

**Mrs. Gregory's Big Stock Reducing and Clearance Sale is now going on. Great Reductions in All Departments. Ladies' Coats and Suits, One-third Off. Ladies' Shoes and Corsets, One-third Off. Sweaters at Half Price. Wool Caps and Mittens at Greatly Reduced Prices. Silk and Fancy Moray Petticoats, One-third Off. Big Line of Ladies' Waists, value up to \$2, for 63c. Ladies' House Dresses, value \$2, for 98c. Hose greatly reduced in price: 50c hose for 32c; 35c hose for 23c; 25c hose for 19c. Embroidery at Half Price. Don't miss this Money-Saving Sale at Mrs. Gregory's Ladies' Toggery, at Dallas, Oregon.**

**HOTEL FIXTURES SOLD**

**IMPERIAL FURNISHINGS DISPOSED OF UNDER JUDGMENT**

**Mr. Crider, Owner of Building, Makes Highest Offer, and Sheriff Accepts His Bid.**

The furniture and fixtures of the Imperial hotel were sold yesterday afternoon at sheriff's sale to J. W. Crider, owner of the building. There were three bidders at the sale. Mr. Crider, J. E. Corson, owner of the lease, and C. W. Davis, representing J. W. Housman, a Baker City hotelman. Mr. Crider started the bidding at \$2,548.62 through his attorney, Lot D. Brown. The amount covered the judgment Mr. Crider held against the furniture and fixtures. Mr. Davis offered the second bid, amounting to \$2,575, and Mr. Crider advanced to \$2,700. The question as to whether the purchaser would have to pay rent on the house since it had been vacated was brought up, and this may cut down the return to the holder of the second mortgage if it is decided in Mr. Crider's favor. Mr. Davis advanced the bid to \$2,725, and G. E. Corson, holder of the second mortgage, raised it to \$2,750. The property was sold to Mr. Crider for \$2,800. There are four mortgages against the property with Mr. Crider's judgment of \$2,548.62 first. G. E. Corson holds a second mortgage of \$500 and others are held by J. E. White and J. T. Dickson. Mr. Davis was the representative of J. W. Housman, an eastern Oregon hotelman who wanted the furniture and fixtures for the equipment of a hotel he is establishing at Bend. It is probable that Mr. Crider will lease the hotel and it is understood that he is dealing with different ones on this matter.

**CHILDREN HUNT HOLIDAYS.**

**No Sunday Holidays This Year—Girls Get Courage for Leap Year.**

For two weeks Dallas merchants have been besieged by school children in search of calendars for the new year, and there are many depleted stocks of these works of art as a result. There is a popular diversion among the children, and even among older persons to whom the few legal holidays of the year are the only rest days, that has for its object the discovery of the days on which holidays will fall in 1916. First of importance to school children comes Washington's birthday, February 22, which fortunately falls on Tuesday. Of course, to be of interest to the little folks the holiday must come on a school day—how else could it be a real holiday? Maybe the school authorities won't grant days of rest on all the holidays, but usually the work is lighter on such days or there are special exercises to vary the monotony of school life. St. Patrick's day, March 17, whose sole interest lies in the fact that green ties and green socks are justified at that time, comes on Friday. Memorial day, May 31, is on Wednesday this year. That nearly sums up the 1916 season's holidays, but during the vacation there are others of equal interest to the normal child or adult. July 4 comes this year on Tuesday. Labor day, which is not especially observed here, falls on Monday, September 24. And Thanksgiving has been scheduled as usual for Thursday, this particular Thursday being November 30. Christmas and New Year's day come on Monday, making a double holiday similar to that enjoyed this year. Then of course, this is leap year, but that won't mean holidays. February has a pernicious habit of ringing another day in on us every four years, to the satisfaction of ambitious swains and the discomfiture of bashful maidens, and this is the year.

**DEMAND FOR HOPS LIGHT.**

One or two Dealers Are Making Offers, but Sellers Are Indifferent. The coast hop markets have not yet opened up after the holidays. There

appears to be a small demand, but offered prices are low, and the few growers outside of the association who are still holding hops are making no effort to sell them.

Bernhard Bing writes from Nuremberg of the German market:

"Our market shows again a very firm tendency for all good-classed hops of greenish color. There is no doubt that the yield, especially of these grades, is smaller than estimated before, so the stock of our market is nearly insufficient to fulfill the daily demand. Buyers of green colored hops have increased difficulties to find what they want and prices, therefore, are in holders' favor.

"Attention, furthermore, is to be drawn to the fact that our hops are continually advancing in their classment of qualities, which fact involves a further increase of value."

Imports of hops into Great Britain, less exports, for the months of September to November last, both inclusive, were 35,360 cwt., as against 16,449 cwt. for the corresponding period one year ago and 141,677 cwt. two years ago.

**Ruskin in the Kitchen.**

In her book of reminiscences, "Thirteen Years of a Busy Woman's Life," Mrs. Alec Tweedle says that her father, Dr. Harley, a well known London physician, was a great friend of Ruskin and often stayed at Brantwood. One night Ruskin asked Dr. Harley whether he liked tea or coffee before he got up.

"A cup of tea," he replied. "Why don't you choose coffee?" "Well, to tell the truth, I have lived so much abroad that I don't fancy English coffee. It is generally so badly made."

His host said nothing. The next morning Dr. Harley was awakened, and a strong smell of coffee permeated the room. Turning to a servant, he asked, "Is that my cup of tea?" "No, sir; it is Mr. Ruskin's coffee."

"Mr. Ruskin's coffee! What do you mean?" "The master was up early. He roasted the coffee himself, he ground the coffee himself, and he made the coffee himself, and he hopes you will like it."

**Growth of Wealth.**

The wealth of the world grows very slowly, and the amount of real saving is amazingly small. If, for example, the wealth of the United States when George Washington became president was equivalent to a billion dollars—and that perhaps is not a bad guess—and this amount could have steadily earned a little over 5 per cent every year since, this gain, compounded, would exceed the present estimated wealth of this country. This means that all the rest of the saving and the gains from new enterprises and a rapidly increasing population have only just about balanced the annual waste and loss. True, more than two-thirds of the wealth of nations is still the human machine and not the visible taxable property, but the fact serves to show how slight is the annual gain even in the premier get rich quick country of the world, the United States.—Carl Snyder in Collier's Weekly.

**No Simple Life at Ayr.**

The "simple life" finds no sympathetic atmosphere in Scotland and, above all, not in the "Auld Ayr" of Robert Burns—

Auld Ayr, wham ne'er a town surpasses For honest men and bonnie lasses. George Ferguson Munro is a newspaper person who writes articles for a Scottish newspaper. Munro wanted to live a free, untrammelled, outdoor life. He began last spring. He wandered over hill and dale, doing nothing, finding enough to eat and drink, lying on a shaded hillside reading a good book. He interferred with no one. The earth was his bed, the starry sky his roof. When it rained he went into a barn. Yet for leading this simple life he was taken by the rough hand of the law as a vagabond and sentenced by the magistrate of Ayr to three months' hard labor.—Indianapolis News.

**FARM MORTGAGE LOANS.**

Write to us about terms, stating value of farm, location, etc. Temporary address 102 Fourth St. FEAR & GRAY, Portland, Ore. 74-tf.

**AN EVENING WITH DUMAS.**

**It Was a Cosmopolitan Crowd That Flocked to His Shrine.**

Dumas sat like some bronze of a Buddhist temple, while his guests stood or moved about, conversing with him or among themselves, writes Francis Grierson in the Century, describing an evening with the great novelist. A famous comedian from the Gymnase exchanged jokes with a tragedian from the Theatre Francais, a witty Journalist was conversing with a gifted singer from the Theatre Lyric, an artist with flowing hair and a huge plume was begging a professional beauty to give him a series of sittings for her portrait, a novelist on the qui vive for copy seemed to see, hear and appropriate everything and everybody all at once.

A young poetess and an aged dramatist were discussing the latest plays. A Russian countess, tall, slender, instigating, clad all in black, made me think of a character I had seen in a fantastic pantomime. She glided about mysteriously and, stopping at Dumas' chair, placed her long, thin hand on his shoulder for some moments, like a ghostly visitor with a fatal message, and then glided away. Austrians, Italians, Germans, mingled their accent with the accent of the true Parisian. But Dumas was more than a Parisian; he was a cosmopolitan at a time when there were no cosmopolitan Frenchmen, and he gave me the impression of a man who had seen life in every aspect.

He might as well have said in so many words: "My mind is made up. Do not give yourself the trouble to tell me what is going on in England or America or in the country of the Grand Turk or among the nabobs of India. I know as much as they know. You see me sitting here contented enough as things are. All these charming women of talent are my friends" (as a matter of fact, there was not an old woman in the room). "A man is not the author of books like 'Monte Cristo' without some recompense."

No one would have taken him for a celebrated author. He had the air of a man who had done nothing all his life but invent, taste and prepare luxurious dishes at a restaurant patronized by wealthy gourmets.

**A VARIETY OF VEILS.**

This that is to be a season of veils is very evident from the number appearing in shop displays, some of them actually built into the new millinery. Many of the veils are fur edged and spring from a band of fur at the top of the crown. Fur balls dangle from the back points of one fine lace veil. Another veil in fish net effect is of very heavy weaves, but of very large hexagons. Circular veils are quite new and very effective, as they hang in graceful folds from the hat and are sometimes quite short. A short nose veil, called the flirtation veil, is combined with another veil falling in long ripples at the back. The square veil is another innovation. Its four corners falling as the wearer wishes to arrange the veil. One veil is shirred into a black moire ribbon ruff and held close to the face in this way. If you want a stunning new veil there is no scarcity of models from which to take your choice.

**MISSSES' WINTER SUITS.**

The box coat for misses is very youthful and becoming. Another style for misses is the flare coat, the fullness starting from the shoulders and occasionally from a small yoke. This is also made quite short and jaunty. Sometimes these coats are made with a flare back and a more fitted front. Russian styles are well liked for young people. Some of them fasten at the side, while others button up the front.

Belted coats will also be worn to a great extent. Sometimes the belt appears only at the sides, while in others it appears only in back and front. Many times belts are placed at a low waist line. High collars are worn with almost all suits, frequently arranged so as to be worn either open or closed. Coat sleeves are in regulation style, set on at a low shoulder or in modified raglan effect. Flare and gauntlet cuffs are often used as a finishing touch.

Cocoa-cocoa-cocoa.—Special prices at Voth's Variety store.

**NOTICE TO FRUIT GROWERS.**

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Polk County Fruit Growers' association will be held in the Commercial club rooms at Dallas on Saturday, January 8, 1916, at 1:30 p. m. You are urged to be present.

H. C. EAKIN, Pres.

**THE CITY IN BRIEF**

A. J. Barham has purchased the James I. Hoopes property at the corner of Maple and Shelton streets. The property consists of a house and lot. Mr. Hoopes, the former owner, is a resident of Beaverton.

Save money by providing for the future. Buy cocoa during the special sale at Voth's Variety store.

Miss Klein Oxford, a graduate of a Texas school of music, and an advanced student of O. A. C., will teach piano at 309 Court street. For terms phone 852. 85-tf.

Say, you enthusiastic "Made in Oregon," "Support Home Institutions" shouters and boosters, have you stopped to think that the Oregon Fire Relief association of McMinnville is an Oregon concern and that all the money put into it for your safe protection against fire is kept right here in Oregon instead of being sent out to enrich some corporation. No company is on a more solid basis, none is as prompt in settlement of losses and none writes as cheaply. Therefore it is entitled to your consideration. Be consistent and lend it your aid. Al Snyder will explain it to you. 84-tf.

The Sterling Furniture company frames pictures. 64-tf. For Fire and automobile insurance see Chas. Gregory, city hall 32-tf. Dr. C. L. Foster, dentist, City Bank building, Dallas. 73-F.

The Sterling Furniture company frames pictures. 64-tf. Dr. Kempel, Chiropractor, 513 Church Dr. Stone's Heave Drops cures heaves. Price \$1, for sale by all druggists.—Adv. 79-tf.

The Dallas Wood company is ready to furnish you with mill wood. Good loads and good service. All wood cash on delivery. Phone 492. 103-tf.

There is no better Xmas gift than a Sheaffer self-filling fountain pen, for sale only at Manock's Drug store. 81-1t.

The Sterling Furniture company frames pictures. 64-tf. Lessons in voice. K. Gertrude Irwin, 321 Washington street. Phone 1533. 79-tf.

Hair switches made and sold, 709 Clay street. Call Thursday. Dec. 7-31

**BULLETIN**

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W. L. ALEXANDER & COMPANY offers every young man in Dallas who is interested in out-of-doors an opportunity to perfect himself in

the splendid and practical of Tree Repair. We complete with this completion of course establish you in a business that will give you opportunity in every tree surgery pays. Portland School of Forestry, 817-20 Dekum Island, Oregon.

WANTED—Machine, plate iron, brass and rubber, and in fact, junk of all kinds. Halleck, Monmouth, Ore.

FOR SALE—Sixty-acre in Coos county; bottom mile from postoffice; school; on milk route; road; good improvement gives terms. B. Folsom, Dallas.

POSITION WANTED—wants position on ranch district. Understands and poultry. References Address consists of Mrs. Mobley, Ber. Oregon.

Notice—Until further Derry warehouse will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week.

FOR SALE—Hay and oat hay, grey and U. S. Grant, Dallas.

AUTO FOR SALE—Stable seven-passenger; bought season; run only about cost \$1,000. Will sell for May be seen at Shreve's

Frank Barrett spent evening at Albany, where a dance given by his old former associates.

**"I Feel Like A Real Day's Work"**

Most men do have good digestion, steady nerves and a clear brain. Right living—particularly right eating—makes for energy and ambition.

The sound nourishment that gives "punch" to wade right into work, is richly supplied by the field grains. But some grain foods are lacking in certain mineral elements which are all-important for physical and mental vigor.



**Grape-Nuts**

FOOD

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Grape-Nuts is easily digested; has a deliciously nut-like flavour; is ready to eat direct from package; and with cream or good milk is a splendidly balanced food.

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