How to Kill Cats Humanely.

The quickest and easiest way is to

"I speak not out of weak surmises,

A Biograp

...rting you.

...Ladies Bazaar indi-
...good place to go for
...women and children.
...me elegant things for new

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...Johnsons, we mean the cloth-
...ing men, are happy, for in spite of the other fellows advertising to sell suits at about cost, their old customers all come back and bring many new ones. They carry the best goods and their prices are low enough, hence the result.

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Not another soul in the city understands so well as T. J. Cherrington the art of taking negatives that will print up to the best advantage. With him it has been a study for years and he has it down to a nicety. Therefore go to the Cherrington art gallery for the very best to be had in that line.

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Brooks & Salisbury have made many young heart happy with their Christ-
...s goods. They had a big trade and
...to clean up odds and ends will be
...to sell many articles at or even be-
...ost. It might pay you to go and
...w anxious they are to sell.

BRIDGEPORT.

...ard and family go sleigh rid-
...we have no snow.

...Xmas tree was enjoyed at
...which friends and neigh-
...invited.

...ace Yoakum is expecting a
...ther from Tennessee early next
...nth. He will make his home at
...F. Mason's.

Mrs. Sarah Bilyeu has been quite
...ick with pneumonia, but is some bet-
...er. Mrs. Hill is very sickly and Mrs
...Mason does not gain any ground.

Mr. Oliver, of near Portland, is grub-
...ng on his brothers tract of land lately
...ned by Mr. Robbins of eastern Ore-
...n. Mr. Oliver has a winter's job
...ead of him.

The school term finished Friday,
...but will be continued two weeks in order to use the fund on hand. Mr. Graham is giving general satisfaction as teacher and the attendance has been very good and regular.

Old Santa Claus.

Perhaps never before were the little children of Dallas so much excited over the coming of Santa Claus as were the 100 who early last week received from him letters saying he would arrive at the school room of Mrs. Wash Friday afternoon and wanted to see them there. The room was crowded with visitors when Willie and Charlie Stanley came hauling in old Santa with their team of goats. A great bear skin coat covered him from head to feet, and a red cap surmounted his flowing snowy white hair and beard. The goats and wagon were driven right into the schoolroom, when old Mr. Santa jumped out and began making fun for the children. For an hour it was one round of jollity and giving out presents to the little folks, by J. C. Wagner, whom the youngsters will always remember as Santa Claus.

Who Wants a Good Home.

We know of a place in this county where the right kind of a young or middle aged woman can find an excellent home on favorable terms and for an indefinite time. Social companionship, light work and pleasant surroundings. A mother with a good child would not be objectionable. No one desiring a place for only a little while need apply, nor one who would feel out of place in a christian home. By applying at this office, interested ones can be put in communication with the parties concerned.

New Year Calls.

At the parsonage new year's day beginning at 2 o'clock and continuing through the evening, Mrs. S. A. Starr will receive callers, being assisted by these young ladies, representatives of the Epworth League: Misses Grace Chapin, Della Palmer, Ruth McDevitt, Minnie Austin, Addie Wagner and Florence Elliott. It is sure to be one of the most pleasant occasions of the season and many will no doubt then avail themselves of the opportunity to get better acquainted with the pastor's family.

To the Public.

Owing to the stringency of the times we are compelled to change our manner of business. We have in the past been doing a general credit business, and now find ourselves with all our surplus capital on our books and unable to collect, forcing us to either quit business or adopt a cash system or its equivalent. As we have a big stock of goods, we cannot afford to sacrifice them entirely, so after January 1, 1894, we will do business on a cash basis, paying the highest cash prices for all kinds of produce, and selling goods so much cheaper than you have been in the habit of buying them that you will gladly pay the cash in order to get the benefits. Now we ask all of our old customers to come and see us for we have a word for them. Those owing us will please call and settle their accounts as we must have the money.

CRAVEN BROS.

New Superintendent at Broadmeads.

W. H. McEldowney, who has so successfully managed the Ladd & Reed Land company's property, at Reedville, for the past five or six years, has been promoted to be superintendent of the same company's property in Yamhill county, known as the Broadmead farm. That farm is perhaps the most valuable tract of land in the state. There is under cultivation 3,000 acres of land besides what is used for pasture. It is said that $1,000,000 have been spent in the purchase and improvement of the place. The large barn will house in the basement 100 head of cattle, and on the first floor there is room for 100 head of horses. Seven hundred tons of hay are required to fill the mows. Heretofore the dividends from Broadmead have not been golden and Mr. McEldowney has been transferred there with a view to maksng those productive acres profitable.—Hillsboro Independent.

OAKDALE.

Roads horible.

Days longer up here. How is it with you?

Adial Tate is grubbing out his ranch this winter.

Mr. Cook and Frank Murphy are off to the mountains on a hunt.

Our school house is quite comfortable since it has been papered.

Mr. White and Mr. Carey, of Falls City, were up at our spelling school.

Mr. Oliver is boarding at Mr. Shreve's and working on his brother's land near T. Murphy's.

John Robinson has gone over to Chitwood station near the Yaquina to bring out some cattle.

At the candy pulling at John Farley's the other day, little Lee Haggard come out champion puller.

Last weeks ITEMIZER says kill cats with chloraform. I know a woman up here that if she catches the cat that caught her chickens would not wait for chloraform.

A number of the neighbors had a pleasant Xmas evening at Mr. Hallock's, with a good supper, a tree full of presents fo. the little folks and songs and instrumental music. A solo from the one that held out the longest at the table was the order of the evening, but it was a draw between E. T. Reynolds and John Farley, the former coming out ahead on coffee and the latter showing the most chicken bones, so we had no solo.

THAT MASQUERADE.

The ball given for the benefit of the band was a success, and netted quite a sum for the boys. Over fifty maskers participated, some of the costumes being regal and some exceedingly grotesque. Excellent music was furnished by McMinnville parties. Here is a list:

Lillie Dudley, Night.
Maud McTimmonds, Fancy Dress.
Belden Grant, Ralph Williams.
Minnie Smith, Bohemian girl.
I. N. Woods, Salem Fire Department
J. W. Worthington, Dude.
Mary A. Brown, Morning Oregonian.
Maud Chitty, ITEMIZER.
Rose Logan, Red Mitten.
E. S. Cattron, Mascott.
Bertha Collins, Tambourine Girl.
Frank Rowell, Dude.
Emma Ludwig, Dusting Maid.
Orville Shultz, Clown.
Pearl Kersey, Marguerite.
Attie Elkins, Chrysanthemum.
Sam Elliott. Golden Slippers.
Mrs. F. J. Coad, Night.
M. C. Syron, Jack The Ripper.
Allie Kersey Queen of Hearts.
Will Rowell, "Baltimore" Sailor.
Lee Fenton, Knight Templar.
Mrs. I. N. Woods, Question.
Joel Shaw, Dutchman.
Jennie Snyder, Oriental.
J. T. Thompson. Independence Band
Maggie Wyland, Spanish Lady.
Satie Snyder, Bopeep.
Mack Grant, Jack of Diamonds.
Ed. Shaw, Mexican.
Walter Williams, Mr. Pickwick.
Fannie Gilson, Fireman.
Curt Hawley, Tennis.
Gertie Paul, Name It and Take It.
Homer Leman, Sunflower.
Emma Black, Fancy Dress.
Lot Shreve, Charles II.
Jessie Kersey, Old Woman.
George Richmond, Webfoot.
Mrs. Fenton, Fancy Dress.
Henry Farley, Sitting Bull.
Violet McNamara, Fancy Dress.
Nora McDonald, Bopeep.
Dr. Mason, Mexican Cavalier.
Lydia Paul, Fireman.
Mrs. O. J. Cosper, Nothing.
Ben Harris, Aristocrat.
Charley Black, Jockey.
Maggie Woods, Gypsy.
Ed. Blessing, Band Boy.
Ab. Burnett, Mother Hubbard.

FALLS CITY.

Christmas has come and gone once more with its joys and gifts, labors and disappointments.

The entertainment and Christmas trees were in the upper rooms of the school house. The sliding partitions were slid back into their recepticals, thus throwing the two upper rooms into one, thereby making ample room for the large number in attendance. The two trees were nicely arranged, one on each side of the stage with a beautiful arch brightly illuminated and nicely decorated with appropriate lettering. J. N. Hart managed all the departments in a manner that showed him to be equal to the occasion. The following is the programme of the exercises:

Music—Band.
Opening Remarks—J. N. Hart.
Invocation—Rev. H. H. Starr.
Anthem—Hark! the Notes of Joy—Choir.
Address—A. H. Dodd.
Select Reading—The Christmas Tree—Miss Ida Bryant.
Song—Christmas Welcome—Twelve little girls.
Recitation—Kris Kingle's Visit—May Kunsman.
Class Exercise—Christ is Born—Twelve little girls.
Recitation — The Strange Child's Christmas—Edith Montgomery.
Christmas Song—Fifteen small girls and boys.
A Visit from St. Nicholas.
Distribution of Presents.

The presents were very numerous, but of a class that are more useful than ornamental. The order was excellent for so large a crowd. All those taking part acquitted themselves very creditably and especially the songs by the children were very enthusiastically received by the audience. Notes caught on the wing: Arthur Starr says he has sufficient Graham and to spare, while Dave Grant says those shoes were rather permature and as to Ralph it is hard to say what he says or thinks of his Xmas present, but it is reported that he will for swords, shields, batons, war clubs, etc., call on Guy White.

SPRING VALLEY.

Miss May Bind, of Lafayette, is visiting relatives here.

Mager Walker and brother, C. C., are both quite sick.

James Broyls and family, of Fairfield, spent Christmas here.

Captain Clark is able to be out again after a siege of la grippe.

Preaching at the church next Sunday at 11 o'clock by Rev. Robinson.

Miss Ingram, of Amity, is spending the holidays with Miss Addie Clark.

W. H. Cooper wants a woman to splice out the pants he got on the Christmas tree.

The entertainment at Lincoln last Friday night was a success socially and financially. About $18 was raised for the church and the supper was immense, John Walling and H. Coyle eating a dish pan full of chicken.

A hard times sociable will be given at the Lincoln ware house. Pork and beans for supper, admission 10 cents and children 5 cents. Anyone wearing good clothes will be fined 25 cents or sent home, but everybody come and have a good time. No trouble to find old clothes these times, in fact it is the first social we have been able to attend.

A social at J. L. Purvines Wednesday night was the event of the season. Mrs. Purvine kindly invited the Christian Endeavor society to meet at her house for the occasion and the entire society with invited friends met there and had a grand time. A nice programme of recitations and music was rendered and a splendid supper enjoyed and truly no such a gathering can be seen without a band of young Christians in the lead.

Christmas tree exercises well attended, church filled to overflewing. The tree was nicely decorated and well filled with nice present, though nothing costly. Fifty pounds of candy and nuts were distributed to the children, not a child being overlooked by the committee even though they did not belong to our Sunday school. To see the bright happy faces was to pay for all the work of the older ones. The Sunday school owe a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Purvine and Mrs. Page for their help in arranging and decorating the tree. Every committee done its part well, even to clearing up the church and leaving everything in nice order.

The Dallas gun club will slaughter clay pigeons today, and defy any team of five men to make a better score

A petition has been presented to the council asking for the vacation of certain streets in Whiteman's addition.

Relative Value and Amount of Food For Varied Occupations.

In many cases the most nutritious fare is both simple and cheaper than the viands that are foolishly bought by people who need economy in expenditure, because of habits of rich—which is very often unwholesome—living.

For example, most people think a tenderloin steak must be a much more nourishing article than a plain steak, because it costs more. The same principle actuates many buyers in purchasing high priced butter, fine flour—with much of the nutriment bolted out of it—and delicate fish and vegetables.

Professor Atwater classifies the benefits we get from food under two heads—protein, which nourishes the tissues, and caloric, whence are derived heat and energy. A round steak costing 15 cents a pound contains as much of both as a tenderloin costing 50 cents and is just as digestible. Oysters and eggs are very low in protein, and butter and sugar have none, yet how many people think these things necessary to their nourishment! They are richer in the the reverse order, in the fatty elements which make heat and energy, but Professor Atwater's figures show that there are foods preferable to all of them for both the principal benefits needed. The following table, based on his researches, gives the order of value of foods for the two purposes:

NOURISHMENT.	ENERGY.
1. Cornmeal.	1. Cornmeal.
2. Wheat flour.	2. Wheat flour.
3. Oatmeal.	3. Oatmeal.
4. Salt cod.	4. Sugar.
5. Beef (neck).	5. Potatoes.
6. Cheese.	6. Salt pork.
7. Potatoes.	7. Wheat bread.
8. Wheat bread.	8. Cheese.
9. Chicken.	9. Butter.
10. Milk.	10. Beef (neck).
11. Eggs.	11. Milk.
12. Sirloin.	12. Sirloin.
13. Mutton.	13. Salt cod.
14. Salmon.	14. Mutton.
15. Oysters.	15. Eggs.
16. Salt pork.	16. Chicken.
	17. Salmon.
	18. Oysters.

HOW TO CARE FOR APPLES.

If Used Carefully, It Will Double the Time They Will Keep.

There is no question about the importance of so far as possible preventing the bruising of the fruit. It may be safely assumed that germs of decay are lurking about everywhere, ready to come in contact with any substances. A bruise or cut in the skin is therefore even worse than a rough place caused by a scab fungus as a lodgment provided by the minute spores of various sorts. If the juice exudes, it at once furnishes the choicest of conditions for molds to grow. An apple bruised is the fruit for the decay of which germs are specially invited, and when such a specimen is placed in the midst of other fruit it soon becomes a point of infection for its neighbors on all sides. Seldom is a fully rotten apple found in a bin without several others near by it being more or less affected. A rotten apple is not its brother's keeper.

The surrounding conditions favor or retard the growth of the decay fungi. If the temperature is near freezing, they are comparatively inactive, but when the room is warm and moist the fruit cannot be expected to keep well. Cold storage naturally checks the decay. The ideal apple has no fungous defacements and no bruises. If it could be placed in a dry, cool room, free from fungous germs, it ought to keep indefinitely until chemical change ruins it as an article of food.

How to Prepare Camphorated Oil.

Put 3 ounces of gum camphor cut in pieces into a bottle and add a pint of sweet oil. Put the bottle in a pan of hot water on the stove, raising it from the bottom of the pan by setting it on nails or keys. Leave until the camphor is dissolved; then shake well.

How to Reduce In Weight.

A young English girl afflicted with an undesirable amount of adipose tissue has succeeded in ridding herself of a large amount of it without injuring her health by following the regimen given below. She began by getting up at 6 o'clock every morning and taking a three mile walk before breakfast without considering the weather. At 9 o'clock she had a large cup of coffee, with very little sugar, and a slice of dry bread. Then she occupied herself as she liked until 2 o'clock, when more bread and some vegetables composed her meal. At 4:30 she was off for another long walk, followed by a cup of tea and a few dry biscuits. Ninety days of this regimen reduced her weight from 185 to 145 pounds.

How to Make Buckwheat Cakes.

The old fashioned rule for buckwheat cakes is undoubtedly the best, and it calls for 4 cupfuls of buckwheat, a small cupful of Indian meal, an even tablespoonful of salt, a half cake of compressed yeast, 2 cupfuls of water and 2 cupfuls of milk, mixed together and added when lukewarm. These cakes must be mixed up over night and left to rise till morning. In the morning they should have risen and fallen back. This condition of the batter may be told by inspecting the sides of the dish, where the mark to which the batter has risen will be found.

This would not be a desirable state of things in the case of any other batter, as it would indicate that it was sour, but the slight acidity which would exist in a properly raised buckwheat batter if it were not corrected by soda is completely done away with when an even teaspoonful of soda stirred in half a cupful of lukewarm milk is put in in the morning just before the cakes are baked. When the soda is added, the cakes should foam up like yeast.

How to Clean Mirrors.

Wash them off with a chamois skin wrung out of clean water. They will dry brilliantly and need no polishing. This is the easiest way to wash glass in doors or windows also.

How to Prevent a Cold.

Do not allow yourself to feel "chilly." It may indicate a circumstance or physical condition, either of which can be modified by prompt attention. If you are chilly from a draft, move away from it, stop it off or put on more clothes. If the coldness arises from a physical condition, you are probably taking cold. Heat a brick and sit with your feet upon it until you are heated through.

New Ideas In the Historic Ribbon.

Such dainty fantasies are to be seen in the way of garters that they assuredly deserve a place in chronicles of fashion. Many women are, we believe, strong minded enough to resist these pretty trifles, and discarding the historic riband sustain their hose with patent suspenders. For the benefit of those, however, who are faithful to the old traditions, we describe some of the newest ideas in the way of garters. A pretty pair has the elastic concealed by puckered rose colored silk and is trimmed with a flounce of cream lace. The fastening consists of a paste hook and eye, and at the side is a rosette of silk and bows of ribbon. Another variety covered with pale green satin has frills of mauve silk muslin all round, culminating in a green satin bow at the side. More costly garters are clasped with diamond buckles, though it must be confessed that in many cases the diamonds are Parisian. Others fasten with a tiny bouquet of artificial flowers—orange blossoms for brides and clover leaves for luck.

How to Make a Library Attractive.

A good cartridge paper, in a soft, light olive, a clear gray blue or gray, is one of the best medium priced coverings that can be selected for a library wall. Red—which is ideal as an evening color, and also for its daytime warmth—can only be safely used in a very sunny or a well lighted room. Otherwise it absorbs too much light. Certain shades of old red and old pink have not, however, that drawback. The dull colored tapestry papers with much blue and green make a quaintly effective background in a library, but they, too, require a bright room. If a library is little used as a daytime workshop and is well lighted in the evening, any color that is not too delicate may be chosen.

How to Clean Gloves, Ribbons and Laces.

A popular preparation for cleaning such articles is a mixture of a dram sulphuric ether, a dram chloroform, 2 drams alcohol and a quart deodorized benzine. Pour the fluid into a bowl and wash the articles, rubbing them gently. Rinse in a fresh supply, then pull them carefully into shape and hang them in a current of air for a short time.