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LOCAL NEWS.

C. H. Vehrs paid Lebanon a business visit this week.

Dramatists' samples of various articles at cost, at Small & Son's.

Mrs. D. R. N. Backburn, of Albany, visited in Corvallis this week with her son, Archie.

Dr. and Mrs. N. B. Avery left Tuesday for San Francisco, where they will spend the winter with their daughter.

Usual services every Lord's Day at the Baptist church at the usual hour. Heartily welcome for all.

The First Spiritual Union of Corvallis, will hold services at Barrett Lyceum on Sunday, at 3 p. m. All friends cordially invited.

Some of the swellest things in the way of handkerchief and glove boxes for Xmas presents are now on display at H. W. Hall's.

Geo. A. Waggoner, customs officer at White Pass, Alaska, is expected home in a few days to spend the holidays with his family.

Two fine new counters were received by Graham & Wortham, yesterday, which will add attractiveness to their neat drugstore.

E. G. Cameron, of Union, brother of J. M. Cameron of this city, has been granted a patent for a harness appliance, which is said to be of much practical value.

J. H. Penn, the genial mail agent on the C. & E., carried off seven premiums with his dozen White Leghorns, which he exhibited at the Portland poultry show.

Jacob Frank, who recently disposed of his dairy farm near this city to C. H. Vehrs, left Wednesday, with his family for Astoria. He will engage in business in that city.

While wrestling with playmates, Tuesday afternoon, Harry Waggoner had the misfortune to fall and dislocate his right elbow. He will carry his arm in splints for a month or more.

Nothing so pleases the small boy as something military. H. W. Hall has full regalia for drum majors, captains and other officers—boy's size. Then there are dolls, etc., for their sisters.

Tuesday, J. M. Cameron sold his Sixth street property to Mrs. Agnes Thompson. The price paid was \$900. Mrs. Thompson has secured a nice home, but it is not her intention to take possession before late next spring.

Henry Armstrong will probably start to Michigan tomorrow on a business trip of five or six months. He goes to receive an inheritance of about \$50,000 from his grandfather's estate. He states he dislikes going East at this season of the year, but all considered he better go.

About thirty guests were delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nolan, Monday evening. The occasion marked another anniversary of Mr. Nolan's birthday. Progressive whist was the chief amusement, Miss Kate Gerhard winning the first, and C. A. Gerhard the booby prize.

The Episcopal church, corner of Jefferson & 7th streets—Services in this church as follows: Sunday school and Rector's class every Sunday at 10 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. All especially students, are cordially invited to each of these services.

C. MacLean, Rector.

At the last regular review of the Knights of the Maccabees, the following officers were elected: Past commander, C. W. Le Ve; commander, L. G. Altman; lieutenant-commander, Geo. W. Moore; record keeper, W. L. Sharp; finance keeper, R. L. Taylor; chaplain, J. F. Irwin; sergeant, W. J. Moore; master at arms, H. C. Mangas; 1st master of the guard, Vance Taylor; 2nd master of the guard, Chas. Newton; sentinels, A. J. Morelock; picket, William Road; master of property room, R. N. Adams.

A story of pathetic incident comes by Marconi telegraph from Philomath. On Thanksgiving morning, a young man who had been away at school arrived at his home town and hastened from the train to the residence of his star of hope. Her mother answered his nervous ring and invited him in. Yes, Jenny was at home, up stairs. She would call her. Stepping to the foot of the stairs she called, "Jennie, Will is here and wants to see you." A voice from above answered: "I can't come down, mother; I'm just taking a bath." The young man was impatient, and stepping to the foot of the stairs, he called: "I must see you just a minute, Jennie. Slip on anything and come down." She slipped on the top step and came down and he saw her, but for much less than a minute.

Joe Bergin, a former Corvallisite, visited in this city several days this week.

Roderick Nash returned Wednesday from a several day's visit in Portland.

Born, near this city, Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1902, to the wife of J. B. Kirk, a son.

Yesterday, Senator Daly arrived home from Portland, after an absence of several days.

S. L. Kline arrived home from San Francisco, Wednesday. He expects to be here several weeks.

Nolan & Callahan's holiday presents are all worth one hundred cents on the dollar the day after Christmas.

Miss Clara Blakeslee went to Buena Vista by boat a couple of days ago to visit with her friend, Mrs. Grace E. Hall.

A fine line of smokers' supplies at Small & Son's. Just the things for a Christmas present for a gentleman friend.

Wear Raleston Health Shoe—the cure for cold and wet feet. All leathers and styles: price, \$4. S. L. Kline, sole agent.

Students Pilkington and Thorp, crack members of this season's O. A. C. football team, left yesterday for McMinnville to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Emma Wing arrived, Wednesday, from Strawberry Point, Ia., for a visit in Corvallis. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. Chipman.

Arthur Stimpson, who was on the C. & E. during the lay-off of Mail Clerk Penn, returned to Portland, Wednesday, to resume his duties in that city.

Preaching at the Congregational church next Sunday, Dec. 21st, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. J. S. McCain, of Southern Oregon. All are cordially invited to attend.

Last Wednesday, Johnson Porter sold his house and lot that adjoins the residence property of W. J. Wilbanks to Miss Elizabeth V. Taylor. The consideration was \$622.

Sheriff Burnett took Miss Walker to Salem, Wednesday, where she will be placed in the asylum. She has been feeble-minded for years, and has resided with her brother near Philomath. Deputy Henderson acted as sheriff during the absence of that officer.

"Jim," the Chinaman who has been conducting the laundry just south of Hemphill's harness shop, requests us to announce that he has purchased the laundry business formerly owned by Sorbin, who is now in China, and that he will consolidate these two enterprises.

The uniforms for the military rank of the Woodmen of the World, arrived, Wednesday, from Cincinnati, Ohio, and the members of that rank will appear in uniform publicly on the 30th of this month, the occasion of their celebration in this city. The uniforms are blue, trimmed in black and silver braid, and are very neat and attractive.

Matters seem to be at a standstill concerning the proposed illustrated pamphlet of Benton county intended for circulation in the East. The committee having the matter in charge, secured something in the neighborhood of \$150 by subscription and the county court appropriated \$100 to assist the enterprise. About \$200 additional is needed. Little difficulty should be experienced in raising this amount. To print 50,000 pamphlets is quite a task, and if any good is to result from advertising this season, no time is to be lost in getting these pamphlets in circulation.

The supreme court has sustained the decision of Judge Burnett, of the first department of the state circuit court for Marion county, in the case of the state of Oregon, respondent, vs. A. M. Humphreys, appellant, in which the defendant was convicted, in October of last year, of the crime of larceny by bailie and sentenced to a term of two years in the penitentiary. This case is important in that it is the first conviction of this crime which has stood the test of the supreme court, and establishes a precedent that is hailed with joy by the farmers, who feel that, at last, they may expect some protection by the law from thieving warehousemen.

The ferry across the Willamette river at this city, which has been idle for the past several days owing to a break in the cable, will probably resume operations today. Huston & Bogue received the new 750-foot 7-8 inch steel cable from San Francisco by freight Wednesday evening, and they fulfilled their contract yesterday morning by delivering it at the ferry landing. Mr. Wheaton, of Linn county, was engaged to stretch the cable, and the work of putting the ferry in operation was begun immediately.

Shooting Gallery.

I have opened a shooting gallery in a tent north of Dilly's bicycle shop and a cordial invitation is extended to all who desire harmless sport. Wednesday will be Ladies' Day and prizes will be given on this day to the ladies making the best scores. HARVEY SARGENT.

From Foreign Lands

Chas. L. Morgan, who is a sailor on board the U. S. S. "Mohican," and who left the station in San Francisco recently for a cruise in the South Pacific, writes a very interesting letter to his father, F. P. Morgan, of this city. He writes from Magdalena Bay, Lower California, and the following is an extract from his letter: "We are at the long-looked-for Magdalena Bay. We passed the islands and came around the point, Friday afternoon, Dec. 5th, and dropped anchor for the night just inside the bay. Saturday morning we came on up to the anchorage and dropped anchor near the U. S. S. 'Adams,' within half a mile of the city of Magdalena, which consists of but a few Mexican shacks. "Saturday afternoon, all of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd class men of the starboard watch were allowed to go ashore for three hours, which we all thought was short leave and which we grumbled at, but found it long enough for such a place. Being 1st class, I went. "The little wharf was no good to land at, so we just went right up on the beach in the cutter, which floated to within six or seven feet of the beach and we jumped off on the sand. There is a hotel, two saloons, and a warehouse, with a dozen or so Mexican shacks, and all I could see in any of them was about a dozen 'kids' and a sewing machine. Most of the people seem to make their living by gathering moss, which they bale and store in the warehouse. Along the beach there are thousands of sea urchins, with long, black quills sticking out all over them like a hedgehog, which makes it disagreeable to go in swimming. We also found scores of octopus, or devil fish as they are called, some of them very large, but one which I dragged out on the beach and killed, tho it was dangerous, as he spurted a black fluid and tried to get a hold of me. I think weighed about 15 pounds. "This is a large bay on the western coast of Lower California. There are mountains and hills near the point and all the rest we can see appears to be low and sandy. The bay is full of fish and sharks. Big mackerel and bass can be caught by trolling about the bay in a boat. "We were seven days coming down from San Diego, Calif., without incident, except that a fellow fell overboard, but we got him with a line. Our grub is good yet; macaroni, 'slumgullion,' rice, hardtack, corned beef and butter. We have had fish two or three times daily since we came. "Target practice has begun in earnest now. Barrels have been rigged up and set afloat for the rifles and such small arms. Every day we have to go through the performance, and it is so hot that the tar on the rigging melts and sticks to our clothes. We are allowed to go swimming every day, and barefooted, too, except to quarters. "I will mail this letter on the Adams, as she is going direct to San Diego."

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Benton county products were awarded prizes as follows: Jersey Creamery—Cheese, first premium. A. H. Nichols—