COME TO EUGENE

Big Wholesale Piano Distributing House Coming Here.

Eugene Will Be Southern Oregon Headquarters for Eilers Piano House--New Building to Be Erected.

Many people in Eugene and vicinity will be glad to learn that the new building soon to be erected on the lot formerly occupied by F. A. Rankin's store has been leased by Eilers Piano House, to be used as a wholesale distributing depot for Southern Oregon. A large assortment of the finest pianos made will be always kept on display here, which will greatly expedite the immense business done by this firm throughout the southern territory, and will also bring a great deal of business to Eugene. This is as it should be, as Eugene is now recognized as the musical center of Oregon, and it is right and proper that it have a thoroughly representative piano house such as the Eilers.

The business of the firm in Eugene, is now being handled by Messrs. Downey and Foley, two bright and energetic young men, who have been identified with the Eilers Piano House for some years. They are both thorough piano men, having had complete training in all departments of the great establishment, inlcuding tuning and repairing.

Mr. Hy Eilers, president of the firm, spent a day here last week and completed the arrangements above. Mr. Foley will arrive here in a day or two, and Mr. Donney, who is now in Eastern Oregon looking after the firm's interests is expected here by the end of the week.

Pending the completion of the new building business will be carried on in a store or warehouse to be decided upon in a few days.

The popular pianola, as well as pianos, will be carried by this firm here.

TO DISCARD BLANKET BAGS

Salem Statesman: At the regular meeting of the State Military Board yesterday afternoon, an order was issued condemning the old blanket bags and ordering the use of the blanket roll in the future. This action will be received with favor generally in military circles, it is thought. The object of the board in making that decision was to conform with the usages of the regulars as far as possible.

The blanket bag is still in use in some organizations of the regular army, but is fast being discarded, as it is considered big, unshapely and unhandy to the men, and the blanket roll has been proved to be the neatest package for carrying the mens' outfit and at the same time is much more easy and more expeditious to roll. This system was used almost exclusively by the volunteer soldiers in the late war with Spain. Orders are now in the hands of the state printer, and as soon as they can be struck off will be issued to the commanders of the several posts of the state, and the blanket bags will be tumbled in and forwarded to brigade headquarters in Portland.

BOUGHT HOTEL AT SPRINGFIELD

John Kestly, formerly of the firm of Burg & Kestly, grocerymen, of this city has purchased the Springfield Hotel from Mr. Tynoall, and has taken charge of the same. Mr. Kestly's family will remain in Eugene until after school is out and then move to Springfield.

Mr. Kestly is an excellent business man, and will no doubt make a success with his hotel business.

CEMENT WALKS FOR THE PARK

It is the intention of the county court to have paved walks built through the west park, and the court is now advertising for bids for the work. This will be a great improvement for the park and is greatly needed. The walks if built at all will be built the latter part of this

Note and Comment.

The annual agitation of the saloon question culminated in the city election yesterday. The reasonable man is not sorry it is over, as local liquor legislation is more than any other question responsible for hard feelings between men and neighbors where there should be ordinary friendship at least.

There are two sides to the question. There is the evil of indulgence in alcoholic manufactures moderately or immoderately—there is no question as to the evil except in degree of harm that comes from its use. Drinking men will not be slower to admit this than the most pronounced prohibitionist.

How best may the liquor traffic be controlled? The government permits the manufacture and sale of liquors containing alcohol under certain restrictions, purity of the manufactures and the collection of revenue therefrom being the only control it attempts. That brandy, whiskey, wine and beer is sold, except for quantity, as unrestrictedly by the manufacturers as potatoes or flour are sold in the markets. Any one may buy by it by the quart, gallon or package, as the case may be.

With this facility for procuring the evil there is nothing left for the municipality to do but to control and regulate the sale. And here is where the impracticable reformer without any personal experience with the evil usually fails. Not being able to suppress the sale entirely he would hamper it with conditions that make lawbreakers of sellers while those who indulge their appetites would do so with the knowledge that it was prohibited. And here, too, the man with an established appetite takes a controlling part in the liquor traffic. He has been sold whiskey, wine or beer as he liked for six days of the week—he must shut off one day. Would you, Mr. Strict Constructionist of the Law, consent to forego your Sunday meals if a few lawmakers should say you should not eat on that day? Do you think it practicable to allow men to drink to their hearts' content six days in the week then to prevent their obtaining it on the seventh day? You may not do it law or no law. Men who want liquor will find some way of getting it.

And with strict enforcement what would be the result? The experience of a few years ago, when the saloons were closed tight on Sundays for a few months may be pointed to, though not with pride. While there might have been less drinking as a whole on Sundays, the evidences of it were plentifully seen on the streets in the shape of drunken men, and others bearing the marks of participation to a lesser degree. How did they get it and become drunk? By buying the Saturday night bottle, else the saloon man took his chances on the back door and allowed them in. Once inside what did the drinkers do? They felt that it was either feast or famine and drank immoderately, waiting the moment they knew they might be put out. And when they went? It was with a liberal supply of bottled liquor.

Drinking liquor is not a crime, neither is the seller a criminal. It is a vice—a great evil if you will—that must be met and minimized through constant education of the masses rather than by laws that will certainly be broken even though strictest enforcement may be attempted. Moderate laws will control—harsh ones cannot but fail.

Lewellyn for Sociability.

Mr. and Mrs. Berlyn entertained a number of their friends at their home near Llewellyn, April 2. The evening was passed all too quickly in merry games and an elegant luncheon was served in the dining room. After lunch the happy crowd was escorted back to the parlor, where they were entertained with conversation and music. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Berlyn, Mr. and Mrs. John Berlyn, Mrs. Minnie Stephens, Miss Nellie Gates, Miss Julia Halderson, Miss Neoma Gates, Miss Bertha Bostwick, Messrs. Olaf Halderson, Otis Berlyn, Charley Gates, Guy Bostwick, John Halderson, Earl Berlyn, Paul Berlyn, Francis Berlyn, Owen Berlyn, Andrew Erricson.

Col. Hofer Will Speak.

Col. E. Hofer, of Salem, delivers the address at the university assembly tomorrow. He has chosen for his subject "Oratory," and will discuss it in its different phases of political, forensic, college, etc. Col. Hofer has put considerable time in the preparation, and the address will be of interest to all.

Will Entertain.

Mrs. Zelber will entertain the seniors and the special students at the president's home on the campus tomorrow, Wednesday, afternoon, from 3:30 to 4:30. The affair will be entirely informal.

Semi-Annual Statement

Of Lane County Sheriff for the Six Months Ending on the 31st Day of March, 1904.

Of the moneys received for Taxes, interest and Penalties and Sheriff Assessments, over and double collections and costs collected and of money paid Treasurer and 1902 Taxes unpaid and uncollected and of 1903 Assessment Roll, Taxes paid thereon, rebates given and Taxes outstanding:

REGARDING 1902 TAXES.

Cash on hand October 1st, 1903—Taxes	$ 4,460 20
Cash on hand October 1st, 1903 -Penalties	106 75
Cash on hand October 1st, 1903--Interest	42 05
1902 Taxes unpaid October 1st, 1903	18,448 50
Penalties collected on 1902 Taxes after October 1st, 1903	735 62
Interest collected on 1902 Taxes after October 1st, 1903	463 27
Sheriff's assessments—1902 Rolls	23 28
Over and double collections—1902 Rolls	19 36
Costs collected—advertising	367 75
Costs Tax sale---property bid in by Lane county	27 56
	24,744 32

CONTRA.

October 14, 1903---Taxes, penalties, interest paid treasurer	16,861 88
October 13, 1903---Taxes, penalties, interest paid treasurer	1,652 15
December 7th, 1903---Taxes, penalties, interest paid treasurer	1,750 13
January 29, 1904---Taxes, penalties, interest paid treasurer	2,422 99
Errors of assessment, double assessment, lands deeded to U. S. Government and county certificates	758 43
Taxes on lands bid in by county at Tax Sale	28 00
Costs on property bid in by county---not paid	27 56
Costs collected paid treasurer---advertising	367 75
Taxes uncollected and unpaid---1902 Rolls	872 43
	24,744 32

REGARDING 1903 TAXES.

February 23, 1903---1904 Assessment Rolls	$335,723 75

CONTRA,

March 2nd, 1904, paid treasurer	21,716 85
March 9th, 1904, paid treasurer	21,985 84
March 16th, 1904, paid treasurer	36,563 81
March 26th, 1904, paid treasurer	49,658 35
March 31st, 1904, paid treasurer	50,695 89
Rebates allowed on full payments made previous to March 15, 1904	5,264 19
1903 taxes outstanding April 1st, 1904	39,838 80
Cash on hand April 1st, 1904---1903 taxes	00 00
	$225,723 73

From the date that the 1903 Assessment Rolls were opened for the collection of taxes, February 23rd, 1904, until March 15th, 1904, full payments of taxes were made amounting to $175,472.95 and upon which a rebate of 3 per cent was allowed, said rebate amounting to $5,264.19. That the above amount of $180,620.74 paid county treasurer was segregated and placed to the credit of the following accounts:

State and County Tax	$148,204 11
Eugene City--Special Tax	11,342 39
Cottage Grove---Special Tax	802 06
Junction---Special Tax	617 34
Springfield---Special Tax	319 17
School Dist. No. 1 Special Tax	82 02
" " 4 "	8,906 72
" " 10 "	104 14
" " 14 "	89 62
" " 17 "	62 76
" " 19 "	1,263 94
" " 20 "	57 89
" " 21 "	49 58
" " 24 "	94 43
" " 31 "	170 24
" " 40 "	315 16
" " 43 "	509 98
" " 44 "	73 76
" " 45 "	2,158 58
" " 46 "	258 84
" " 61 "	182 41
" " 66 "	66 50
" " 69 "	1,431 84
" " 70 "	46 58
" " 78 "	106 78
" " 86 "	129 07
" " 87 "	68 69
" " 89 "	61 05
" " 91 "	24 10
" " 93 "	50 99
" " 97 "	130 19
" " 100 "	168 37
" " 105 "	63 47
" " 113 "	69 60
" " 118 "	36 27
" " 120 "	196 66
" " 122 "	38 29
" " 123 "	533 6[illegible]
" " 127 "	43 54
" " 137 "	186 24
" " 140 "	568 1[illegible]
" " 142 "	398 3[illegible]
" " 159 "	69 17
" " 160 "	109 32
" " 162 "	24 2[illegible]
" " 164 "	100 4
" " 167 "	137 1[illegible]
Total	$180,620 7[illegible]

STATE OF OREGON, } SS.
COUNTY OF LANE, }

I, Fred Fisk, Sheriff and Tax Collector of Lane County, Oregon, do hereby certify that the above report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated this 1st day of April, 1904.

FRED FISK,
Sheriff and Tax Collector
Lane County, Oregon.

TWELVE FEET OF SNOW

That Depth on Gold Hill in the Blue River Mining District.

A report received from the Blue River mines today states that the snow is twelve feet deep on Gold Hill. This is unprecedented at this time of year. It is accounted for by the extremely cold and wintry weather which has prevailed during the past two months. Usually at this time of year there is little if any snow at the mines, as there is almost always a great amount of warm weather during March.

When this deep snow begins to melt, if it melts rapidly, look out for a spring freshet.

DEATH OF A PIONEER

Geo. W. Jaques Passed Away at Thurston Early This Morning.

George W. Jaques, a pioneer resident of Lane county, died at his home at Thurston this morning at 2 o'clock after an illness from heart trouble.

Mr. Jaques was aged 78 years and leaves a wife and five children—three sons and two daughters. He was a pioneer of Lane county, having come to Oregon from the East in the early '50s. He was for a long time a resident of the Springfield neighborhood. He was a good citizen and leaves many friends to mourn his demise.

The funeral will be held Thursday at 11 a. m., in the Springfield M. E. church, with interment in the Laurel Hill cemetery.

TARPLEY OUT ON $4,000 BOND

Yesterday's Portland Journal: Dan J. Tarpley, of Salem, brother of Louis C. Tarpley, of Portland, waived arraignment on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government of lands and was released on $4000 bonds in the United States court this morning.

Tarpley was one of the persons indicted along with S. A. D. Puter, Marie Ware and H. G. McKinley in the first indictment returned by the United States grand jury at its last session, but his name was not made public.

Courthouse Items

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Samuel and Jane Parke to Mrs Pierce Tipton; lot 5, blk 11, Packard's ad to Eugene. $1800.

Florian and Johanna Fuchs to John Crowley; 47x100 feet in James H McFarland's ad to Cottage Grove. $2750

C A and Nettie Elwood to Emma J Richards; 80 acres in tp 19, s r 4 w. $1.

Winson and Charlotte Wells to Wm E Wells; 58.40 acres in tp 17, s r 8 w. $500.

W A W and Ann Eliza Howe to Marcia E Buoy; lots 3 and 8, blk 12, Creswell. $162.

Alice and S D McGuire to Beulah M McGuire; certain land in Eugene. $50.

W F and Ruth J Hunnicutt to W S Nickerson; lots 3 and 4, blk 9, Springfield. $250.

Horace U and Daisy M Cochran to C S Cochran; 34 acres in tp 20, s r 3 w. $275.

George E and Laura P Campbell to Robert and Rebecca A Campbell; 40 acres in tp 18, s r 3 w. $2400.

Yesterday's Albany Democrat: Dr. and Mrs. C. V. Littler will return tonight from their Seattle bridal trip, and at once take up their residence in the Littler cottage at Broadalbin and Seventh streets. Tomorrow night the members of the M. E. church will give them a reception at the parsonage. . . . Mr. Frank Wire, who has been serving as clerk in the Indian agency at Pala, Cal., has resigned his position and will resume his former position in the Albany Furniture Co.'s store in this city.