

McMinnville water and light plants yield a revenue considerably exceeding expenses.

Mrs. Alice Clark, wife of W. S. Clark of Forest Grove, died on Friday of last week, of peritonitis. She came recently from Fairmont, Minn.

"The chief object of our navy is to prevent war," declared Secretary Morton. Yes, and the bigger and better the navy the less prospect there will be for war. The man who displays a number of six-shooters and who has a reputation of being able to use them quickly and accurately, is not the man people wish to pick a quarrel with. —Portland Telegram.

William L. Curtis died at his home, one mile north of Forest Grove, last Friday night, aged 85 years, from cancer of the stomach, with which he had suffered for many months. Mr. Curtis was born in Richmond, Vt., in 1819, and in 1832 moved to Ohio, where he married Miss Rosanna Spencer in 1842. The family came to Oregon in 1871 and have made Forest Grove their home since that time. Mrs. Curtis died in 1899. Three children are living, Prof. E. D. Curtis principal of the Sunnyside public school; Mrs. Josephine Robb and William K. Curtis, of Forest Grove.

Mr. Barnes, who is in Portland from St. Louis, to bid on the construction of the Oregon building for the Lewis and Clark fair, gives a vivid description of the closing night of the big show at St. Louis. He says that crowds of students and hoodlums marched through the grounds destroying property. They secured ladders and hauled down the statuary. Venuses and Jupiters were dragged ruthlessly from their pedestals and reduced to atoms. In the horticultural building the rowdies amused themselves by throwing fruit at each other. Hundreds of large glass windows were smashed. The condition became so serious that all the guards and 250 marines were called out to quell the disturbance, and then were compelled to close up the buildings before the last hour arrived.

C. A. Snow & Co., patent lawyers of Washington, D. C., have sent us a handy vest pocket diary memorandum and account book for 1905. It contains calendar for 1905 and 1906, a census of cities and states, common business laws, court decisions in patent cases and other valuable information. It is such a book as every man needs all the time. C. A. Snow & Co. will send it to any address on receipt of actual postage, two cents. This pocket diary would cost elsewhere from 10 to 25 cents, and is indispensable to those who know the use of it.

The rapid increase of the free mail delivery under republican auspices ought to give good paying employment to thousands of men, if there are so many in need of work. By the first of July, 1905, it is estimated that this service will embrace 32,000 different routes, and it is expected that for the fiscal year following 6,000 more routes will be added. Altogether this will cost about \$26,000,000 annually. It is doubtful if any other industry in the country grows more rapidly, or pays better wages. Now if an efficient parcels post could be added, the benefits to the rural and commercial communities would be beyond computation. This will come just as soon as the people demand it, and can be had for the same price.

A story comes from New York city that a man named Van Ness, who inherited a fortune of \$8,000,000 and was a member of a number of swell clubs, including the Union and the Union League, was recently sent to an institution on Blackwell's Island for the rest of the winter, because he had no overcoat and was found begging in the street. He claimed to have lost his fortune speculating in Wall street. It is difficult for an ordinary every day man to understand why a man with eight millions of dollars should wish to speculate at all. The human being who is not content with that sum of money deserves to work in the sugar beet fields for one dollar a day.

The people of Panama evidently do not feel as angry towards Uncle Sam as might be, even if he does own a zone which cuts their young republic into halves. Any irritation they may have experienced comes from not understanding and

comprehending the Yankee methods of doing things. But daylight is breaking. Upon the receipt of the news of President Roosevelt's election, Gov. Melendez of Colon ordered twenty-one guns fired.

With the advance of winter the strike at Fall River, Mass., is gradually wearing away. Hunger and cold drive men to work when the mills are open and food and warmth may be obtained. The strike has been prolonged through the fear that a general reduction of wages is contemplated by the cotton mill owners. The question of employing faithful and obedient Japanese labor, which is waiting for an opportunity to work, and can do so without requiring the highest wages, is important and attracting wide attention.

There is a man in Iowa who is credited with having added \$30,000,000 to the wealth of that state during the past year—Prof. Holden, of the Iowa agricultural college. He traveled thousands of miles all over the state, lecturing to farmers and showing them how to increase their corn crop from 27 bushels to the acre to 40 bushels. And the harvest justifies his claim. The farmers listened to him gladly, and have added 100,000,000 bushels to the customary yield of the state. All this was done by selecting the best seed, and following scientific methods of tillage.

If a president of the United States should travel abroad, say in Germany or Japan, and be royally

tions are proposed. This has already taken place in the fees of examining surgeons. As Speaker Cannon says, one way to make both ends meet is to practice economy. Other people have to do this, and government employees are not exempt from the common lot of humanity.

Eruptions of Vesuvius and Tom Watson still continue unabated and they are regarded as harbingers of evil. The latter has an unflinching panacea for the intestinal troubles of the democratic party. His lecture explains it all.

The Washington County News came out last week in new form, a six-column quarto, which improves the looks of that paper very much. Under the management of J. T. Woods, the News is forging to the front and is neat typographically, and a decided improvement over the old size.

This idea of dispensing liquors by means of "Commercial Clubs," is gaining popularity in Washington county. Why not dispense with the high license altogether and organize the county into one big "Commercial Club," so that its members when paying their "assessments" (when they drink) may feel that they can soon declare themselves each a handsome dividend for their investment. There's nothing like having "something coming in," and the more they drink the richer they become. —Washington County News.

It has always been considered questionable taste for a man to put his titles or college degrees upon his visiting cards. Recently Rear Admiral Uphur complained to the Navy department that a civil engineer, retired, was putting "Rear Admiral" upon his visiting cards. Secretary Morton was called on to decide the ethics of the case. He announced that the civil engineer was not entitled personally or officially, to print "Rear Admiral" upon his social bits of pasteboard. But his having done so, added the secretary, is not "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman." It is horrid taste, however, for anybody entitled or not. Imagine Theodore Roosevelt printing upon his cards the legend: "President of the United States of America." If a man really is a distinguished "Rear Admiral," he does not need to advertise the fact.

Governor Pardee, of California, in his capacity of Commissioner of the Lewis and Clark exposition, has addressed a letter to all the members of the coming legislature advising an appropriation for a California Building at the Lewis and Clark Centennial. The last legislature appropriated \$20,000 for an exhibit at the fair, but this was known to be only preliminary. A suitable state building would necessitate a further appropriation of \$65,000 to \$75,000, and all the legislators so far heard from favored such an appropriation. California is wide-awake to the fact that excellent results may be obtained

Wood Wanted.

Sealed proposals will be received by John Dennis, councilman, at his store, up to the hour of 2:00 o'clock p. m. Saturday, December 31, for delivery, next summer, the date hereafter to be specified, of 1200 cords of good, sound, fir wood to be delivered at the water tower in hillsboro. Bidders may give figures on parts of the 1200 cords from 100 cords upward. Wood must be cut from green timber.

JOHN DENNIS, Councilman.
Hillsboro, Dec. 8, 1904.

At Cate's you will find a splendid lot of groceries, fresh and clean; also all kinds of vegetables and garden truck, including crisp lettuce and celery. All orders promptly delivered.

Xmas cigars, 12 in a nice neat box, at Messengers.

Astoria, at the mouth of the Columbia river, a while ago started a campaign against the rat nuisance, and claims to have been successful in destroying the rodents. Dr. Kinney, of Astoria, tells how the business was done in that city, and advises Portland, which is also rather ratty, to apply the same remedy and the objectionable rat will vanish. The plan is very new and very simple. All that is required is for the city to pay a bonus of 5 cents per rat. This, it is stated, is sufficient to induce the school boys to go rat hunting, and they take so kindly to the sport and emulations, that the hunt progresses vigorously as long as rodents are to be had. The plan is excellent, and gives utility to the despised rat as a means of entertainment and profit. Any boy with a lively imagination engaged in the sport, can consider himself a bold buffalo hunter of the plains, and will enjoy the entertainment more because he knows the game will surely be exterminated.—Oregon City Observer.

January Designer.

The pretty girl on the cover of The Designer for January will undoubtedly tempt more than one man to investigate the pages to which she acts as gate-keeper. Two articles in this number have a decidedly Western flavor; "A Chinese New Year in California," by Jessie Juliet Knox, and "The Stanford University and Its Girls," by Sarah Comstock, Stanford, '96. The unfortunate music-lover who has had a Wagnerian afternoon ruined for him by chattering neighbors, will heartily appreciate "At the Matinee," a monologue by Harvey Peake; and the observing man or woman, who watched the wonderful contortions of which the human countenance is unconsciously capable, will concur with Bertha Hasbrook, who writes on "The Making of Faces," in "The Interest of Beauty." "Our Winter Boarders—The Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers," by Craig S. Toms, is a charming bit of nature study, and "A Dinner of Herbs," by Temple Bailey, is a capital New Year story in which two widows, two bachelors and a bull-dog take prominent part. "Pleasant Sitting Rooms," by Mary Kilsyth, shows how to combine comfort and attractiveness in the living room. In the fancy work line there are "Initiating Household Linen," "Fillet or Gitterly Embroidery," "Hand-Made Sweaters," and "Ribbon Decorations," and in addition to the captivating mid-winter fashions there are three pages of "Character Costumes," suggestive of novel garbs for fancy dress occasions.

Facinators, pillow tops, doilies, Filo and Royal silk floss, handkerchiefs, linen, in fact everything needed to make up your Christmas presents.

H. Wehrung & Sons,
Fresh Corn Meal made out of Eastern Corn at
Climax Mill.

Fireman's Dance.
The Hillsboro Volunteer Fire Department will give a grand ball at the opera house December 24th. All are cordially invited.

Ed Schulerich,
Ed Wann,
O. G. Wilkes,
Committee.

Genuine vegetable parchment butter wrapping paper for sale at this office. Size, 9x13.

Elks' Christmas Tree.

The Dalles, Ore., Dec. 12.—On Christmas night hundreds of little children in The Dalles will have reason to be thankful to Cascade Lodge, No. 303, B. P. O. Elks, for having brought Santa Claus to the city. At the regular meeting of the lodge Saturday night it was determined to give a Christmas tree. It is intended to invite every boy and girl in The Dalles, and there will be useful presents for each one. The leading merchants have offered to donate large amounts of valuable presents, and other business men will donate cash with which presents may be bought.

It is the intention of the Elks that every child in The Dalles, whether he be rich or poor, shall have something for which he can remember the Christmas of 1904. The opera house, which will hold about 2000 persons, will be used. The idea of a general Christmas tree, where everything shall be free, is original with The Dalles Elks, and if they do not succeed in making Christmas this year one of the happiest in the history of the city, it will not be the fault of men who have the matter in hand.

WINTER EXCURSION RATES TO YAQUINA BAY.

A New Departure on the Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Eastern Railroads.

Recognizing a long felt want, and desiring to give the public cheap rates to the coast in the winter as well as the summer, for persons who desire to see the bounding billows in their wildest moods and inhale the pure ozone of the winter air at the coast, the Southern Pacific Company in connection with the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad have placed on sale, taking effect Nov. 2, 1904, and continuing until March 31, 1905, from all points on their lines, round trip tickets to Yaquina at the same rate as during the summer. These tickets will be sold on Wednesdays and Saturdays only and will be good for return sixty days from date of sale.

Dr. Minburn's sanitary baths will be in operation and anyone who desires a genuine health resort during the winter cannot do better than spend a month or so at Yaquina. Similar tickets will be sold from Albany, Corvallis, Philomath and all points west on the Corvallis & Eastern R. R. Full information as to rates, baggage, etc., can be obtained by applying to the nearest S. P. agent or direct from W. E. Conant, G. F. A. S. P. Co., Portland, or Edwin Stone, manager, C. & E. R. R. Co., Albany.

P. S.—Through tickets to Portland are sold by the S. P., Portland to Corvallis via Albany and the C. & E. at the same rate as via the west side, viz: \$2.00. C. & E. trains connect at Albany with the Albany-Portland local both ways.

My Special Bargains For this Week.

106 acres, 12 miles from Portland, near Scholls, 40 acres in cultivation all nice smooth land and well tilled, well located on county road, good family orchard, 7 room house, 45 x 40. R. F. D. All necessary outbuildings, 1 good team horses, harness, wagon, 1 buggy, 3 Jersey cows, 2 calves, 10 head of hogs, 6 dozen chickens, mowers, rake, 2 plows, 2 harrows, cultivators, in fact all kinds of farming implements, 25 tons of hay, 500 bushels of oats, 3 acres of potatoes and numerous other articles. All for \$6000. Now if you are really wanting a great bargain, then do not fail to investigate this at once. As this cannot remain unsold very long.

233 acres, only 13 miles from Portland and 8 miles from Hillsboro, 100 acres in cultivation, balance very valuable green timber, no buildings. This tract is easily worth \$40 per acre. I am offering it for \$35 per acre.

45 acres, 23 under plow, 20 acres slashed, 8 acres of beaverdam, house, 2 barns, orchard and living water. Price \$25 per acre. Only 2 miles from Hillsboro.

26 acres, 16 acres of this in cultivation, balance easy to clear, a good cottage of 5 rooms, barn, orchard, and spring water. This handsome little farm joins Hillsboro and is admirably adapted for dairying. Fruit or chicken ranch and will make a cozy little home. Price on application.

120 acres near Farmington, 35 acres in cultivation, 65 acres slashed, 20 acres good timber, fair buildings, orchard etc. Price \$43 per acre.

145 acres, 2 miles from Mountaineer store, 65 acres in cultivation, extra good buildings, fine orchard, living water, handy to schools, sawmill and postoffice. A large part of this is rich creek bottom. Price \$45.00.

90 acres, only 4 miles from Reedville, about 60 acres in cultivation, balance very easy to clear, living water, very nice smooth land and good soil. There are 2 sets of buildings and 2 orchards. It is a luxury to own this place as everything is in first-class shape and condition, nothing better on the market. If you are able to own one of the best homes in Washington county, then do not fail to see this. The price is right too. I also offer an unimproved town property for sale and please remember that to list your property with me, means that it will be sold not only listed.

F. M. HEIDEL.
Hillsboro, - - Oregon.
Portland and Return 85c.

The Southern Pacific is now selling round trip tickets to Portland from Hillsboro for 85 cents, good going Saturday P. M., or any train of Sunday, returning Sunday and Monday, giving all day Sunday and Monday in Portland. The same arrangement applies from Portland, giving all Portland people a chance to visit valley points at greatly reduced rates.

If you are looking for a nice present for Christmas, don't fail to look over Donelson's line of goods. Nothing is more appropriate than a nice rocker, couch, or rug, or ladies desk for a present and we surely have them and our prices are as near right as anybody gets them. It is to your interest to look our line over before you make your purchases. Our line is complete from a box of tacks to a bed-room suit. Remember, every thing sold at Donelson's must be right, or we will make it right.

W. O. Donelson,
Cor. 3d & Main, I. O. O. F. Bldg.

Desirable Home For Sale

Two acres of land, good six-room house, young orchard, plenty of fruit of all kinds, ground all fenced, picket fence in front, three minutes walk from post-office, fine well, small barn and chicken coops. Very desirable for a home. Situated on Main street, Hillsboro. Terms reasonable. Inquire at this office.

A Frightened Horse.
Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklin's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, disappear under its soothing effect. 25c. at all drug stores.

Notice.
Boys may be had (and sometimes girls) for—(1) ordinary service at wages; (2) upon indenture, to work, attend school, and be brought up somewhat as your own; and—(3) children may be had by legal adoption. Address: W. F. Gardner, Supt. Oregon Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, Portland, Oregon.

Corvallis & Eastern R. R.

TIME CARD NO. 28.

No. 2 for Yaquina—
Leaves Albany 12:45 P. M.
Leaves Corvallis 1:48 P. M.
Arrives Yaquina 6:20 P. M.
No. 1 Returning—
Leaves Yaquina 6:45 A. M.
Leaves Corvallis 11:30 A. M.
Arrives Albany 12:15 P. M.
No. 3 for Albany-Detroit.
Leaves Corvallis 6:00 A. M.
Arrives Albany 6:40 A. M.
Leaves Albany for Detroit 7:30 A. M.
Arrives Detroit 12:02 P. M.
No. 4 From Detroit.
Leaves Detroit 12:35 P. M.
Arrives Albany 5:15 P. M.
Lv. Albany for Corvallis 7:15 P. M.
Arrives Corvallis 7:55 P. M.
Train No. 1 arrives in Albany in time to connect with the S. P. south bound train, as well as giving two or three hours in Albany before departure of S. P. north bound train.
Train No. 2 connects with the S. P. trains at Corvallis and Albany giving direct service to Newport and adjacent beaches.
Train No. 3 for Detroit via Albany, leaves Corvallis at 6:00 a. m. and connects with the S. P. Albany-Portland local train leaving Albany at 7:30 a. m.
Train No. 3 leaves Albany for Detroit at 7:30 a. m. arriving there at noon, giving ample time to reach the Dreitenbush hot springs the same day.
Train No. 4 connects at Albany with the Portland-Albany local, which arrives here at 7:10, and runs to Corvallis leaving Albany at 7:15 and arriving in Corvallis at 7:55 p. m.
For further explanation apply to EDWIN STONE, Manager.
T. COCKRELL, Agent, Albany.
H. H. CRONISE, Agent, Corvallis.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Don't be foolish and spend your money for presents that will not be useful. Look through our stock and select something for your home, your husband, wife or intended. We have a new and stylish line of reed rockers, chairs and reading chairs; also the finest line of fancy and polished rockers ever displayed in this city.

Come, just to look. Select your goods early as we predict a rush from now until Xmas. Below are articles which make suitable presents:

Rockers

Oak polished rockers in all of the latest styles.



Rugs
Mats and Art Squares, useful as well as well as ornamental, make beautiful presents.
We have them in Axminster, Smyrna, Moquette, Phoenix, Jute, etc.

China Closets

Buffets and Sideboards. Our stock is always complete in this line of goods.

Reed and Rattan Goods

What more acceptable Christmas present could be imagined than one of our beautiful reed rockers or reading chairs. They are the cheapest ever seen, considering quality.

Ladies Desks

We are showing several new styles of Ladies' Desks in quartered oak, plain oak, mahogany, maple, etc.

Matting

Our new and exclusive line of Matting has arrived, and are priced moderately—as low as 10 cents per yard.
Let us frame your pictures, as we have the only complete line of up-to-date mouldings in the city. Come and see our line of framed pictures. They are rich.
We are giving 25 per cent discount on Wall Paper.

You don't necessarily have to bring your pocket book. Your credit is good.

Morris Chairs

Very comfortable and handsome. Something a home is never complete without.



Indian Seats

Tabourets, Foot Rests, Jardiniere stands are here in great numbers, with small prices.

Hall Trees

And Hall Racks, in weathered oak and quartered golden oak. Something you have always needed, but was unable to buy at home.

G. W. PATTERSON & SON

The Housefurnishers, Undertakers and Embalmers

entertained, with artistic presents of American manufacture could he give as a souvenir of his journey in return for favors received? This question was asked the other day by a gentleman who was looking at the large teak wood chests mounted in solid silver, which Prince Fushimi gave to Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. John Hay. They are eight feet long, three feet wide and eighteen inches deep, and are valuable pieces of art carving. Inside are intricate mazes of drawers, boxes, and compartments of all shapes and sizes. The chests were filled with rare silks, embroideries, fans, carvings, inlayings of mother-of-pearls, sweet smelling woods, etc.

At last the pension roll of the United States exceeds one million of persons, the number now being 1,000,781. It is thought the maximum has been reached. There has been a corresponding increase in the payments, but it is given out that the expenses of running the bureau are to be curtailed, and that in the near future some five hundred clerks may be dispensed with. Many of them are receiving larger salaries than they could earn if left to their own resources, and reduce

Prayers have recently been offered in some Kentucky churches for rain. The weather got so uniformly "clear with varying winds," as the up-to-date forecasters put it, that not a drop of water fell for months and some of the distilleries had to close. A man who started from Lexington upon a preaching tour, could not find water, and was obliged to drink whiskey, or go thirsty. Naturally he too, began to pray for rain. It will be hard lines if one has to dam the Ohio river and resort to irrigation for the relief of the blue grass region.

The state band of North Dakota, too strong, is planning to follow the route of Lewis and Clark, and give daily concerts at the principal places, arriving at Portland at the same time of the year as the explorers. The band is under leadership of J. H. Zimmerman, who is planning the tour. The organization will be augmented with the best material to be found in North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho, and will be drilled for several weeks before starting on the overland trip.

Pop Corn.
For Xmas at Messengers.

from an extensive exhibit at the exposition and every effort is being made to install a creditable display.

Statistics compiled in the semi-annual report of the State Board of Health show that during the first six months of this year there were three deaths from small-pox, 15 deaths from scarlet fever, 29 deaths from diphtheria, 43 deaths from typhoid fever and four deaths from measles, making a total during the six months of 94 deaths. These figures result of reports received from all counties in the state. The number of births in the state during the first six months of the year was 2315. The total number of deaths during the same period from all causes, natural or as a result of accident, 1603. The semi-annual report is compiled in the office of Dr. Woods Hutchinson, secretary of the State Board of Health.

Mr. Carnegie says universal peace will come in the year 3000 A. D. Apparently Andrew is convinced that it will be slow, hard work getting people to understand that it is foolish to go to war when it is just as easy and much cheaper to get killed at grade crossings.

Pop Corn.
For Xmas at Messengers.

Young Mr. Rockefeller continues to talk to his Bible class about money, and his latest dictum is that wealth cannot take one to heaven and it is a relatively unimportant matter to the truly happy life. And the wistful Bible class listens respectively, as common people always do when money talks.

A California man has a cow which he prizes so highly that he hires a Pullman car in which to take her from one fair to another. She may, indeed, be a noble beast, but since she can't "tip" the porter it isn't likely that they have a very high opinion of her.

It is disclosed that a Boston man who recently failed owed \$1,670 to a dressmaker. The Boston Globe feels that he will have the sympathy of most women for goodness he showed to his wife. But the dressmaker—what shall she base her sympathy upon?

With a German physician suing an American for \$2000 for one consultation and a French physician suing another American for \$100,000 for failing to cure his wife, our citizens will do well to come home to get sick.