

BETTER WATER SYSTEM

The new owners of the Eugene Water Company are preparing to make extensive improvements just as soon as they take possession of the plant on January 1st.

E. W. Hall, the Eugene manager, informed the board today that the company had purchased the two fine large pumps that had furnished water and fire protection for the Lewis and Clark exposition. These pumps have a direct capacity of one million gallons daily, and will be installed immediately.

LEADS HAWAIIAN TRIP CONTEST

The Portland Journal's Hawaiian trip contest, which comes to a close on the 30th of this month, is now arousing great interest all over the state. Up to last night Miss Madge Battee, the Eugene and Lane county candidate for high honors, led in her district by 12,839 votes.

Only nine days more remain until the contest closes, and between now and the 30th it is expected that the position of the candidates will change occasionally.

SALOON AT SPRINGFIELD ROBBED

This morning some time after three o'clock Tad Luckey's saloon at Springfield was entered by some one and about \$25 taken out of the cash register. No liquors were taken.

A suspicious looking character who had been hanging about the saloon during the day before is suspected of the crime and a description of the fellow is now in the hands of Chief of Police Stiles, of this city, who is on the look out for him.

The saloon was closed this morning about 3 o'clock and the robbery occurred between that time and daylight.

APPOINTED FRUIT INSPECTOR

Dr. H. F. McCormack has been appointed county fruit inspector by the county court, and he will begin his work in that capacity within a few days. His duties are to examine all orchards to see that they are properly sprayed for all pests, to see that no diseased fruit is sold by merchants and to examine all nursery stock shipped in and out of the county.

Note and Comment

The national administration has indirectly endorsed the governor of Oregon, Francis J. Heney, the able representative of President Roosevelt, who has worked to clear the political atmosphere of Oregon from the grafters, has wired Governor Chamberlain that the appointment of John M. Gearin is in his opinion the best that could be made, and Mr. Heney further states that if he had the appointing power that he would have named the governor's choice.

IMPROVEMENTS AT FIRE HOUSE

The work of remodeling the interior of the central fire bell tower in the lower floor of the city hall to facilitate the handling of the city's fire fighting apparatus was begun today.

Fire Chief Yoran explained the plans for the improvement to a Guard reporter this afternoon as follows: A partition will be built in the bell tower and the team recently hired by the city will be kept there at night to haul the apparatus to the fires. A feed room in which will be kept the hay and oats for the horses will be built above. The place where the horse will be kept and the room engine will be connected so there will be no delay in getting hitched up.

These improvements will be rushed to completion and when made the firemen will be able to give a much better service.

E. W. HALL BACK TO EUGENE

E. W. Hall, of the Lane County Electric Co., who had charge of the office here until recently, arrived from Portland this afternoon. He has been working in the metropolis in the interest of the new electric line between Salem and Portland.

Mr. Hall stated that the work of constructing the new reservoir on Skinner's Butte for the Eugene water works, also the work of erecting the gas plant, will begin soon.

MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

To the many friends, though strangers, scattered over the county, greeting: As I have settled in Eugene and have been appointed missionary for Lane county I want to do all the good I can to all the people I can, and in all the ways I can.

Kindly yours to all,
D. E. BAKER,
Missionary Corvallis Baptist Association.

Announcement

I will fill my regular appointments as follows: Will preach at Saginaw Friday evening at 7:30, and at Creswell Saturday at 2:30 p. m. and at 11 a. m. Sunday, and at Yoncalla Sunday evening at 7:30. Everybody invited. Will spend Christmas at home, coming in on the overland Christmas morning.

D. E. BAKER,
Pastor.

Born

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coleman, at Coburg, a daughter.

Saturday, Dec. 16, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Gingerly, at Coburg, a son.

Monday, Dec. 11, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Amerberst Howe, at Creswell, a daughter.

Special Stockholders' Meeting

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Crow Telephone Co. is called at Crow January 6th, 1906, at one o'clock p. m. for the purpose of levying one assessment, to be applied on indebtedness and improvement of company's line. Stockholders are urgently requested to attend.

CHAS. HADLEY, Pres.
J. V. JENKINS, Sec.

EXCURSION TO CALIFORNIA

Under Auspices of the Oregon Development League Leaves Portland on Special Train January 13

Secretary Tom Richardson, of the Oregon Development League, is very desirous that the state at large should be well represented on this excursion. The party, which will be composed of ladies and gentlemen, leaves Portland at midnight January 13, 1906, stops being made at Sacramento, San Francisco, Palo Alto, San Jose, Paso Robles, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles. Special entertainment will be accorded the party at these points.

The excursion is to be run only provided that not less than 125 persons make the trip. All communications in reference to reservations, and to the trip in general, should be addressed to Tom Richardson, manager Portland Commercial Club, Portland, Oregon.

TWO MORE CASES OF SMALLPOX

Mayo Evans, the well-known pianist, has broken out with smallpox and was yesterday quarantined at his room in the Riedon block.

Miss Stella Anderson, of university student, is under quarantine at the residence of H. D. Wylie at East Thirteenth and A streets.

LODGE MEMBERS ENJOY OYSTERS

At the regular meeting of the Fraternal Brotherhood order in Franks' hall last night twelve candidates were initiated, after which the 40 members and guests present enjoyed an excellent oyster supper in the banquet room. The affair was one of the most pleasant ever held by the order in this city.

Coburg Items

Coburg, Dec. 12.—A. C. Dixon, of Eugene, was a Coburg visitor on Friday of last week.

Mrs. M. A. and Mrs. Pearl Howard returned to Thurston on Thursday of last week, after several weeks' visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Kridde have returned to Rosebud, Texas, after several months' visit with relatives.

Mrs. Ed Flynn, of Hensline, came down Thursday for a short visit, returning Saturday morning.

T. H. Rosenberg came down from Wundling Tuesday, returning Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Geo. Barnard who has been ill with malarial fever for the last six weeks, is convalescent.

R. W. Martin has rented the Thomas Vanhook house for the winter and will reside there with his mother, who recently arrived from Atensior, Kansas.

A large flagpole eighty feet long was raised on the school ground last Saturday morning and the handsome flag, 6x14 feet, was run up on Monday morning. A new sidewalk is being built from the schoolhouse to town too. Who says we're not progressive?

Rev. E. R. Moon will preach at the Christian church on the fifth Sunday of this month, also the first Sunday in January.

Mr. Henderson, wife and three children arrived from Iowa last week and are visiting with D. Sidwell and family. They expect to locate here.

Miss Lulu Mathews, who recently finished a three years' course in nursing at Oakland, Cal., is spending several months with her parents, M. M. Mathews and wife.

Dame Ramor says we are to have two weddings in the near future, one Christmas and one on New Year's day. Now guess.

Preparations are being made for Christmas trees and exercises at both the Christian and Methodist churches on Saturday evening.

Roseburg Review: Mrs. W. M. Landon, of Eugene, is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed.

EUGENE WILL BE A TERMINAL

The Portland Telegram of yesterday, speaking officially, contains the following important railroad news, confirming the Guard's recent report that the Southern Pacific Co. intends to establish a big gravel pit at Eugene, also the frequent assertions made by this paper that Eugene will be a terminal for numerous train crews:

"Besides the 240 miles of track comprised in the new line from Drain to Marshfield and Natron to the Klamath, for which \$7,360,000 has been appropriated, the Southern Pacific has a number of other improvements under way. The entire line from Divide, five miles beyond Cottage Grove, to Portland, is to be reconstructed. New and heavier steel has been ordered, and the track will be rebalanced at a cost of about \$1,129,000, while an additional sum of \$522,000 has been set aside for new bridges, and \$135,000 on fills to replace wooden trestles.

EUGENE A TERMINAL

"Together with increasing the work at Harrisburg, a gravel pit is to be established at Eugene, and that city will become the terminal for half a dozen train crews. With the business they will bring, not including the wages of the men, it is estimated that \$4,000,000 will be spent in the Willamette valley next year. Of 30 bridges recommended to be replaced with steel, material is enroute for 11 of them, and it is said that at least 50

GOOD ENROLLMENT AT UNIVERSITY

When the University of Oregon closed its doors for the Christmas vacation the registrar's books showed an enrollment of 298, exclusive of the departments of music, law, medicine, etc. This is an increase of 15 per cent. over the total enrollment of last year, and is the largest enrollment, counting students of actual college rank, in the history of the university. As there will be a large number of freshmen at the opening

men will be given employment on bridge work during the next year.

NEW LOCOMOTIVES.

"One strong reason for re-erecting the steel on bridge and track is to provide for the new locomotives ordered by the Harriman system. Of 140 engines contracted for, it is planned to use 20 of them on the line between Portland and A. Hall, and they will extend their division northward as the heavy track is laid. The new passenger locomotives, of the Atlantic and Pacific types, weigh 222,000 pounds each, and the tenders, 162,000 pounds, while the freight engines tip the scales at 208,000 pounds, and the tenders at 185,000 pounds.

THOUSANDS OF CARS.

"Of other equipment ordered, there are 450 box cars of 30 tons capacity each. There are 110 stock cars, 45 flat cars and 350 gondola cars. Of those assigned to the Northwest lines 500 box cars will be in service on local roads. The passenger trains on the Southern Pacific in Oregon will be bettered by the addition of new parlor cars and diners. The value of new equipment to be placed in service in Western Oregon next year will reach \$550,000.

"According to the estimates of the engineering department, there will be 2500 men working on the line between Cottage Grove and Portland in 1906, which will mean a payroll of \$125,000 a month."

of the second semester, February 10, it is expected that the enrollment for the year will reach the 350 mark.

ANOTHER MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The city council meets this evening. There is a rumor on the streets this afternoon that the council will order a new election on the municipal bond issue question. Late this afternoon the councilmen had not been served with the injunction papers, but had been served with a summons.



Your friends will be pleased to receive any of the articles mentioned below—and you will not be put to any extraordinary expense in buying for them.

Inexpensive Gifts
Purses, Bill Books, Card Cases, Medallion Pictures, Fancy Cardies, Stationery, Ink Stands, Toys, Books, Games, China.

Our prices are always the lowest prices considered.

Dolls and Pictures Free
Hull's Drug Store

HIAWATHA MINING AND MILLING CO.

The Hiawatha Mining and Milling Company held a stockholders meeting at Cottage Grove Thursday, and the following board of directors was elected: David Finn, president; Alfred Johnson, vice-president; G. Hesse, treasurer; J. J. Johnson, secretary, and T. M. Doyle.

The Magnet Clothing Co.'s Realization Sale

FOR BETTERMENT

the Economy of the Keynote of our talk. This is a time when it is true economy to spend money and extravagance to save it. Consider the quality, it's only when you do that, that the true significance of this wonderful sale is realized. Read every offering carefully for there is mighty interesting saving news for you; but at the same time bear it in mind, that the first buyers get the choicest selections, be one of them. Frankly the only profit we expect from this sale is the advertising such bargains will give us; we are not selling out—merely **outselling**. Big bargains in men's, boys' and children's clothing; men's -boys', ladies', misses' shoes; men's ladies', misses and children's underwear; blankets, hats, furnishing goods, etc.

A word about our Clothing—Our clothing for men, boys, and children are made by the best known makers in the United States, such as Friend Bros., Milwaukee, Wis.; The Bull System, made in Cincinnati; Lowenstein & Co., Chicago. Every garment guaranteed to be perfect in tailoring and to retain its shape. Where can you find better in prices. They range for men from \$4.45 to \$14.85, worth double its price. In youth from \$3.75 to \$11.65, in children's from 95c to \$5.00. Our holiday suspenders, neckwear, silk, linen and cotton handkerchiefs can not be surpassed by any house in Eugene, and remember there are only a few days left to do your Xmas shopping. In shoes we can suit you as you all know we sell more shoes than any store in Lane county. Men's shoes from \$1.15 to \$3.00, Ladies' shoes 1.25 to 3.50, Misses' shoes 95c to 1.50. Children's shoes from 95c to 1.25, boys shoes 95c to 2.00, and every pair guaranteed. Quilts, blankets and suit cases at less than Manufacturers' cost. Umbrellas, we carry as large a stock as you can find any place in Eugene or any other city. At half price the assortment is large and sure enough you can please your Mother, Father, brother, sister, sweetheart, uncle or aunt with a nice umbrella better than anything, especially when you can buy them at half price.

Our Store open evenings until 9 p. m. Saturdays until 10 p. m.

The Magnet Clothing Co.
61 East Ninth Street, Park Street Entrance.