

Fancy and staple groceries. J. A. Krenis.

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

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

T. G. Todd, of Forest Grove, done business at the court house last Monday.

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

Mr. John Heister of Gales Creek made a business trip to Hillsboro last Monday.

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.

License to wed was issued Dec. 231 by the clerk of Multnomah County to Robert M. Tannock 23 of this county and Alice Rowena Wright 17 of that county.

The first snow of the season fell just before noon on Tuesday last. Experts tried to get a half inch measurement but the mantle melted too fast. While it was quite chilly that day, no snow could live on Wednesday.

Mr. Ed. Tully, of Wallowa, who has been attending the Oregon Agricultural College, the past three months is spending the Christmas holidays with George and Will Stephens.

Our old neighbor, Jos. Klineman is profitably employed at a mine near Sumpter on a job that is of indefinite duration. He is temporarily disabled however with sickness that will keep him in the hospital for a few days.

Mr. John Hale, locomotive engine driver, who was hurt in a wreck near Cottage Grove, returned to work this week. He fears he will not be able to go on the road, but hopes to fill a place in the cab of a switch engine in the yards of the company.

Esquire Hayworth of South Hillsboro precinct has resigned his office and turned over the records to the county clerk. Mr. Hayworth started on the train of yesterday morning for Santa Cruz California where he will look for a new home.

Mr. Herman Schulmerich is at home for the holidays. He is looking well, and brings good reports from the Sumpter mines. Last summer water was shy, but the promise of an abundant supply have been made by heavy snow falls. The snow is now six feet deep in the hills and this is likely to be increased, so that a long season is reasonable for next summer.

The U. S. Treasury statement for Dec. 15th, 1902 shows:
Reserve Fund, Gold..... \$150,000,000
Trust funds:
Gold..... 379,211,069
Silver..... 468,743,000
Silver dollars, 1890..... 1,177,157
Silver tuition..... 23,415,843
General Fund..... 300,323,415
Liabilities..... 90,879,339
Available cash, \$269,444,075

Albert Lanow of Cedar Mills was arrested several days ago and confined in the county jail on a charge of robbery. The story was to the effect that Lanow met Frank Danzer, a boy on the road and took the horse that the lad was riding from him, which he mounted himself and rode away. The examination was before County Judge Reed. Lanow met the boy, and rode the horse away: but there was no testimony that supported the contention that a felony was intended. The horse was borrowed or hired. Lanow was discharged.

Sheriff Sewell and Attorney E. B. Tongue finished the last business this week in the horse stealing case where Hanson from Washington was the main actor. It will be remembered that Hanson disposed of several horses about Sherwood last fall that had been stolen from the ranges of Eastern Washington. The purchasers showed a disposition to fight for the possession of the animals, but when an action for the recovery of one horse was begun the defendant saw that his contention was weak wherefore he compromised and gave up the horse. All other purchasers gave up and the incident is ended as far as this county is concerned.

A petition to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company was circulated among the business people of town on Saturday asking that the West bound evening train that now leaves Portland at 4:50, be started at 4 o'clock. It is understood that like petitions are in circulation at Forest Grove, McMinnville and Sheridan. The effect of the change if made will be to shorten the day in Portland, but put us home an hour earlier in the evening. The evening papers would come as now. The railroad people may not be able to start the train at 4 p. m. for the reason a train goes out of the yard at that hour for Salem and Albany, but our train could be sent out a few minutes later say at 4:10 or 4:15. This change would also allow connection to be made at Whiteson for Dallas and Monmouth, which is not now done. Manager Kohler makes a few changes in time tables as possible, but it is thought that a united request for this change would be granted.

A few days ago Joseph Tchekotsky assaulted Thos. T. Rooks with a rifle, but bystanders at Reed & Nelson's mill interfered, and while Joseph was restrained Rooks was advised to go. This he proceeded to do on his lumber loaded wagon. Tchekotsky broke away and ran after Rooks accusing him of stealing money and declaring that he would shoot him. The gun was aimed at close range, but discharged because Rooks hit him over the head with a club. The blow was followed by others, till the man was disabled. Rooks swore out a warrant charging assault with a deadly weapon. Tchekotsky was arrested and brought to Hillsboro yesterday. His examination occurs next week.

The Portland City Council continues to throw cold water on the proposed electric line out into Washington County. In Indiana and in other states East the interurban lines are increasing very rapidly, and the cities are offering all kinds of inducements to get the lines to come their way, while here we have the spectacle of the only great city in Oregon not only refusing to encourage the introduction of interurban lines, but actually trying to freeze out an offer for the investment of capital in this direction. It may be a case of blind leadership on the part of the City Council, but it looks a good deal like the St. Louis methods were being introduced in this case.—Newberg Graphic.

Hon. F. A. Bancroft ex-representative of the state legislature has been appointed postmaster of Portland instead of A. B. Crossman whose term has expired. The Portland Journal will see in this the work of "Jack" Matthews, and perhaps at the same time realize how small is his influence in Oregon politics. Mr. Bancroft at the present is the S. P. Co's freight agent at the Portland office of that company.

Yesterday Capt. Collins shipped one of his book carriages to Baker City to be used in the county offices there. This rack is the finest one Capt. Collins has yet made. It is joined in the middle and can be closed like a book. Wherever used these book carriages are much liked.

While Nebraska, Iowa and the states north are having the most severe weather that has visited that territory for eight years. We are enjoying our usual mild winter weather. Yesterday morning the mercury stood at 51° above zero.

Dr. O. C. Hiatt, of Forest Grove, was touched in Portland last Saturday for \$900 currency which he was carrying in his coat pocket. The Oregonian gives currency to the statement.

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

Get your guns and ammunition of E. L. McCormick, he has the most complete stock in town.

Furniture, wall paper, matting, carpets, trunks, etc., at McCormick's. Get his prices.

Pocket knives and razors at E. L. McCormick, 3rd door south from postoffice.

Miss Bessie Seigler visited last week at Phillips with friends and relatives.

Mr. James Stevens, of Portland, is visiting in Hillsboro this week.

50, 80 and 100 piece dinner sets. J. A. Krenis.

Four English setter pups for sale. C. Blaser.

Fresh candy nuts and fruits. J. A. Krenis.

The Oregon market for butter has reached such a stage that it can absorb all the supply that is offered. Indeed dealers are better prepared to buy by the ton than by the fifty pounds. The offering however must be best. The demand for an inferior grade is limited, and five hundred pounds will glut the market. The discussions at the dairy meeting held here last week developed the fact that it is now safe for farmers to stock up with milk cows. The number that should be kept on a farm ought not to be fewer than 25 and from that to the capacity of the land. The farmer though must not make keeping cows a bi-industry to be operated by the women of his household. Dairying is heavy work worthy the respect of a strong man. Butter now sells for 27 to 28 cents in ton lots. That is the market price in the east and the cent and a half or two cents freight is such a protective tariff that prices here will be maintained or go higher. True, May or June may cause a shading, though manufacturers and jobbers are asking for a change in the state law which will allow them to pack the product in tubs, when they can deposit in cold storage and thus absorb the increased production of those months. There have been rapid changes within in two years and the tub, the package of commerce is now demanded. The outlook for the farmer is bright for with a hand separator and a herd of fifty cows he is assured of an income that is respectable.

The Bellinger and Cotton code authorized by the last legislature has been published and is now ready for delivery. Washington county gets 27 volumes. One goes to each Justice of the Peace and the others go to the several county officers. Justices of the Peace now serving are asked to call at the county clerk's office and get the copy belonging to him. The Code contains 1850 pages of text and 269 pages index. The work is divided and bound in two volumes. An index however is bound up with each book. The sections are numbered from 1 to the end of the book and all references is to the sections. Attorneys who have examined the book are very favorably impressed. It is a work that ought to be well distributed among farmers and business men. It sells for \$12.00.

At Pacific University the fall term ended last Tuesday for the Christmas recess. Examinations, which have been in progress for the past few days, have been concluded, and Tuesday evening a ball was given in Vert's Hall, which was the second dancing party in the history of the institution. Formerly, no dances were allowed, but the policy of the faculty in this direction is becoming less strict. Somewhat elaborate decorations were arranged. The patronesses were: Mesdames Shannon, Hines and Chandler. Walker's orchestra furnished music. The hop was all that its participants had expected.

Candies and nuts have not been sold this year in as large quantities as on some former occasions. One of our business men accounted for the shortage to the fact that merchants are more prosperous and are not cutting prices as they are tempted to do when trade is dull.

St. John's Day Dec. 27 is the day for festivities among the Masonic fraternity and the Masonic and Eastern Star Lodges, of Hillsboro, are arranging to jointly install officers at their lodge room tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

John W. Humphreys, who has been in Morrow county for several months is at home visiting with his mother, Mrs. Mary Humphreys.

E. B. Tongue Deputy Dist. Attorney for this county went to Portland on Wednesday last on business connected with his office.

At Reed & Nelson's saw-mill on the hills north of Glencoe, there was five or six inches of snow, Tuesday last, but it did not last.

Died in Hillsboro Dec. 23d, after a lingering illness of several months, John F. Kerr, aged about 65 years.

Miss Blanch Huston went to Cottage Grove, Lane county, to visit her cousin Miss Greta Bristow.

Hon. and Mrs. W. D. Hare went to Portland to eat Christmas dinner with friends.

Miss Elsie Reuter, of Gales creek precinct, was a guest with Miss Koch over Sunday.

Mr. Al Latham and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Hillsboro.

Born, at Lenox, Dec. 23, to Walter Cate and wife, a son.

Fred Rood ate his Xmas turkey in Portland.

The Hillsboro mills have been operated this week making flour for local trade.

Joseph Whitney, of the Albany Herald and State Printer-elect, wedded Miss Zella Wood, of Long Beach, California.

A news paragraph published in the Portland Telegram of the 18th, states that Jack Powers, well-known in this county was frozen to death on the mountains of the Sumpter mines.

The biggest turkey marketed in Portland this season came from the yards of Briarly of Albany, Yamhill county. It weighed 65½ pounds and was valued at \$15.

The Tualatin is again raising rapidly, and Jackson bottom is again to be a lake. There was quite as much water on the ground yesterday morning as at any time during the past six weeks.

Weather wise seers have been fond of declaring that the climate of Oregon is changing. They said that cutting the timber was decreasing the amount of rain, and if the hills and valleys are completely denuded of timber, the Willamette Valley will become semi-arid. However the weather of the past month contradicts the claim. Climate may be changing but it is so gradual that the most delicate instruments of the weather bureau cannot record it. The recorded observations of trained men for a hundred years will be necessary to detect changes. Oregon is Oregon yet.

CHRISTMAS IN HILLSBORO.

Christmas festivities were generally indulged in the Hillsboro churches on Wednesday evening. The exercises were simple but to the youngsters entertaining. At the Christian church inexpensive presents were bestowed on the children after they had sang and recited paragraphs appropriate to the occasion. The attendance was good.

The jam was at the Methodist church, where a Christmas tree had grown to a large size. Santa Claus visited the church in person, though he met with hindrances on the way but he kept his young friends in great good humor by informing them in frequent telegraphic bulletins of his progress on the exceedingly muddy roads. He made the trip however, and distributed from his great store many packages of candies and nuts. The Evangelical church was well attended, and the exercises attractive. These consisted of recitations, songs and tableaux. Each child received a liberal sack of candy and nuts, while the grown folks were served from baskets. The pastor asked for a collection in money for the missionary fund. When gathered he found over \$12.00 in the box. He had hoped to get \$20.00.

The most lengthy program was at the Congregational church which was comfortably filled with the parents and friends of the children. The order of exercises was in three parts, first, vocal music and recitations appropriate for the occasion. Second, Santa Claus in his workshop surrounded by brownies packing into convenient bundles and parcels the presents intended for his little friends in Earland. With the brownies there were a few fairies who with wand and necromancy annoyed Santa Claus somewhat. The third part was the scene in the home church where the presents were distributed. Santa was present in person. The very small children will never attend a more attractive Christmas entertainment.

Christmas day was one of quiet. Residents enjoyed the mild temperature of 45° above zero when they compared it with the reported blizzards and zero temperature at old homes east of the Rocky mountains.

Card of Thanks.

We hereby publicly tender our most sincere thanks to our friends for the assistance and sympathy extended to us at the time of the happening of that distressing accident by which our beloved Harry was removed from our home; and particularly do we wish to mention our neighbor Michael Snesor who took our boy to his home and ministered to him till service could no longer avail.

Harry W. Kretzer,
Matilda D. Kretzer.

Dec. 20th, 1902

COURT HOUSE.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Benjamin Schofield v Alex Chalmers. Demurrer over-ruled and defendant allowed 10 days in which to answer.
Margret Foster & Louis Hodler v Michael Welch. Temporary injunction of plaintiff made perpetual.
Mrs. Nellie Campbell et al v Mrs. Myrtle Porter, report of referees filed and approved.

J. C. Smock 16 days' bailiff \$18.00
Chas. T. Henry v Geo. Hass et al, suit for damages, jury trial. Verdict for defendants.

Wm. J. Larson v Amy Larson, Decree of divorce granted.
Thos. Taitot v C. Masters et al, Order directing sheriff to execute new deed to plaintiff.

Mary A. Brien v W. J. Batner suit for damages, verdict for defendant.

Forest Grove Sash & Door factory. Final account approved.

Estate, Richard Morton. Assignee ordered to publish notice of final settlement.

PROBATE.
Estate, Geo. Alexander, deed, inventory and appraisal shows a total of \$21,984.27. Ordered said inventory be approved.

Estate, Mary C. Luck deed, bond filed and approved. Dr. R. H. Hovey, Grant Hughes and Chas. Stokes appointed appraisers.

Est Geo. Alexander, deed; inventory filed and approved. Value of estate \$2198.27. Ordered that T. G. Todd executor be authorized to turn over to Albert Smith, guardian of the estate of Jessie Alexander, minor certain notes belonging to such minor's estate.

Est Wm. Manzey, deed; report filed. Receipts \$2944.92. Disbursements \$1217.63. The report was approved. The executor will distribute to the heirs at law these amounts: Letitia Smith \$690.92, Maria Beagle \$345.29, Thos Manzey \$345.29 and Anna M Imbrie \$345.29.

Est Jerome Porter, deed; final account filed and Monday, January 25, 1903 set for examination.

Est Alex McDonald, deed; final account examined and allowed, and estate closed of record.

Est Henry, Charles and Adalinda McDonald, minors; citation served on said minors requiring them to appear January, 5th and answer petition for appointment of guardian.

Est E F Sutherland, deed; final account filed and January, 23, 1903 set for examination.

Est Georgia and Tracy Neep, minors; annual report filed and bill of guardian for care, clothing and schooling of minors audited and allowed.

Est Geo Thing, deed; required receipts having been filed, the estate is closed of record.

Est Mary C Luck, deed; inventory filed. Value of property \$850, all real estate.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

License to wed were issued, Dec. 20 to Charles R. McClaughry 42 and Sarah Hammock 19. Dec. 22, to John J. Rines 23 and Mary A. Heister 22. Dec. 24, David Franklin Fieck 31 to Ethel May Curtiss 27.

Notice.

Those knowing themselves indebted to The Delta Drug Store will kindly settle by cash or note by January 1st as I will sever my connection as manager of the store at that time.

M. E. EVERITT.

The Dallas Times Mountaineer asserts that the people of the state by their votes last June, said they preferred T. T. Geer to Col. C. E. S. Wood for U. S. Senator, they knew what they were about." A most true declaration, but that is all it means. The republican party as an organization however delegated making a choice between republicans to the party representatives to the legislature. The people never have given voice as to choice between republicans. They have delegated that duty to chosen representatives. Those representatives may select Gov. Geer, or they may consider some other republican more available. The Mountaineer is a democratic paper and will it pardon republican legislators when they refuse to take its instructions?

The Marion County Bar Association at a full meeting held this week formulated legislation lowering the court fees heretofore charged in litigation, but not a penny did they abate of their own fees.

In Tornadoes.

Those living in portions of our country exposed to tornadoes will be glad to know that scientists tell us there is always warning of the approach of a tornado to those who are observant. Clouds may be seen hurrying together in the southwest and west, a low, dull roar of the wind in those clouds may be perceived, while there is a great stillness and sultry heat in the air, all of which signs are sufficient to bid people look for safety.

This safety they will never find in any easterly direction. One who faces the cloud as it comes should seek safety to the right. The only absolute safety, however, is to be found underground, in the cellar of the house, if it is a wooden house, as the storm will whirl off the beams and boards of the structure. But if it is a brick or stone house the shattered walls will only tumble in. The brick or stone house, moreover, will fall sooner than the wooden one, which yields and gives.

In the tornado countries, especially in the more open portions, there should be an underground place provided for refuge, with its roof arched and strengthened by masonry and beams, so that it cannot be broken in by anything falling upon it.—Exchange.

4TH ANNUAL
Native Sons' Mask Ball
Hillsboro Opera House
WED. EVE. Dec. 31, '02
Come and Have a Good Time
Prizes
Prizes
Prizes
KLEONIAN ORCHESTRA
of Portland
WILL FURNISH MUSIC
Tickets, \$1 Supper Extra
Spectators, 25c.

Special Sale
Of all Holiday Goods in our Store from now until January 1st. We wish to carry as little of this stock as possible and as a special inducement we offer : : : :
Big Discounts
On Our Chinaware, Toys, Books, Shawls, Facinators, Vases, Stationery and various other articles which we cannot mention.
Call and take advantage of this special.
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OPPOSITE TUALATIN HOTEL.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.
Hamilton-Brown Shoes will lead (as they always have) all others for the coming year. You make no mistake when you buy a pair.
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Opposite Shute's Bank
The place to get a first class meal or lunch at any hour and have it cooked as your mother used to cook it, for a moderate price.
Everything Clean and Neat
Good Service. Don't fail to call on us when in Hillsboro : : : :
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For nearly half a century
Have been growing famous (Gentry kind of seed, everywhere, sold by all dealers. 1902 Seed Annual, postpaid free to all applicants.
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NOT A RELIEF BUT A CURE
Helena, Mont., Oct. 4, 1902.
Dr. C. A. Ferrin, Helena, Mont.
I wish to thank you for my relief. I was suffering agonies from piles and was taking morphine to relieve me, when, on the advice of a friend, I procured a bottle of your Ferrin Pile Specific and took a tablespoonful at night and another twelve noon, my wife gave me another tablespoonful, when my pain all stopped. In two days I was able to attend to my regular business entirely relieved.—Julius Meyer, Ferrier, Helena.
FERRIN'S PILE SPECIFIC
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Props. Central Meat Market, Hillsboro.
All kinds of fresh and cured meats for sale. HIGHEST market price paid for butchers' stock.
FRESH FISH on Fridays and Saturdays