

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Happy New Year.

What are you going to swear off on today?

Willie Wells left, Tuesday, for his home in Alberta, Canada.

W. T. Nichols was visiting old friends at Sweet Home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Callahan went to Portland, Wednesday, for holiday.

Mrs. A. J. Layton, and children, of Lebanon, have been visiting relatives in this city.

W. W. Crawford, of Lebanon, with his family, was visiting in this city last week.

The new chemical laboratories will be ready for use at the opening of school on Monday.

Geo. B. Harder, of Portland, left Tuesday for that place after a visit with W. E. Yates and family.

Miss Erma Sutherland arrived Wednesday from Scio, and is the guest of Mrs. Julia Lafferty.

While we are having the thick, east fogs for some time, Lincoln county is enjoying sunshine every day.

Mrs. H. W. Hall and son, Arthur, spent a few days in Portland this week. They returned yesterday.

B. F. Jones, of Toledo, passed through Corvallis, Wednesday, en route home from a business trip to Portland.

Miss Mary Nolan will return to Portland Sunday, where she will resume her studies at St. Marys Academy.

A. W. Blackburn, of this city, has been visiting his mother, Mrs. D. R. N. Blackburn, in Albany during the week.

Fred S. Fischer, who has been attending Portland Business College, is spending the holidays at his home in this city.

A. W. Rose, of Chitwood, is in Corvallis for a few days visiting old friends. He is thinking of disposing of his property.

John, Cyrus and Maggie McCormick were visiting their home in Lebanon, Linn county, during the Christmas holidays.

Louis Edwards and family, of Belfountain, spent the Christmas holidays in a family reunion with John Foshay in Albany.

Roy Bell, well known in Corvallis, had his foot mashed while handling a heavy trunk at Independence one day this week.

Clarence Chipman is making preparations to build an addition to his residence, on Fourth street, just north of the court house.

Wm. Gellatly shipped, Wednesday, a carload of fine beef cattle from Wrenn to Salem. The animals were mostly of the Durham breed.

Rev. Vincent will occupy the pulpit of the United Evangelical church next Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Deck will hold services in Alsea on same date.

Madame Rumor has it that there is to be a wedding in town today, the principal parties to be a young lady of Salem and a prominent young business man of this place.

Robert Miller, a school teacher of Brownsville, spent a few days this week with his brother, C. A. Miller. "Bob" is a good cornetist and was for some time the leader of the band at Shedd.

In an article on "The Age of the World," Sir Edward Fry, the famous English geologist, declares that 45,000,000 years must have elapsed since the existence of life on the globe. We would not have taken Adam to be that old.

The order of Railway Trainmen have a degree called the Order of Owls. The officers are Gray Owl, Hoot Owl, Screech Owl, Scratch Owl and Stuffed Owl. After the monthly banquet they all become boiled owls.

J. C. Ecker, of Winside, Nebraska, is visiting at the home of Curtis Stimpson, in Corvallis since Christmas. Mr. Ecker is a newspaper man, editing the Winside Tribune. He came to the coast about a year ago for the benefit of his health.

Cecil Butler, who holds a position with a Portland firm, spent Christmas day with his parents near Corvallis. Eric Butler, who is also here on a vacation, leaves tomorrow to resume his studies in a Portland business college.

Mr. Geo. E. Hopkins, of Michigan, is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Hammel. From here he goes to California, but will make a longer stay here on his return from that state. He also intends visiting in Washington before going East.

"The Eugene Guard's local editor says, 'a hard shower of rain fell down here at 3 o'clock Sunday morning and there was not a cloud in sight, the stars shining brightly in all parts of the sky.' What a glorious time he must have had Saturday night.—Albany Herald.

How many New Year's resolutions have you made?

Prof. Schmidt returned home on Tuesday from Albany where he has been spending the holidays.

Mrs. Clyde B. Hayes and sister, Mrs. H. B. Bain, left last week for San Francisco, Calif. They went via Portland.

J. E. Henkle, of Philomath, was in the city on Wednesday on business. He reports everything prospering in Philomath.

Mrs. C. B. Hardin and Mrs. Mulkey are confined to their homes with severe attack of the la grippe.

Taft has just closed a land bargain with the Filipino friars. Eight million dollars go out of the frying pan into the friar.—Atlanta Journal.

Mrs. Berry, wife of the genial S. P. conductor, Chas. Berry, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Rena is visiting Mrs. H. M. Brunk, in this city.

Miss Gladys Moore entertained the young people's orchestra at her home Wednesday evening. After the usual practice light refreshments were served.

Mrs. Mary C. Bryson left yesterday for Southern California, where she will remain for the winter. She is undecided whether she will stay in Los Angeles or Pasadena.

William Freels of Blodgett was brought to town yesterday by Wm. Noyes for medical treatment. He was found in the barnyard in a partially paralyzed condition.

An afternoon tea was given by Mrs. S. E. Moore at her home in this city on Wednesday afternoon. Twenty ladies were present and enjoyed the afternoon in a delightful manner.

W. H. Buoy, formerly with the C. & E. R. R. Co., and later with the Astoria R. R. Co., but now at Fort Stevens in the U. S. government employ, passed through Corvallis Wednesday on his way home. He had been to Waldport to attend the funeral of his father, Harmon Buoy, who died there recently.

Smith & Boulden are doing an excellent business and are proving that a commission house conducted in a business-like manner, will pay in Corvallis. They have shipped, since Thanksgiving day, over 400 pounds of turkeys and from 25 to 50 hogs are shipped each week, besides an immense chicken trade.

Richard Scott, of Inavale, is doing a lively business in marketing hogs. He has been bringing in two dozen each week for some time. Richard is an O. A. C. graduate and is putting into practice his knowledge received from that institution. He finds a good profit in the hog business.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hull, and son, Frank, of Cottage Grove, have been in Corvallis the past week. Mr. Hull has several children to educate and is favorably impressed with the Agricultural College and may purchase property and reside here that he may enjoy the educational advantages Corvallis has to offer.

The Meteorological department at the O. A. C. shows that the coldest month for the year 1903, was February, which gave an average of 85.4 degrees. February 13 was the coldest day, the thermometer registering 21 degrees above zero, while August 13—the warmest day of the year—was 98 degrees. The least decipitation for any month was .34 inch for July, and greatest precipitation was 11.82 inches for month of November.

Major Hardin received, Tuesday, a second recess commission as major. He with about 166 other officers of the U. S. army depend for promotion on the confirmation of the appointment of General Wood by President Roosevelt. In August last all these officers received commissions that lasted till the end of congress and as the senate failed to confirm the president re-appointed all these persons.

U. B. Vogle in writing to the GAZETTE from Lompoc, Calif., under date of Dec. 27th, says: "I see by the papers in the North that you have had a great amount of rain, for which you should be very thankful. We have had no rain for about ten months and things look dubious here. Stock on the ranges are suffering and many have perished. Cattle here are quarantined on account of the Texas fever so they cannot be shipped alive to any other county. Water seems to be plentiful for drinking purposes. Fruit trees are in want of moisture. Don't complain but let it rain.

The highest price paid for dressed turkeys this season, was received by one of the large wholesale grocers Tuesday morning. The transaction consisted of about 72 pounds of dressed birds and the price paid was 25 cents a pound. The stock was in excellent condition and as the market was all but bare the arrivals were eagerly picked up. Later in the day some additional turkey shipments came in and received prices ranging from 22 1/2 cents a pound for the dressed stock. There will be a fair demand for turkeys from now on for about a week but it is not thought that market will stand very heavy receipts at present prices.—Portland Journal.

APPALLING DISASTER.

Over 500 Lives Lost in a Chicago Tragedy.

One of the most appalling disasters of the year occurred in Chicago yesterday at the matinee performance of the Iroquois Theater. It is estimated that about 1300 people were present, mostly women and children. Of this number about 580 lost their lives in the mad rush for life. The fight for life which must have taken place at the entrances and on the stairways is something that is simply beyond all human power to adequately describe.

Only a faint idea of its horror could be derived from the aspect of the bodies as they lay. Women on top of these masses of dead had been overtaken by death as they crawled on their hands and knees over the bodies of those who had died before. Others lay with arms stretched out in the direction toward which lay life and safety, holding in their arms fragments of garment not their own. They were evidently torn from the clothing of others whom they had endeavored to pull down and trample under foot as they fought for their own lives.

As the police removed layer after layer of dead in those doorways, the sight became too much for the police and firemen, hardened as they are to such sights, to endure. The bodies were in such an inextricable mass and so tightly were they jammed between the sides of the door and the walls that it was impossible to lift them one by one and carry them out. The only possible thing to do was to seize a limb or some other portion of the body and pull with main strength.

Soon after the fire started an explosion occurred, which lifted the entire roof of the theater from its walls, shattering the great skylights into fragments. It is believed the explosion was caused by the flames coming in contact with the gas reservoirs of the theater.

Scenes of indescribable cruelty were soon witnessed all over the theater. Strong men were seen pulling and pushing women and children aside, as they fought like maniacs to reach the exits. Little children were trampled under foot and none of them rose again. The exits to the fire escapes were choked, and those in the rear rushed with all the strength they possessed upon those who were nearer the doors.

When the fire rushed out from the stage it reached clear up over the heads of those on the first floor, to those in the balcony, caught them and burned them to death where they sat. Many people were suffocated by the flow of gas which came from behind the asbestos curtain.

The bodies of men women and children, with clothing torn completely from their bodies above their waists, with faces and breasts trampled into pulp, and marred beyond all hope of identification, filled the alleys and doorways, and lent an additional horror to this most appalling disaster.

Death of Mrs. Buchanan.

Mrs. W. A. Buchanan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilbanks and beloved wife of County Treasurer Buchanan, died at her home in Corvallis on Wednesday morning, Dec. 30, 1903, after an illness of several weeks, aged 43 years, 3 months and 8 days.

Mrs. Buchanan was born in Chocktaw county, Mississippi, on Sept. 12, 1860, and in 1875 she joined with the M. E. Church, and has remained a consistent Christian, the sweet patience manifested during her long illness showing her explicit faith in the Master.

On Nov. 8, 1882, Mrs. Buchanan was united in marriage to W. A. Buchanan and they have since made Corvallis their continuous home. During Mrs. Buchanan's residence in this city she has endeared herself to a large circle of friends who admired and loved her for the benevolent acts, the never ceasing kindness and her love for the Heavenly Father.

The funeral services were held from the M. E. Church, South, yesterday at 10 a. m. under the auspices of Mary's Peak Circle, the services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. John Reeves. The church was crowded with friends, who feel deeply the loss of a good and noble woman.

Mrs. Buchanan leaves a husband, father, mother, two brothers and two sisters to mourn her demise.

Who Was to Blame?

Two childish hearts doubtless suffered keen disappointment this Christmas time, for in the post-office in this city lay two letters addressed to Santa Claus. Whether their non-delivery is the fault of our postmaster or whether Santa was so rushed with business he could not look after it all, is a matter for investigation by the postoffice department. The letters will be forwarded to Washington, where perchance they may find a place in the collection of government curios. In the Dead Letter department are to be found many curious things. The display at the Columbian Exposition at Chicago contained many things which one would scarcely imagine being sent through the mails, among which was a human ear, an alligator, which measured about three feet, a wash board, and other things equally as curious.

Several years ago when Robt. Johnson was agent for Uncle Sam and looked after Corvallis postoffice, a little girl wrote to Santa Claus and made known her wants, and placed the letter in Corvallis postoffice. Cameron Hemphill impersonated Santa Claus, and with the financial assistance of some of his friends, went to Albany and secured the desired article and presented it to the little girl—and Winnifred Gates was little happy.

Steamer Pomona Goes Down.

The Oregon City Transportation Company is having more than its share of trouble, says the Oregonian. A few days ago a collision put the Altona out of business, and Monday the steamer Pomona went to the bottom.

The latter boat was wrecked by striking a sunken snag at Carey's Bend, about 45 miles south of Portland. She was coming down from Corvallis in command of Capt. Spong and had a good list of passengers and freight cargo. Reaching the Bend at 2:30 p. m., proceedings were brought to a sudden stop by an invisible snag tearing a gaping hole in the steamer's hull.

The Pomona quickly filled and sank. However, as the river is very shallow up that way the water only covered the lower deck of the vessel, and the passengers escaped a wetting. The steamer Leona, of the same line, hove in sight about two hours after the accident, and after standing by awhile, took aboard the passengers of the wrecked boat, and will bring them to this city.

Wrecking barges with pumps and other apparatus will be taken up the river, Wednesday, and the boat will be raised and brought to this city. As the repairs will be quite extensive there will be no boat on the Corvallis route for some time. It requires a boat of very light draft out that run, and as the Pomona and Altona are both out of commission none other is available.

The Altona was disabled on the 23rd in a collision with the O. R. & N. steamer Modoc off Jones' Mill. She is now at the yards of the Portland Shipbuilding Company in South Portland, but will probably be ready for service Saturday. In the meantime the little steamer Leona is attending to the company's business on the Portland-Salem run.

Church Announcements.

United Evangelical Church—H. A. Deck, pastor. Sunday School 10 a. m. K. L. C. E., Jr. 3 p. m.; Inte., 5:30 p. m., preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

The First Spiritual Union of Corvallis will hold services on Sunday at Barrett Luceum. Doors open at 2:30. Service 3 p. m. A cordial invitation to all.

Episcopal Church, corner 7th and Jefferson St.—Rector's class at 10 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m.; services at Trinity church, Wellsdale, 2:30.

Congregational Church—Rev. Edw. F. Green, pastor. Sunday School, 10 a. m.; Services 11 a. m.; Junior Christian Endeavor, 3 p. m.; Senior Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.; Service, 7:30 p. m. Morning sermon: "The Gospel of the Living Christ." Evening sermon: "The Kingdom of the Living Christ; how to enter and the qualifications in that Kingdom." The evening service will be the opening service of the "Week of Prayer."

Church of Christ—T. S. Handsaker pastor. Bible School, 10 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Junior Endeavor, 3 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m.; Prayer meeting Wednesday evening; C. W. B. M. last Friday in each month. Morning sermon, "The Higher Life." Evening sermon, "The Kingdom of God and the Triumphant Advance."

Election of officers Friday at 2:30 p. m., after which light refreshments will be served.

Wheat, 71 cents; oats, 28 to 30 cents.

Additional Local.

Chester Avery arrived in town, Tuesday, from Eastern Oregon.

Paul E. Dodele, of Wells, was in town yesterday on business.

Max Miller, son of F. L. Miller, is confined to the house with some throat trouble.

Leo Krapp returned, yesterday, after spending Christmas with relatives in Brownsville.

Geo. Brown shipped a carload of sheep to Portland yesterday. Mr. Brown went down with them.

Dell Burkhardt, of Albany, came over and played trombone with the orchestra at the dance last night.

The year 1903 closed with a beautiful warm day, which was thoroughly enjoyed after a week of foggy weather.

Wm. Seckler returned, Wednesday, from California where he has been the past summer in the employ of the S. P. company.

Miss Frances Belknap left yesterday for Wasco, Eastern Oregon, where she has accepted a position in the public school at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummins, of Halsey, were in the city yesterday, where they purchased a Needham organ for use in their home. The purchase was made from Mordaunt Goodnough.

Mrs. Lulu Webber and daughter, Miss Aileen arrived Thursday to visit friends and relatives. The former is now a resident of Portland, while the latter has charge of the musical department of the Ashland Normal.

Miss Pauline Davis, who has been visiting with Miss Mamie Stevens, at Albany, returned home yesterday. Miss Stevens returned with her and will spend a few days in Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Cameron and daughter, Winnie, and Miss Nellie Cameron went to Portland, on a visit to relatives. The former are expected home today, but Miss Nellie will remain a couple of weeks.

Mrs. J. B. Horner and Miss Ella Mallett and Margaret Miller returned Thursday from Newport where they have been spending a week in a cottage by the sea. Prof. Horner and Irving Miller intended to return with them but not reaching the boat in time had to wait until today.

F. L. Miller will start for Seattle next Monday, with a dozen of his Buff Orpington's and a dozen of Eugene Simpson's Buff Leghorns, to corral the big prizes in the coming Seattle poultry show. Snpp son sent three of his flock to the recent poultry show in San Francisco, and brought away two first prizes and one fourth prize.

The meetings for the week will be held with the churches as follows: Monday and Tuesday evenings with the Congregational church; Wednesday and Thursday evenings with the Baptist church; Friday and Saturday evenings with the Presbyterian church. Everyone is very cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Letter List.

For the week ending Dec. 27, 1903. Persons calling for these letters will please state date on which they were advertised. They will be charged at the rate of one cent each.

Mrs. I. Burton, Wm. Buller, R. L. Cramer, Mrs. R. L. Crawford, V. Coates, J. C. Dudley, Miss Winnie Trendahl, Jno. D. Harris, J. W. Irwin, S. C. Kane, John McClain, G. M. Powers, L. Porter, Mrs. G. Peterson, J. W. Shattuck, Chas. Wallet, Bruce Wyant.

B. W. JOHNSON, P. M.

GREETING

TO THE CITIZENS OF CORVALLIS AND SURROUNDING COUNTRY:—Having been engaged in the real estate business for past ten years in the East, I have decided to take up the business here. In doing so I expect to advertise in the East as well as here at home and keep as nearly as possible in touch with the emigration from the east. Having been a traveling real estate salesman through several of the Eastern states and knowing the disadvantages of the different localities I shall be better able to set forth the advantages to be found here than the man who has always lived here and is not acquainted with the Eastern states. If you wish to make inquiries regarding my past you can write to any prominent citizen or to any of the banks of Oelwein, Iowa, that having seen my headquarters before coming here. After satisfying yourself as to my responsibility if you have anything in the way of real estate for sale or rent which you may see fit to place in my hands, it will have my best attention, and though you have no business to place with me I shall be glad to have you call as I should like to become acquainted with you and will thank you for any joints of interest or good suggestions for Eastern advertising. If you have property to list and its convenient please call on Saturday, however I shall be glad to see you at any time. If you are interested in the growth of our country, please call and see me. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I beg to remain yours for business.

E. E. WHITE,

Office first door South of Reading Room, Corvallis, Oregon.

Wood Wanted.

The Oregon Agricultural College will receive bids for supplying wood for the ensuing college year commencing next July. Call on the Purchasing Agent for specifications.

Corvallis, December, 22, 1903.

T. H. CRAWFORD,

Purchasing Agent.

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All \$8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50 and 10.00 suits and overcoats 7.50  
All \$7.50 suits and overcoats 6.50  
20 per cent reduction on all boys' suits and overcoats and men's extra pants.

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10 per cent reduction on lace curtains.  
10 per cent reduction on dress linings.  
10 per cent reduction on W. B. coreets.  
25 per cent reduction on back and fancy combs.  
25 per cent reduction on dress trimmings, lace all over.  
25 per cent reduction ladies' belts.  
Ladies' and Misses' skirts 10 per cent reduction.  
Ladies' and Misses' jackets 25 per cent reduction.  
Wool shawls and fascinators, 25 per cent reduction.

REMNANT SALE.

DRY GOODS.

6c calico at..... 5c  
10c outing flannel..... 8c  
10c flannel..... 8c  
10c percale..... 8c  
8c shirting..... 7c  
12c percale..... 11c  
15c ribbon..... 12c  
25c ribbon..... 20c  
35c ribbon..... 30c  
50c velveteens..... 45c  
\$1.25 dress goods..... \$1.00  
\$1.00 dress goods..... 85c  
75c dress goods..... 60c  
50c dress goods..... 45c  
25c dress goods..... 20c  
20c dress goods..... 15c  
75c eiderdown..... 60c  
35c eiderdown..... 25c

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