

## SPRING STUFFS

16 pieces, 36 in. Percales, in light and dark colors at, per yard

**15c**

64 pieces Printed French Batiste, 30 in. wide, Polka Dots checks and stripes, at

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48 pieces French Lawns, 30 in. wide—Elegant Patterns and a fine wash Fabric, at per yard

**12 1-2c**

6 pieces Linen Finished Duck, 36 in. wide, at, per yard

**18c**

10 pieces Mercerized Linen, 30 in. wide, at, per yard

**50c**

18 pieces Colored Dotted Mull, 30 in. wide, very neat and dainty, at per yard

**35c**

12 pieces Plain Cotton Voiles in all new shades, at, per yard

**25c**

15 pieces Cotton Covert Skirting, 30 in. wide, at, per yard

**15c**

78 pieces of New French and Zephyr Bingham, at, per yard

**12 1-2c**

## The Peoples Warehouse

Save Your Coupons.

Where it Pays to Trade.

### GENERAL NEWS.

Professor H. Russell Burner, M. D., founder and proprietor of a sanitarium in Los Angeles, widely known throughout the east and on the Pacific coast, was found dead February 11, at his home at 2933 East Fourth street, Los Angeles, from chloroform poisoning.

Fearing a wheat famine in Mexico in consequence of the bad crops, the finance department has considerably decreased the customary duties on wheat imported from the United States. The duty that wheat will have to pay from February 15 to June 1 will be \$1.50 for 100 kilograms.

After writing a letter saying he would make a final effort at reconciliation with his wife and, failing, kill her and himself, so he could be with her in death, Anton J. Vodic, a Chicago machinist, dangerously wounded his wife and killed himself February 10.

At the Naval academy at Annapolis, 38 midshipmen will soon be dropped on account of deficiencies. 15 will be turned back and 77 slightly deficient will be warned and continued with their present class. The 38 vacancies will be filled by appointments between now and March 1.

A high officer of the Savings bank of New Britain, Conn., states that there is a big shortage in the accounts of William Walker, the missing treasurer of the bank, and that the bank's owners up to noon had discovered a shortage of \$150,000. The officials state the shortage is certain to reach far over this amount before the examination is ended.

In Chicago a six-story building occupied by two wholesale leather firms burned. Ten firemen were overcome at different times and places in the building, and one after another were taken out insensible, and all recovered. It is now believed there is a peculiar quality in the fumes of burning leather to produce unconsciousness. The fire was caused by crossed electric wires.

In Germany an effort has been made for many years to record the proselyting going on between the Catholic church and various Protestant bodies. Formerly the Catholics gained, but in his year book published from official records, Pastor F. W. Schneider of Eberfeld, shows that from 1896 to 1904, 75,978 Catholics went to Protestantism, while 10,054 Protestants went Romanward.

### REAL ESTATE

I have wheat lands with good orchards and plenty of water.

I have stock ranches for both summer and winter quarters.

I have a proposition that I will guarantee a profit in if taken at once. Anyone with a little money and a little nerve to back it can clean up about \$5000 in about six months.

I have some of the best property in the city listed with me for sale.

I have a hotel with 22 rooms, two lots 50x160, doing a rushing business. Price too small to mention.

I have suburban property improved and unimproved.

I have a few good business chances.

In fact, I have anything you want either real estate or livestock. Come in and tell me what you want. If I haven't got it I will get it for you.

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'Phone black 3111.

Office E. O. Building.

### NORTHWEST NEWS.

Four public dance halls in Astoria have closed their doors to avoid being closed by the police, and it is understood will remain closed permanently, public opinion no longer tolerating them.

Heppner received no train service for 10 days during the recent floods—no mail from Portland for that length of time and none from any outside point between February 5 and 11.

It is believed that one-fourth the expected setting of fruit in the lower Multnomah valley, has been destroyed by the breaking down of trees with their load of ice during the recent sleet storm.

Victor Doan, a hotel keeper of Seattle, was held up by three men in Sutter street, between Buchanan and Webster, severely beaten and robbed of watches and jewelry. The highwaymen escaped.

Edward Emmett, aged about 30, was killed in the Last Chance mine at Wardner, Idaho, by a large slab of rock falling upon him. He leaves a wife and one child. The body was shipped to Bolivar, Mo.

In Arlington, Gilliam county, the recent flood scoured out a chasm 20 feet deep, and in places 100 feet wide, which crosses Main street in one place. The chasm follows the course of a small drainage ditch.

Doan Dell is in custody at Bellingham, Wash., accused of the murder of Miss Adelaide Roper January 19, at Blaine. Miss Roper was a saleswoman who lived alone, and the little house in which she made her home was burned to hide the crime. There is strong circumstantial evidence against Dell.

Nellie Ryan, the woman arrested by the Portland police on suspicion of being in league with members of a gang now in jail for robbing the Sellwood and St. Johns postoffices, was tried in police court today on a charge of vagrancy and found not guilty by Judge Cameron. She was allowed to go and H. Campbell, a married man with whom it is claimed she had been associating, was also discharged.

### Opening Up More Land.

Yankton, S. D., Feb. 12.—All details in connection with the agreement between the federal government and the Rosebud and Sioux Indians are now arranged and in a few days Indian Inspector James McLoughlin of Washington, will announce the throwing open of nearly a million acres of land in South Dakota. Under the agreement, which has been perfected, the Indians will receive \$6 per acre for the land taken by settlers during the first three months, \$4.50 for that taken during the next four months, and \$2.50 per acre after that. All Indian children over 8 years of age are entitled to allotments.

### Naturalization of Aliens.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 12.—In accordance with the recent order of the supreme court today was set aside as the final date to consider the petitions of aliens who would become citizens. The applicants include six Italians, four Swedes, four Austrians, three Poles, two Germans, two Russians, two Spaniards, one Greek and one Belgian. Since the order has taken effect 67 declarations of intention to become citizens, exclusive of the 25 today, have been lodged.

All the news all the time in the East Oregonian.

## ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

### ORIGIN OF THE DAY

#### AND ITS CUSTOMS.

Ancient Romans started the Spring-time Holiday—Afterward the Christians Honored as a Saint, a Bishop Named Valentine—Custom Prevails Throughout the World.

The origin of St. Valentine's day, which will be celebrated tomorrow, will always be an interesting subject to those who observe the customs of the day. The Housekeeper gives the following brief but comprehensive sketch of the day:

A fact in natural history, to-wit, that birds in southern Europe pair about the middle of February, is said to have inspired a custom of the ancient Romans, to which the origin of the modern valentine can undoubtedly be traced.

At the feast of the Lupercalia, held in honor of the great god Pan, the names of the virgin daughters of Rome were put in a box, and drawn therefrom by the young men. Each youth was bound to offer a gift to the maiden who fell to his lot, and to make her his partner during the time of the feast.

How this secular custom became allied to the name of a saint is altogether a different matter. St. Valentine was a bishop of Rome during the third century. He is said to have been a man of very amiable nature, and most eloquent of speech, wherefore he was very successful in converting the pagan Romans to Christianity.

Marcus Aurelius was then emperor, a relentless persecutor of the Christians, and by his order the bishop was beheaded. The date of his death was February 14, 276, A. D. We find the statement in Archbishop Wheatley's "Illustrations of the Book of Common Prayer" that "St. Valentine was a man of admirable parts, and so famous for his love and charity that the custom of choosing valentines upon his festival took its rise from thence."

But probably the connection of name is wholly due to a coincidence of date. When the saint's name was placed in the church calendar, the day of his death was made a festival, to offset that of Lupercalia, on the 15th.

In Allen Butler's "Lives of the Saints" we read that the zealous Christian fathers tried to substitute the names of saints for those of girls in the lottery game, but without success. So the "valentine" custom spread from Rome through Europe to Great Britain, always in high favor, and later, in the form of sending tender missives, came to America, and down to the present time.

### Largest Cherry Orchard.

George Thomas of the Cove, has received 1000 cherry trees, which he will soon commence setting out. This will give Mr. Thomas 25 acres of cherries, which we have been informed, is the largest cherry orchard in eastern Oregon, and possibly in the state. His past experience has demonstrated the profitability of the crop.—La Grande Observer.

Four offices in the Bailey building, Seattle, were robbed in one night recently. In two, the safes were opened by combination and \$100 cash taken.

### HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Hotel St. George.—R. F. Bicknell, Ontario; C. Wayger, Portland; M. Abraham, New York; W. F. Slaughter, Portland; W. P. Lewis, Portland; Pearl Burris, Portland; A. T. Kellogg, Portland; J. F. Sloan, Milton; P. S. Eastudy, Walla Walla; A. J. Waters, Adams; W. A. Healy, Portland; O. G. Chamberlain, Athena; O. E. Silverthorn, Portland; E. U. Swain, Athena; Della King, Big Rapids; H. Bumbyer, Portland; Mrs. Stanfield, Echo; C. K. Cordy, Portland; G. W. Whitehouse, Walla Walla; Paul Whitehouse, Walla Walla; Lulu Paul, Walla Walla; H. O. Mansfield, Walla Walla; A. W. Stuart, Walla Walla; W. H. Skinner, Hermiston; E. B. Quick, St. Joe; Mrs. R. S. Hoskins, Salt Lake City.

### \$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### Tax Commission Disbands.

W. J. Lachner, who has been engaged on special work for the state tax commission, has concluded his labors in their behalf and will open up law offices in the Palmer block in a few days.—Baker City Herald.

### Woodmen Grand Ball.

Woodmen grand ball, given by Pendleton Camp No. 41, degree team, Wednesday evening, Feb. 13, Eagle hall. Johnson's orchestra. Refreshments served. Everybody cordially invited.

## For Indigestion

Hurried eating, ill chosen food, over eating—any of these indiscretions frequently result in acute pains and other uncomfortable sensations which are wearing on the nerves and temper.

For all ills of the stomach

## BEECHAM'S PILLS

are specially valuable, as they act almost immediately on the undigested food and carry it out of the stomach. These wonderful pills combine certain vegetable ingredients in exactly the right proportions to secure the best results, without doing violence to the delicate lining of the stomach.

Before the public for over half a century, for indigestion and kindred complaints, Beecham's Pills

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Sold Everywhere. In boxes, 10c, and 25c.



## A Question You Must Answer Now.

Do you want the best shirtwaist ever made for the least money? This is a question which admits of only one answer—but that must be put on record now.

## THE GLADIS WAISTS

is distinctive. It is the only waist on the market that you can buy two waists for a single price.

See the line. Examine it. Test it. Compare it. Your good judgment will convince you.

## ..THE ALEXANDER.. DEPARTMENT STORE

Sole agents for the Gladis Waist and Skirt.

### VOICES OF THE PRESS.

Words of Praise for "The Pixies" From Neighboring Cities.

"The grotesque make-up of the pixies, brownies and goblins caused roars of laughter, but when they began their antics the audiences abandoned themselves to wild screaming which could be heard for blocks."—Aberdeen, Wash., Post.

"The crowd laughed till their sides ached, rested and laughed till the tears came, and on the streets today they are laughing yet. Certainly 'The Pixies' is as brilliant a conception as ever came from mortal mind."—Bellingham, Wash., Reville.

"It is, in our opinion, the most beautiful and laughable entertainment ever devised for amateurs."—Minneapolis Daily Journal.

"Nothing ever given here has awakened such enthusiasm as 'The Pixies'. The music is sparkling and the strange adventures of the weird little sprites, kept two packed houses in roars of laughter."—The Dalles, Ore., Chronicle.

"We have never witnessed a per-

formance, either amateur or professional, that excelled 'The Pixies' in beauty or innocent fun. It is simply a great success."—Washingtonian, Hoquiam, Wash.

"It is impossible to believe that such artistic work can be done by young amateurs. Mr. Milne is a veritable genius, accomplishing results that caused the immense audiences to sit in open-mouthed wonder."—Aberdeen, Wash., Bulletin.

It will be given at Frazer theater on Monday and Tuesday nights, February 18 and 19, with a cast of 250 young ladies and children, under the auspices of the city schools.

No one who is able bodied is ever out of a job in New Zealand. There is an elaborate government department, which keeps a record of all who lose employment and helps them to positions, advancing railway fare to take them to places where help is needed, seeking out merchants or manufacturers who want men, and as a last resort giving the unemployed some occupation on government operations.

## Woman's Nightmare

The critical ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass, however, is so fraught with dread, pain, suffering and danger, that the very thought of it fills her with apprehension and horror. There is no necessity for the reproduction of life to be either painful or dangerous. The use of Mother's Friend so prepares the system for the coming event that it is safely passed without any danger. This great and wonderful remedy is always applied externally, and has carried thousands of women through the trying crisis without suffering.

Send for free book containing information of priceless value to all expectant mothers. The Bradford Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga.

## Mother's Friend

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**WE WILL** be prepared to furnish gas for lighting and cooking by April 1st, if we have applicants enough to start the Plant—First come first served, get in your applications for service pipes at once.

**Don't pay a fancy price for water-soaked wood and mine-run coal.**

**A GOOD Gas Range** only costs you from \$17.50 to \$35.00. We lay all pipe from main to curb free of cost and only charge you 15c per foot from curb to stove and 10c for elbows and "T's" etc.

**Gas for Heating and Cooking costs you \$2.00 per 1,000.**

**THE average cost per month for cooking is \$3.00**—We furnish the meters. A heater for kitchen hot water service will cost you \$9 and will heat tank of water in thirty minutes.

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