



## PRE-INVENTORY SALE

As usual we will close out all our open stock possible, previous to our ANNUAL INVENTORY. We desire to call attention to what we have on hand:—

With the usual scarcity of Merchandise and the expected advance in all lines, we believe this sale will be of special interest to all concerned.

Every article in the store will be reduced except W. L. Douglas Shoes and our own overalls. Sale will begin

**Saturday, January 5th.**

at 8 o'clock a. m., and continue until

**Friday, January 25.**

**TWENTY DAYS ONLY**

Our store will be closed all day Friday, January 4th, to arrange stock and reduce prices.

All sales during this

**TWENTY DAYS SPOT CASH**

# J. M. NOLAN & SON

### TOLD TALES.

#### Out of School—And "Papa" Nearly Fainted.

A couple of game wardens had an amusing as well as a successful "still hunt" over in the Big Elk country a day or two ago, that resulted in three guilty parties being apprehended for shooting elk, and that frightened one man almost into spasms.

It seems that the game wardens had received a "nudg." that the laws were being violated and that not only deer but elk, the latter now being very scarce in this section, were being slaughtered.

A certain Justice of the Peace resides in that district where the work was supposed to be going on, and in some manner this worthy gentleman got wind that the game wardens were to invade the suspected territory next day. With true neighborly regard the Justice proceeded to send his sons forth to notify all persons of the coming visit. The telephone was called into use also and soon every resident of the vicinity was warned of the coming of the officers. All went well until the evening of the officers' arrival, when two little daughters of the worthy Justice happened to go to a neighbor's to spend the night. The game wardens, as it happened were to spend the night at this same house. Innocent of doing mischief, the little girls demurely informed the people at the supper table that "the game wardens were coming and papa had sent out the boys to inform all the neighbors of the fact." The wardens smiled, and armed

with this evidence they visited the worthy Justice and asked where the sons were. This the father declared he did not know, but when closely questioned his courage failed him, great beads of perspiration stood on his brow, and he had to be assisted to bed. Fearing heart failure the wardens let the matter rest, but when the fainting spell had passed the Justice confessed the whole proceeding. Not only this, but in the course of the cross-examinations that followed, it came to pass that certain hunters among whom some hard feeling existed informed on each other until three clear and unmistakable cases of killing elk were brought to light, and the guilty parties will be compelled to meet the fine that such offenses merit under the law.

And it all came about because two little maids told tales out of school!

#### Flett-Foster.

A pretty New Year's wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Foster, Tuesday evening at six o'clock, when Miss Maud Foster and Thomas Flett were united in marriage by Rev. M. S. Bush of the Presbyterian church. Only the immediate relatives witnessed the ceremony and after congratulations the company went to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Flett, where a tempting supper was served. The bride's dress was a dainty creation of white silk and lace, and she made a very winsome appearance. For the present the young couple will reside at the Flett home, and they have the good wishes of many warm friends.

### MAKES PECULIAR THREAT.

#### In Endless Chain Letter—Corvallisites Receive Them.

An anonymous, endless chain letter has made its appearance in Corvallis the past few days, and those who have seen the missives are speculating as to what the object of the writer can be in starting such a scheme, as there is apparently nothing to be gained in the matter.

Bishop Lawrence, mentioned as the author of the prayer, has denied through the public press having had anything to do with the prayer, which brands the letter as a fraud in that respect, at least.

Corvallis people who have received the communications have paid no heed to them and it is not likely that anyone will lose any sleep through fear of the "calamity" that is threatened in the letter. In full the endless chain affair reads:

Dear Friend:—I am sending you a prayer with the request to be sent to nine people. Please do not break the chain.

O! Lord Jesus Christ, we implore thee, O eternal God to have mercy on all mankind. Keep us from all evil and sin and take us with thee, through eternity. Amen.

This prayer was sent by Bishop Lawrence asking it to be rewritten and sent to nine persons. The one who will not do this will have some misfortune. He who re-writes this prayer beginning the day it is received and sends one each day will on or before the ninth day experience some great joy. It was heard he who

granted this request will be delivered from some great calamity. Please do not break the chain. An exact copy of the one I received. —A FRIEND.

#### Began New Year Together.

There was a pretty wedding in this city at noon Tuesday at the home of David Mehaffey, when Miss Alice Mehaffey was united in marriage to Walter Wells of Polk county.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. H. Feese in the presence of numerous relatives and friends. The wedding march was played by Miss Libbie Rice, and as the bridal party entered the parlor they were met under an arch of Oregon grape, where the impressive words were spoken. The bridesmaid was Miss Elna Wells, sister of the groom, and Carl Moreland was best man. The bride was very pretty in a dainty costume of white silk and lace, with veil. Her bouquet was white carnations. The decorations in the house were attractive and the whole occasion was marked by brightness and good cheer benefitting such an event.

After a tempting wedding dinner had been disposed of, the happy couple left on the 1:20 train for their new home at Buena Vista, followed by the good wishes of many friends.

The bride is an esteemed young lady of this city, and the groom is a young man of high character, and a member of one of Polk county's best families.

Starr's Bakery has secured the services of Dick Llewellyn, the wonderful bread maker. —89c

### Celebrated Anniversary.

#### In Splendid Style—Masons of Corvallis.

The Masons celebrated the 50th anniversary of their organization in this city, Tuesday night, in a manner benefitting such an important occasion. Invitations had been sent out to several hundred friends and about 250 guests responded. The Masonic temple was brightened and beautified by the skillful use of yellow and green crepe paper and mistletoe, and in the banquet room the tables were as artistically arranged as good taste and dainty feminine touches could arrange them.

The program was opened with a number by the male quartette, composed of B. W. Johnson, Prof. Fulton, John Allen and Prof. Bradley; the address of welcome was given in a pleasing manner by Prof. Cordley, who was also in charge of the meeting. Mrs. E. R. Lake gave a vocal solo that was exceptionally good, and Z. H. Davis followed with a history of the local lodge, from its organization to the present time. Miss Edna Sheehy, the new instructor in vocal music at OAC, sang and was heartily encored, and J. M. Hodson, of Portland made an address.

At the conclusion of the program the company retired to the banquet hall where Prof. Cordley acted as toast master and toasts were given by W. P. Lafferty, J. B. Irvine, M. M. Davis, and Samuel Bullock of Portland.

A two-course banquet, that embraced all the delicacies of the season, was enjoyed by the large crowd, and Raymond's orchestra furnished music while the feast

was in progress. The occasion was replete with good cheer, and was one that will ever be remembered by all who participated in it.

The charter members of the Corvallis lodge were: D. G. Clark, J. B. Broomfield, J. B. Congle, M. Stock, J. C. Avery, William Kaufman, J. A. Bennett, Joseph Latshaw, John McInteny and George P. Wrenn. D. G. Clark was the first master. He left Corvallis about 20 years ago, and died in Southern Oregon. All these gentlemen have long since joined the Great Fraternity.

#### C. & E. Extension.

The statement is now made on good authority that the ties, rails and all building materials are now purchased for the extension of the Corvallis & Eastern across the state to connect with some transcontinental line on the eastern border of Oregon. The statement also announces that work will certainly be commenced next spring.

The statement, coming from a man in close touch with the C. & E., that the ties, rails, etc., are purchased for the extension of that road will be good news to the people of Oregon. Many pin their faith on the C. & E. and it is admitted by all that such a line would be the best possible one for this state as it would give direct connection with a Pacific port and would open transportation on a direct line with the Middle West and Eastern states.

Statements are made without number of railroad extensions and the rails are now laid for years, until suddenly the final announcement is made and the long looked for iron horse comes into new lands.—Ex.