

Fancy and staple groceries. J. A. Kremis.

A light covered hack for sale. See L. W. House.

Xmas goods, fancy china ware and dolls. J. A. Kremis.

Cashier A. C. Shute, of Shute's Bank has gone on a visit to Chehalis, Wash.

Money to loan on first real estate mortgage security. W. N. Barrett, Hillsboro.

Some of the latest designs in Ladies' pocket books just received at the Delta. See window display.

This is the time of year to have your saws gummed. L. W. House can do it without drawing the temper. Have done 60 this year.

Taken up at my farm near Farmington, a three year old black steer, swallow fork in each ear, branded S on right hip. R. L. Robinson.

J. D. Hibbs, a merchant at Gaston, while making up his cash last Thursday night was confronted by two strange men and told to throw up his hands. The robbers got a check for \$20 and \$90 in cash for their trouble.

Prof. S. T. Adams and Miss Anna Chalmers were, last Saturday, re-enrolled to teach another four months term of school at Resville beginning January 12th. Their labors there are greatly appreciated by the patrons and friends of education.

The people of Reedville will have a Christmas tree at the school house on the 24th instant. A short musical and literary program consisting of exercises exclusively of an appropriate character will be rendered. All are very cordially invited to come and "precipitate."

Dr. Wm Brown who went bear hunting over in Tillamook County last week is at home again. He was not permitted to take a shot at a bear himself though he saw two carcasses just after they had been taken. Old hunters remember the caution always suggested, not to shoot a bear in the head because the bone is too hard to be penetrated by a bullet, but with the guns of today, behind the foreleg is no longer the spot. Dr. Brown reports that the head of one bear had been completely shattered by a slug fired out of a 30 30 rifle.

A distressing accident happened near Cornelius last Sunday afternoon by which little Harry Kretzer son of Harry Kretzer of Cornelius was killed. Dairy Creek was at flood tide and the bottoms were submerged, forming a lake of considerable size. Mr. Suesbar had been out gunning and had touched the bank for the purpose of taking several ten year old boys boat riding. Little Harry was in the boat and made as if he would take the gun out. Mr. Suesbar said "No I will get the gun," but the boy took it by the muzzle and pulled it forward; the hammer caught on a thwart and when released fired the wicked fire-arm. The charge struck the lad in the side of the abdomen cut through the front of the stomach and passed out at the other side. This happened about 1 o'clock p. m. The injured boy was taken to Michael Suesbar's residence, the nearest. Dr. F. A. Bailey was summoned by phone. He at once responded taking Dr. W. D. Wood with him. The surgeons found a serious gunshot wound with the intestines protruding and chilled. A slit four or five inches long was found in the forward wall of the stomach; this was closed with ten stitches, and the wound closed, but the shock was so great that the patient died at 11 o'clock p. m.

John Dennis has a number of dressed dolls which he has sold heretofore for 50 cents which he puts on sale Saturday only for 35 cents. Don't miss this chance as you make 15 cents on every doll you buy. He wishes to call special attention this year to his candies, nuts and fruits. Get his prices. They will surprise you as you cannot buy them in any other place in town as cheap.

The contractor, building the condensed milk factory house at Forest Grove has the frame up and the roof is going on this week. It is made of four thicknesses of tarred paper. On this is spread a layer of hot asphaltum and on that a layer of gravel which is firmly bedded in the asphalt. There are 20,000 square feet of surface.

Monday last was the largest freight day that Hillsboro has seen. From two cars miscellaneous freight, weighing 114,745 pounds, was taken. The largest single piece was a cask of whiskey that weighed 1475 pounds.

Prof. H. L. Bates, principal of Tualatin Academy, Forest Grove addressed the citizens of Reedville and vicinity on the subject "An Investment that Pays," Thursday evening Dec. 18th.

Fresh candy nuts and fruits. J. A. Kremis.  
50, 80 and 100 piece dinner sets. J. A. Kremis.

Sunshine is not necessary for good photographs only as it secures a cheerful countenance for the subject. Prove it by visiting Pope's gallery, Hillsboro.

Hoyt, the jeweler, is having a good trade this winter. In four days this week he sold \$400 worth of watches and other goods in proportion. One reason for this is the very large and well selected stock which the purchaser has from which to choose. Another is the very low prices quoted.

Portland is refusing to let the Portland-Hillsboro electric road through its streets, but note what a protest is made when a rumor becomes current that streets are to be abandoned. Last week it "was said" that the City & Suburban was to abandon a half mile of the Montavilla track. The howl that went up was deafening.

The Native Sons are preparing on a grand scale for their annual masquerade ball which occurs New Year's Eve. This is always the biggest dance of the season and every effort is being put forth by the committee in charge to make this one the best. The native sons have a reputation to maintain and merely to mention the fact that they have charge of the ball is enough of an advertisement to draw a large crowd. No one that enjoys good music and a good time will miss this the last dance of 1902 and the first of 1903.

S. S. Bateman a well known citizen of Gales Creek died at his home last Sunday, and was buried on Tuesday. He deceased had been an invalid for many months, stricken with bronchial and lung ailments. Not all the time confined to his bed or room but he was on the sick list. His death was peaceful; life ebbed away even before his attendants were aware. Mr. Bateman came to the county in the '70's and engaged in the manufacture of lumber, first on the Tualatin south of Hillsboro, just above where the Jackson Bottom road crosses that stream, and later on Gales Creek. A good citizen is removed though he carried man's usual number of years. A widow and seven children remain to keep alive memories of a kind husband and an indulgent father.

On Sunday afternoon last Harold, the 7-year old son of Mr. G. W. Beaver was playing among the rafters of his grandfather Lynn's barn and fell to the floor, a distance of thirty feet, the thigh bone in one leg was broken and other injuries sustained. The child remained unconscious for 14 hours, but at last word from the sick room, he was resting fairly well. The force of the fall was somewhat broken by a light litter of hay that was on the floor.

There will be an auction sale in the Jackson building opposite Tualatin Hotel, Hillsboro, at 10 a. m. Sat. Dec. 27th, consisting principally of household goods. There will be offered at this sale one gray mare six years old well broke to work. Terms are cash in hand.

When in town call at C. Blaser's and get a guess on the mammoth cask of whiskey. Five gallons free to nearest guesser.

FARMERS' CONGRESS.

The Congress of farmer's associations that assembled here this week has been a great success. This is true when delegates are counted, when the subjects for consideration are passed under review, or when entertainment was accepted. From every part of the state people came, from the distant corners a few and more from near by localities. The enrollment this year is 81. Last year when the meeting was held at Salem the list bore 43 names and in 1900 when the meeting was here 54 were reported. The first years of the associations history shows the same partiality for Hillsboro and Washington county. The reason for this is seen in the active support of the business men of the town, and the interest our farmer citizens take in Agricultural pursuits. One of the speakers Wednesday night stated that a few years ago this county had the best herd of Jersey cattle and the greatest number of individuals in the world. This was when the stock of the Ladd & Reed farm was kept at Reedville. The state now has the best herds of beef and dairy stock and one short horn bull, the best in the world. The butter and cheese exhibit is fully treated at another place.

The officers of the State Dairy Association for the ensuing year are: President, Wm. Schulmerich, Washington county; 1st Vice Pres., Geo. Weeks, Marion county; 2d Vice Pres., H. West, Columbia county; Secretary and Treasurer, Prof. F. L. Kent, Corvallis. The piece of the

next meeting is Corvallis. The legislative committee is Geo. Weeks, Salem, Townsend, Multnomah county and Richard Scott, Clackamas county. The papers and discussions were able and took the usual lines chosen for such meetings. There was a slight variation when a consumer, a foreman from a logging camp suggested instruction touching the care of butter after it had passed from the dealers. He stated that the very best butter that the creamery can put on the market or the dealer sell may be ruined in two or three days by its surroundings in the buttery.

The address of Prof. McKay of Iowa Agricultural College were well received and secured a full house. The sessions through the day were enlivened by piano music executed by the Angolus attachment furnished by Eilers Piano House. The ladies of the town were particularly interested and attended in great numbers. The evening sessions were made popular by the introduction of rhetorical rehearsals and musical solos, both vocal and instrumental. Miss Townsend of Portland as an elocutionist is charming and her recitations both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were encored and loudly applauded. Mr. Fred Vrooman on Tuesday evening sang greatly to the delight of the great audience. On Wednesday evening Mrs. O. B. Gates rendered a vocal solo that permitted full opportunity for her fine voice. Mrs. Gates was loudly encored, which was acknowledged. Miss Barker of Portland is an exceptionally fine performer on the violin and her solos gave great pleasure. Miss Wehrung accompanied at the piano. The Congress was entertained at luncheon yesterday noon. The officers and delegates who have attended the meetings for several years state that this has been the most successful of any held by the Association.

DAIRY EXHIBIT.

Considering that the exhibit of butter and cheese at this session of the Dairy Association is the first that has been shown at its meetings, it is remarkable; twelve entries is a greater number than was hoped for even. Only three exhibits were made at the State Fair. The scoring given below is instructive. It was made by Prof. McKay of the Iowa State Agricultural College, and an authority throughout the nation. The standard of scoring was the same used in the Chicago and New York markets. This is valuable for us as it enables a comparison of Oregon butter with the best New York and

Illinois product. The New York extras must be 91 and above.

It will be noted that the butter scored here Thursday fell down in the matter of flavor. Flavor can and ought to be improved. The low score is due to the condition of the cans that in some instances are not properly cared for. They stay about the barn too long, either empty or filled. "Ripening" of the cream is either too much or allowed to proceed under unfavorable conditions. Every other day delivery to the creamery is one of the unfavorable things for a standard flavor. One incident at the scoring indicates the keenness of the judge's skill. One sample was under consideration, "This butter is the product from cows fed at least partly on alfalfa," stated Prof. McKay. He is a stranger on his first visit to the state, been here but two days, totally unacquainted with localities and pastures. The entry was referred to, where it appeared that the exhibit came from Roseburg. A delegate happened to know that farmers who patronize that creamery feed alfalfa. The flavor is not objectionable, but it is that which goes with well cured alfalfa hay. The Association is to be commended for securing the services of Prof. McKay. As stated above it gives us the opportunity of comparing our exhibits with others at the East. It does more. It is an advertisement that will put eastern people in possession

of the capabilities of our resources. The state fair management did a like service for our farmers and stockmen, when they secured three men of recognized standing to judge stock at the September fair. Those men went home and told everywhere that Oregon has cattle and hogs the equal of anything in the East. These statements were published broadcast, in city dailies and country weeklies. And most flattering to our state vanity is the verification of the judges award to W. O. Minor of Heppner for the best 2 year old short horn bull taken from his Mountain Valley Stock Farm, in Morrow Co. The bull has taken nothing but blue ribbons at all Oregon fairs. Mr. Minor after our fair exhibited him at the International Live Stock Association's fair at Chicago. Here our Oregon calf came in competition with the best in the world and was awarded the blue ribbon. This triumph makes the awards of the eastern experts all the more valuable. Three of the twelve exhibits were made by creameries in this county. There ought to have been more. No manufacturer ought to be satisfied with anything save the best and here was an opportunity for determining not only how his product compares with that of his neighbor, but how far short it is of being standard. The accompanying table is the result of the 1902 Dairy Exhibit in detail.

CLASS A. CREAMERY BUTTER.

Table with 7 columns: Entry No., Creamery, Flavor, Body, Color, Salt, Finish, Total. Lists 12 creamery entries with their respective scores.

CLASS B. DAIRY BUTTER.

Table with 7 columns: Entry No., Dairy, Flavor, Body, Color, Salt, Finish, Total. Lists 4 dairy entries with their respective scores.

CLASS C. CHEDDAR CHEESE.

Table with 2 columns: Jersey Creamery, Corvallis, 91.

CLASS D. SWISS CHEESE.

Table with 2 columns: 1. F. A. Schubinge, Salem, 94; 2. A. Guerber, Lenox, 90.

NOTE—The maximum of points allowed are for flavor 45, body or grain 25, color 15, salt 10, finish 5, total 100.

The Magnetic Attraction of Our HOLLIDAY GOODS and Low Prices, Push the Old Man Aside Everyone Says We have the Daintiest, Neatest Store in Town and While Our Stock is Small, We Boast the Best Assortment and Most Varied Stock of Christmas Goods ever Shown in Hillsboro. We are Proud of Our Bargains for Christmas Buyers.

We Do Not Advertise a Large Stock

But a well assorted stock which is really phenomenal for this place.

We Can Suit You

Anyway, it costs you nothing to come and see our stock and we cordially invite you

All That is Newest and Best

Awaits your inspection and approval and the prices on all our goods are extremely low.

Books

What would make a better present than a nicely bound book? We have them for old and young. New Stock just received this week.

Toys

A complete stock of Toys at right prices. Automatic Toys, Guns, Bows and Arrows, Swords, Wash Sets, Ranges, Animals, etc.

Chinaware

The finest Assortment of Genuine China ever seen in town. Cups and Saucers, Vases, Teapots, Trays, Various Dishes.

Elegant Vases

Our Assortment of Vases is simply beautiful. Genuine Wedgewood Ware and other.

Cushions

And Fine Fancy Work. We have just received a new stock of fine Silk Cushions of all kinds. A fine present.

Work and Fancy Baskets

Perfumes. Neat Box Stationery. Facinators. Decorative Fans, etc.

HOYTS' RACKET STORE.