed.

It was expected the Juvenile Temple would have a Christmas entertainment Thursday afternoon; but circumstances have arisen that have necessarily caused its indefinite postponement.

MISS EDITH RANDALL, Supt.
MRS. J. E. BARNETT, Asst. Supt.

"By gol," said the farmer, "fer a man who was raised in town you have the quickest eye in ketchin' a squirrel movin' round through the trees I ever see." "All in practice," said the city man. "I have been watching the ballet through the foliage of high hats for years."—Indianapolis Journal.

Do not fail to call on Dr. Lannerberg, the eye specialist, and have your eyes examined free of charge. If you suffer with headache or nervousness you undoubtedly have imperfect vision that, if corrected, will benefit you for life. Office in the Vogt block.

THE DAYS GROW LONGER.

And Ye Editor Being Short Indulges in Musing.

The sun reached the lowest point of declination Monday and has started on his journey northward, which will terminate the 21st of June. The days will grow steadily longer, and it will be but a little while until the purple iris, and the thousand delicate blooms of Spring will gladden the awakening soil. As we wrestle with the dodging armholes of our old overcoat, and occasionally dust the accumulations from our old winter garments, we are glad that this is so.

Who knows what the spring will bring forth? We at least try to console ourselves with the happy thought that may hap along with all its other gandy ornaments, a new, brand new, suit of light-weight Spring garments may sprout somewhere within our reach, while the moon is in the dark. "Hope springs eternal in the human breast," says the poet, and we would that we might change this order of things so that coats would spring for a little while on our patient old back, instead. However, Spring comes in space, and we will trust the blooming jade in hopes that when she gets here she may reciprocate.

What a pity that the gentle goddess of Spring, so generous in her gifts of flowers and birds, of green leaves and brilliant blooms, of verdant sod and fragrant breezes, of bloom of cherry and peach, white and pink, each tree a pyramid of bee-wooing bloom, of apple blossoms with a tint caught from Venus' cheeks and a perfume, stolen from her sighs—what a pity, we say, that with the droning bee provided with such a wealth of sweets, the clear soprano-voiced mosquito wailing to life at the blare of brazen throated bands, advertising the advent of the delightful picnic season, and the delicate feast provided for him—what a pity that with the erstwhile barren hillsides, clothed with verdure and the trees supporting a spring suit of leaves, that the light tripping divinity did not provide more generously for the outward habilitation of her admirer, man. Why did she not provide for our comfort and our pleasure, the spring-overcoat tree, the bachelor's-breeches tree, the light-underwear tree, the Easter-bonnet bush? Why not provide toothpick shoes for our limbs, as well as leaves for those of the trees, so that we might take our pick? Why not grow clean cotton socks without a darned hole, as prolifically as she does the useless pine needles that have nothing to sew?

And while about it, why did she not grow a collar for our necks, as she did for those of the flowers? Why did she not sprout silk neckties instead of moss, clocked stockings as numerous as acorns and mistletoes? Why not provide undershirts instead of under brush, and drawers just for luck instead of four-leaved clover? Why not lady-slippers large enough for use, instead of

orchids fit only for fairies? But why ask? The dainty and demure goddess will not answer, and so we can only use our yankee ingenuity, and guess. Her own wardrobe is exceedingly gauzy, consisting of a spider-web scarf and a garland of posies. Mayhap, she expected we might dress that way, but she ought to have known from the way winter lingered in her lap that we couldn't do it. But why guess further. She didn't provide for us and she is not going to do so. Therefore, why repine? Instead, let us, in the language of the immortal poet, "Be up and doing, all our neighbors when we can—our daddies' dollars still pursuing, according to the good old plan."

Important to Settlers.

Solicitor-General Conrad filed a motion with supreme court Monday to set aside the judgment entered and grant a new hearing of the case of the Northern Pacific company against Leonard P. Colburn, in order that the United States might have an opportunity to intervene. He stated that the case, involved the rights of many thousand of settlers. The case was appealed from Montana, where Colburn claimed land within the Northern Pacific grant, though no filing had been made. The interior department had uniformly held that such settlement exempted land from the operations of a grant. The supreme court took the opposite view in the Colburn case, and rendered an opinion which the land office officials say must result in ousting many settlers from their homes all through the West, it allowed to stand. The court granted a stay of mandate, and will consider the motion to set aside its former judgment.

Refrigerator Line.

Attention of shippers is called to the new refrigerator line operated by the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company between Portland, Huntington, Spokane and intermeditated points, leaving Portland on train 22, Wednesdays and Saturdays.
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