

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Olives in bulk at P. M. Zierolf's. Dr. Floyd Davton, of Salem, is visiting friends in this city this week.

OAC souvenir dishes at P. M. Zierolf's. Mrs. R. L. Weatherford and children are visiting at the home of Mrs. Weatherford's mother, Mrs. L. L. Horning.

Do not fail to see P. M. Zierolf's line of holiday china. The Salem Poultry and Pet Stock Association will follow Corvallis lead with an exhibition commencing December 15-17 at Salem.

Patronize home industry—Corvallis Steam Laundry.

Miss Edith Berthold, a member of the '03 class of OAC, left yesterday for an extended trip through California.

Have your eyes fitted by your resident optician, D. E. Mathews.

The Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal church were quite successful with their Christmas sale and supper held at the parsonage last Monday evening.

Send your lace curtains to Corvallis Steam Laundry.

Editor C. D. Minton, of the Northwest Poultry Journal published at Salem, is in the city attending and taking a leading part in the poultry show.

Lewis and Clark souvenir plates at P. M. Zierolf's

J. R. Parker, of Philomath, was in the city yesterday, enroute East, where he will canvass the states of Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania in the interest of Philomath College.

Get your school books and school supplies at Graham & Wells.

At the M. E. Church, South, Sunday morning, the pastor will speak on "The Atonement" Sunday School at 10 a. m. Services at night. All invited and welcome.

Silk and woolen goods a specialty at Corvallis Steam Laundry.

It is now thought that Mr. W. H. Seits, of Aisea, upon whom an operation was performed recently to relieve the pressure of a certain section of the skull upon the brain, will be able to return to his home in a very few days. His wife, who was attending him, has already returned to Aisea.

Special rates to hotels and families at Corvallis Steam Laundry.

R. M. Wade & Co., have just put up on the corner of their store an attractive illuminated sign, advertising Adkins Silver Steel Hand Saws. The sign is inlaid with green glass sets and is illuminated at night with an electric light enclosed in the sign and attracts quite a bit of attention from passers-by.

You can make your own records with the Edison Phonograph.

Congregational Church—Sunday school and class for young men at 10 a. m.; service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Morning sermon, "God's Preventatives." Evening sermon, "The Queen of the Orient," to be followed by "The Queen of the Occident," Queen Cleopatra and Queen Victoria.

No changing needles with the Edison Phonograph.

There will be a union meeting of the Foreign Missionary Societies of the different churches of Corvallis to be held in the M. E. church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The following program has been prepared for the occasion: Devotional; special music; paper by Mrs. Pratt, subject, "India," followed by short talks from each society; ladies' quartet; paper by Mrs. Nichols; trombone solo by Collie Cathey.

G. B. Whitney sells the Edison Phonograph.

The juveniles of Corvallis have got the home talent show fever. Raymond Peterson and Edwin Woodcock are the leaders of the young dramatic organization, and are preparing to put on a comedy in which six characters will participate. Their opera hall will be in the attic of Mr. Woodcock's woodshed, and reserved seat tickets are now on sale at 10 cents each. The name of their play is "Unappreciated Genius," to be put on some time during the holidays.

Mr. Adolph Leder, who was mentioned in last issue as being a probable Corvallis citizen, has decided to locate in this city, and has purchased through the agency of Capt. Robinson, four choice residence lots near the carriage factory. He intends to build a substantial residence upon one of the lots at an early date. His two brothers who accompanied him from Arkansas, expect, also, to locate here, as they Benton county very much.

Faculty meeting was held Tuesday afternoon at OAC.

Mrs. E. W. Strong returned from a visit with friends in Hillsboro and Beaverton.

Sweet music without the buzz-saw effect, with the Edison Phonograph.

A "sox" social is to be given at the new Simpson Chapel at Bell-fountain, December 28.

Mrs. Frank Howe of this city is visiting with her mother Mrs. W. H. Warner at Independence, this week.

D. E. Mathews, Chicago optician will open an optical store in Corvallis early in December. Wait for him.

Mr. E. W. Strong, of the Corvallis Sawmill Co., is contemplating building a new business office at his mill.

A \$50 diamond ring free. A ticket with each dollar purchase from E. W. S. Pratt, the jeweler and optician.

Messrs. W. G. Flynn and S. S. Ewing of Philomath, were registered at the Hotel Corvallis the first of the week.

The infant son of Ryl-y Young, of Jobs addition, was reported to be seriously ill yesterday. In fact, it was not expected to live.

Call at Whitney's and hear the best reproduction of sound ever made. It is from the Edison Phonograph.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Handsaker, of Eugene, who have been visiting at the home of their son, Rev. T. S. Handsaker, returned home yesterday.

A new phone has been put in by the Bell company for Jack and Bob the up-to-date cleaners and dyers. The number is 531.

The First Spiritual Union of Corvallis will hold service in Barrett Lyceum on Sunday at 3 p. m. Doors open at 2:30. A cordial invitation to everyone.

Mrs. Sophia King, of Portland, general organizer for the Women of Woodcraft, arrived in this city Tuesday evening, and made an official visit to the local lodge here.

Examinations for the term commence at the college a week from next Tuesday. The students are beginning to take their places on the "anxious" seat now.

At the last meeting of the board of directors of the Corvallis school district, a tax levy of two mills was made for this year, for the payment of the outstanding \$1000 bonds. The levy last year was six mills.

An attempt was made one day this week to burn the Central school building at Albany but an alarm was turned in and the flames were soon extinguished. Certain boys of the school are suspicioned.

The members of the Corvallis Fire Department are preparing to give an entertainment at their hall on Thursday evening, December 15. There will be a number of games for which prizes will be awarded to the successful competitors. The following is the program as arranged to date: Address by Mayor Irvine; music by stringed orchestra; tumbling, club swinging; song by quartet; recess—games and refreshments; cornet solo; vocal solo; boxing; music by Scottish bagpipes.

Rev. Handsaker, pastor of the Christian church, and his wife, were given a most enjoyable farewell surprise at the parsonage Wednesday evening. About seventy-five members of the church gathered at their home and met them as they returned from prayermeeting. Refreshments were served and the congregation of the church presented Mr. and Mrs. Handsaker with a set of solid silver spoons and plate as a token of their appreciation and esteem. Rev. Handsaker and wife will leave in a few days for Hood River where he will take up evangelistic work. Their many friends regret to lose them but wish them much success in their new field.

Next Monday night the city council is to decide whether or not the new fire alarm system is to be installed in this city. The system will cost about \$180, but when once established will be one of the best fire alarms in any small town in the state. It is to be installed by the Independent Telephone Company, and in case of fire anyone having an independent phone could ring up central, who would simply push a button, electrically connected with the fire bell, which would set it ringing giving the general alarm, after which the number of taps of the bell would indicate in which of the four districts the fire was located. After installation, the phone company offers to maintain the system and do the bell ringing without extra cost to the city. It is hoped the council will accept this generous offer.

A convenient crosswalk was laid on Second street yesterday in the middle of the block between Madison and Monroe streets.

Buy Christmas Goods at E. W. S. Pratt, the jeweler and optician, and get a ticket with each dollar's worth. The lucky person gets a \$50 diamond ring.

Mr. J. M. Adams arrived in this city Tuesday from Idaho. He is looking for a location, and thinks some of stopping in Corvallis as we have a very much milder climate here than he is accustomed to in Idaho.

E. W. S. Pratt, the jeweler and optician of Corvallis, Oregon, will give to the holder of the lucky number a \$50 diamond ring. One number given with each dollar's worth of goods bought between Dec. 5, '04 and Jan. 5, '05.

The Prohibitionists of Albany won a victory, in a way, in the city election held there Monday. They now have a majority in the city council, which means that the saloon license will be raised in that city. The Prohis carried two out of three wards.

Invitations are out for a dance to be given this evening by the Coffee Club in the Firemen's Hall. Fichter's orchestra of Albany will furnish the music. A grand time is assured; as all the Coffee Club dances are most enjoyable affairs.

The Cottage Grove Commercial Club has inaugurated a prize contest on best written essays on Cottage Grove and Lane county. The prizes range from \$1 to \$10. This would be a good idea for the Corvallis Citizens League, who can afford to take similar action.

A fire alarm turned in Tuesday night from district three; took the department for a muddy run down to the C. & E. docks where the warehouse was ablaze. The fire was extinguished before the department arrived on the scene. No particular damage resulted.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a Christmas fair and sale at the home of Mrs. F. L. Miller, during the afternoon and evening of December 17. Many useful presents will be for sale and everyone is cordially invited to make their Xmas selections there.

Mr. A. F. Peterson left several days ago for Tillamook where he expects to make a bid for the building of the new county court house at that place. At the time of going to press we had not learned whether he secured the contract or not. Mr. Peterson has already successfully built several court houses throughout the state.

Rev. M. S. Bush the Pastor Elect of the Presbyterian church is expected to arrive Friday evening and will hold service on Sunday. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Evening service at 7:30. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Come out and hear the new minister and a cordial welcome will be extended to you.

Mr. August Thomas, a baker of Portland, visited at the home of Mrs. F. P. Morgan a couple of days this week. Mr. Thomas is looking for an opening to establish a bakery, and was in hopes of finding a suitable location in Corvallis, but found the field already well controlled. He left yesterday for Salem where he expects to buy out the German Bakery at that place.

Subject at the Christian church next Sunday morning: "The Holy Spirit and His Mission in the World." In the evening the pastor will give the third of a series of the life of Christ, "The Public Ministry of Jesus." All members of the church are urged to be at the morning service as matters of importance relative to future work will be presented.

E. J. Garrow returned Tuesday from Gazelle, California, to spend the Christmas holidays with his wife and relatives in this city. As he was not expected at home so soon, Mrs. Garrow left the day of his arrival for Portland to visit friends, but is expected home tomorrow. Mr. Garrow is general superintendent of a fine lumber company at Gazelle, and has a fine position.

A very enjoyable surprise came off Wednesday evening at the residence of Walter Taylor. The occasion was the birthday of Mrs. Taylor. A number of friends assembled at the residence of Mrs. S. N. Wilkins. John Lenger, father of Mrs. Taylor, furnished the bus that took the merry party to the house. The evening was spent in an enjoyable manner, helped out by an elegant supper in the dining room. It was near midnight when the party broke up and took the carriage for their homes. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Oren, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. John Lenger, Mrs. M. A. Moore, Lillie Ranney, Bertha Thrasher, Fannie Trusty and Miss Barclay.

**SANTA CLAUS HEADQUARTERS, 1904.**

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**GAMES.**

Crokinole and combination game boards. A large assortment of these novel and fascinating games with plenty of excitement on hand or sea. From 25c. to \$3 50.

**XMAS SLIPPERS.**

For ladies and gentlemen. Our line is large and very attractive. See window display. 50c. to \$2 00.

**INLAID WOOD NOVELTIES**

And Basketry. Something entirely different than has ever before shown in this city. Boxes in all shapes and sizes. Hand carved and inlaid with bark and fancy wood, 25c. to \$3. Baskets for sewing, gloves, handkerchiefs and many other uses. Some are made to be lined and drawn with ribbons while others are ready for use. 5c. to \$1 25.



**DOLLS XMAS FAIR 1904.**

You'll find here a collection of every nationality and description. Some are dressed very stylish while others are negligee ready for dressing. Bring the little folks and visit them.

**HANDKERCHIEFS.**

For ladies and gentlemen, in plain, silk, hemstitched, lace and embroidered edges of all kinds. All new. 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 50c, 75c.

**ALBUMS.**

Photo and autograph albums of every description. 25c. to \$5 00.

Our Holiday Stocks were never so beautiful and comprehensive as they are this year. You can make your Christmas purchases now, out of full assortments, and at your leisure, avoiding the great crowds that will come later on, and if any goods are to be shipped, insure their certain delivery on time.



**NOTICE.**

We will hold purchases made now, and deliver them to you any day in December that you want them.

**BUY NOW**

**PICTURES AND DECORATED WARE.**

I have a full assortment in cups, saucers, dishes, lamps, etc. From 5c. to \$5 00

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And suspenders. The latest designs and colors in values that can't be beat. 26c. to \$1 50.

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All new and novel at 25c. to \$2 50.

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Rich furs at low prices during holidays. \$1 50, \$3.00, 5 00 up to \$9 00.

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Glove and Handkerchief, Jewel and Work Boxes. A more beautiful assortment than ever of these goods. \$ 50 to \$2 50.

**OVERCOAT SPECIAL.**

The finest and best line we have ever had. All at a reduced price during the month. \$5 00 to \$18.

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