

As in Former Years

We have prepared our stock for a full selection of Christmas Presents and have laid in a large assortment of gifts that are both useful and ornamental. Who would not rather receive a fine piece of Triple Plated Silverware than one of those fancy articles which are made to sell but not to use. We carry a fine assortment of

Rogers 1847 Silverware

and would especially call your attention to the Shell Satin Pattern in Knives and Forks. We also have Berry Spoons, Cake Plates, Syrups, Cake Knives, Pie Knives, Etc., Etc.

Holiday Chinaware

Is always an acceptable present and this year the patterns and decorations are prettier than ever. Just take a look at our corner window for a tasty line of samples.

What Every Boy Wants.

And we have it in the complete stock of all kinds of pocket cutlery. You can get a good Knife for 25 cents.

Stransky Steel Ware

Comes strictly under the useful presents, but every good cook knows what a comfort it is to have clean enameled ware that will last, won't flake and looks well.



You Ought to Have One

Because they are the best stoves on the market, and are guaranteed.



All of these gifts are the kind that become friends of the family and will gladden the heart of both giver and recipient.

Odd Fellows Building.

CRAMER BROS.

W. C. T. U. Column

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the home of Mrs. E. A. Wade, Dec. 12, at 2:30 p. m.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of our venerable and highly valued friend and co-worker in the cause of temperance—John Hood, who very peacefully passed from earth on the morning of Nov. 17th, 1902, in his 83d year, to receive the welcome of "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

His faithful testimony to the cause of temperance was a source of inspiration to us all. His faithful attendance at meetings of this kind wherever held, was an example which we sincerely wish every Christian of every name would worthily imitate, then the cause of Christ would prosper, the peaceful fruits of the spirit be exemplified in every day life, and the powers of darkness would be kept back and justice and equity enthroned.

K of P Banquet.

On Tuesday evening, Thermopylae lodge, Knights of Pythias, gave a banquet at Woodman hall, a large assemblage of members and invited friends being present. A brief program was presented. A prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. McDougall. A piano duet was very pleasingly rendered by Misses Vida Moore and Ida Williams. An appropriate address was then given by Rev. Mr. McDougall. He told the story of the friendship of Damon and Pythias and told of the spirit of the order, exemplifying the beauties of friendship, fellowship and benevolence. The closing number was a male quartet by Messrs. Coe, Van Dyke, Mousch and Booth.

T. W. Williams officiated as master of ceremonies and by his readiness as an impromptu speaker gained for himself many compliments. After a short time spent in social enjoyment, the company repaired to the banquet room, to enjoy an oyster supper served by the Knights, who proved themselves entertainers of rare ability. It was a very pleasant occasion and was enjoyed by all present.

Howland-Cook Placers.

Arthur Howland was in town Sunday from the Howland-Cook placers on upper Jump-off-Joe, of which he is the superintendent. They are plying steadily, with abundance of water and a bright outlook for a prosperous season. The gold produced in this mine is of the coarse order, though large nuggets are infrequent, and is very pure and of high quality. The ground is not deep and the "wash" is not large or heavy. The "pay" lies for the most part on the bedrock. The mine lies well up toward the headwaters of the creek and the melting snows furnish water for operation until very late in the spring.

The rainy weather continues and southern Oregon is bathed in moisture unusual in its copiousness. Saturday night and Sunday forenoon the rain fairly leaked down in torrents and all the creeks and gulches were running full. Such rains as the present one delight the soul of the true West-erner, and also fills the heart of the placer miner. The rain is warm, mild and not unpleasant. There is no wind to chill, and about the only unpleasant feature of the rain is its dampness and we don't mind that.

Thanksgiving Distribution.

The pupils of the Grants Pass schools contributed in a very practical way to making Thanksgiving day worthy of its name in Grants Pass by a distribution of useful articles to people who are in need. The contributions were made by the pupils, down to the smallest wee youngster of the primary department. Each one brought something, if no more than an apple or a potato, while some of the individual gifts were quite generous. The following list was included in the collection:

- 295 quarts of canned fruit.
- 400 pounds of potatoes.
- 10 boxes of apples.
- 283 pieces of clothing.
- 21 pairs of shoes.
- 20 pounds of dried fruit.
- 100 pounds of squashes.
- 37.62 cash.

It was all distributed in Grants Pass under the direction of the Thanksgiving committee of the school.

Klamath Lake Railroad.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Klamath Lake Railroad from Laird's up the Klamath river, and will soon be completed to the table land above Fall creek in the Shovel creek section. The graders are now building road on Fall creek, which is the most difficult point on account of the hilly character of the country. After getting above the Fall creek falls, the work will be much easier and soon reach the timber fields, the main object, so as to put up mills and haul logs by rail for the raw lumber material. Besides hauling logs, the road will be able to do considerable business in carrying freight for all of southern Oregon east of the Cascades and Siskiyou range.

Election Matters.

The latest development in the city election matter has been the serving of a notice on the election board, which consists of the mayor and police judge, against the issuance of election certificates to the successful candidates. The point made is that the election is illegal because of the swearing in of voters when the charter makes no provision for this but insists that voters shall be registered. On the other hand it is claimed that this requirement of the charter is unconstitutional. The board will issue the certificates. The instrument in question is merely a notice and carries none of the weight or authority of an injunction.

The Weather.

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...Grants Pass Opera House...

Arthur Frazier

Eminent Pianist

Of the University of Oregon

MONDAY DEC. 15

Auspices of Grants Pass High School

COUGHING SPELL CAUSED DEATH.

Harry Duckwell, aged 35 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician, but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901. Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 at Slover Drug Co.

FOR ROSE CATARRH, HAY FEVER AND SNEEZING CATARRH

Use S. B. Catarrh Cure with douche in the proportion of one tablespoonful to one pint of warm water and use freely three or four times daily, and take the S. B. Catarrh cure as directed four times daily, which will allay an irritability of the nasal nerves and tissues. For sale by all druggists. Book on Catarrh free. Address Smith Bros., Fresno, Cal.

Thro' Train Southeast.

Northern Pacific-Burlington Route.

The St. Louis Special, the through express of the Northern Pacific and Burlington railroads from the Northwest to the Southeast, changed time on May 4. The trans-continental service is materially benefited, as connections for the East and South are now made with morning trains out of St. Louis and Chicago.

The St. Louis Special now leaves Portland, at 8:25 a. m.; Tacoma, 5:40 p. m.; Seattle, 3:50 p. m.; Spokane, 6:55 a. m.; Helena, 10:15 p. m.; Billings, 7:30 a. m.

The new card is more convenient to most cities in the Northwest. The train now carries standard sleeper, tourist sleeper, dining car, chair car, coach, and baggage car. Portland to Kansas City without change, also free reclining chair car, Portland to St. Louis. It remains the great TIME SAVER, as well as the only through train between the Northwest and the Southeast.

Talking Machines

Make home cheerful with an up-to-date talking machine. You can have the best vocal and instrumental music that the world affords. We carry all styles from 150 cts. to \$150. Also a fine line of guaranteed pen knives, pocket knives, jack knives and hunting knives, razors, strops and brushes, scissors and shears

Paddock's Bicycle Den.

Grants - Pass - Opera - House.

HURRY! HURRY!! HURRY!!!

SATURDAY NIGHT, Dec. 13th

THE FASHIONABLE COMEDIAN

Mr. Willard Simms

Presenting the Everescent Fountain of Mirth

"Pickings From Puck"

A Musical Dramatization of that Famous Comic Magazine

Such Girls!

Such Fun!

Such Music!

Georgous Costumes and Sumptuous Scenic Display.

Prices 25c, 50c, and 75c.

Onion Culture.

Possibly no section in Oregon is better adapted to diversified farming than Southern Oregon. Its latest contribution is some magnificent onions weighing three pounds each on display at the Permanent Exhibit Bureau, 246 Washington street. They were received this week by Secretary Lamberson from Brown & Sons, of Eagle Point, and were grown by A. L. Hazelton.

The history of their growth is quite interesting. Five years ago, A. L. Hazelton, then a retired schoolmaster, discovered the adaptability of the soil for raising onions. He selected a patch of black soil that could be irrigated and began raising onions on a commercial scale. He soon found that while nature had provided the soil with about the right chemical proportions, that fertilizing made the yield little short of phenomenal. He became more expert each year as his store of experience was added to, until this year, from two and one-fourth acres, 100,000 pounds of marketable onions of the prize-taking Australian Browns, and Southport Globe varieties were raised. The samples received are of the latter variety.

He has the business down to a successful point and to see him brigading the crop is to receive a lesson in practical irrigation. From a flame spigot holes turn the water into every alternate row, when the plugs are drawn. The commercial fertilizer used instead of barnyard manure does not contain the seeds of weeds and therefore is an advantage. But whatever weeds make their appearance are cut down by two small garden plows. The patch yielded the promoter one cent net profit on each pound, or \$100 off of two acres and a fraction of land.

Dozens of other farmers along Lutte Creek in the "onion belt," as it is called, are following Mr. Hazelton's practice and producing onions nearly as good in quality, having profited by his experience. The business is growing to large proportions, and if it increases at the present rate, there is talk of providing warehouses specially ventilated for the storage of the product. Instead of supplying a small local demand, the product would find a market all over the Northwest, and eventually the Middle West. It opens up a new line in Oregon's long list of products.—Telegram.

The Delinquent For January.

Among the noticeable features of the Delinquent for January is its fine cover—the first of a series that will continue throughout the year. The scope of the magazine has been generally widened, and new and valuable material has been introduced into all the departments. Clara E. Laughlin begins a series of papers entitled, "Mildred" in which she considers the problems and prerogatives of womanhood. Cyrus Townsend Brady is represented by one of his famous bishop stories. Interest is heightened in Mrs. Barr's powerful love story, Thyra Varrick, and the novel develops along dramatic lines. In Holmes the Past and Present, Ella Butler Evans inter-

estingly describes two colonial houses, Meadow Garden and Chateau le Vert. John D. Barry writes on the Stage as a career for Women, and the article is strikingly illustrated. Mr. Frank French gives the second and last part of his entertaining Reminiscence of New England life. Track Athletics for Women by Christie Terhune Horrick, presents some novel features of sports in which women are interested. Mrs. Theodore W. Biesty discusses childhood, a subject concerning which she is eminently fitted to write. The fashions are presented in their usual attractive and timely form, and the holiday display in the shops is illustrated and described. The Hair: Its care and dressing should claim the attention of women. For the children there appears the first of the "What Happened Then" stories, by Grace MacGowan Cooke, and the usual pastimes, a natural history sketch, etc. The pages of illustrated cookery portrays a decided novelty in a Chinese dinner. Mrs. Margaret Hall begins in this number a series of Practical Talks to Young Housekeepers, and the Departments preserve their usual degree of interest and excellence.

Lodge Elections

Rogue River Camp, Woodmen of the World, held their annual election of officers on Friday, evening with the following result: C. C., W. P. Sharran; A. L., L. J. Payne; banker, Walter Harmon; cashier, Henry Miller; watchman, W. J. Conroy; secretary, L. Trank; manager, J. A. Slover.

Grants Pass tent No. 13, Knights of the Maccabees, elected the following officers on Thursday evening: Com., R. P. Cheshire; Lt. Com., Frank Meyers; R. E. Wm. Alfred; Chap. J. M. Trefron; Sergt., H. P. Williams; 1st guard, M. M. Luman; 2d guard, T. Hyzer; sentinel, J. E. Verdier; picket, S. V. Hamlin.

The following officers were elected on Tuesday evening of last week by Thermopylae lodge, Knights of Pythias: C. C., M. T. Utley; V. C., L. Savage; P. U., E. Maybee, M. of W., J. T. Chausse, M. of P., J. I. Myers, K. of R. & S., T. W. Williams, M. at A., J. P. Hale, L. G., M. Powell, O. G., Class Crow.

Gambler Killed at Marshfield.

Saturday night in the back room of the Claymore saloon in Marshfield, "Doc" Engle, a gambler, shot and killed Thomas Barker, another gambler.

Barker was dealing a game in the room when Engle entered. Going to the table where the game was in progress he leaned over between two of the players and fired four shots in quick succession at Barker, all the shots taking effect. Barker was 60 years of age and was well known of Coos Bay. Engle was arrested.

Finley Peter Dunne, author of "Mr. Dooley," and Miss Margaret Abbott, daughter of Mrs. Mary Abbott, formerly of Chicago, were married in New York on Tuesday.

Christmas Goods In FURNITURE

The largest stock of Goods suitable for Christmas Gifts, choice articles in

Fine Rockers, Dining Tables, Fancy Stands, Chiffonereris, Fine Parlo Suites, Lounges, Couches, Fancy Chairs, Roman and Colonial Style, Etc., Rugs in Great variety, Art Squares, Bamboo Goods,

You are invited to inspect Styles, Quality and Prices. You can save from 10 to 20 Per Cent by buying here. I buy in large lots, pay the lowest car lot freights, discount all my bills, and give all these advantages to my customers. Can you afford to buy elsewhere?

N. B. A large lot of Universal Cook Stoves and Ranges at special low prices to close.

A. U. BANNARD.

NORTH SIDE.