

White House Grocery

We are ready to take your order for all good things to eat because we have 'em. For the cook and the kitchen and the cake to bake our line is complete.



Remember our Spices and Extracts are pure. Mince Meat in packages 10c. Good cooking raisin at 10c. Best of lemon and orange oil, and candied citron.

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OUR LINES FOR 1903

Lisk's Anti-Rusting Tinware
Stransky Steel Enameled ware
Garland Stoves and Ranges
Oliver Chilled and Steel Plows
And all the Standard brands of Shelf and Heavy Hardware

HERCULES POWDER, FUSE AND CAPS.

Cramer Bros.

ODD FELLOWS BLOCK. AMMUNITION. SHOT GUNS & RIFLES.

At the End of the Tale



or the end of the year, we find when looking over our stock of housefurnishing goods and kitchen utensils that we have as complete and fine a line of these useful goods as can be found anywhere. Our line of stoves, ranges, cooking utensils will be found worthy of your inspection.

Hair-Riddle Hardware Co.

Grants Pass, Oregon.

TRIMMED AND WALKING HATS

All going at Half Price.

Only a few left. Some of the few are rare bargains at that price. Also what Xmas Goods I have left go at Half Price, to close out. Come in before you are too late to secure some of these bargains.

Mrs. J. A. Rehkopf

New Idea 10c Paper Patterns.

NOT SHOT BY MILITIA

Sampson's Stock Shot by Boy Who Brought the News.

Last week the statement was made that the militia boys, while at target practice, had shot two of C. H. Sampson's cattle. A fuller investigation of the case by parties interested resulted in complete exoneration of the militia boys and unfolded a tale. On Tuesday evening of last week, young Charles Bacher came to Mr. Sampson and told him the militia boys had shot two of his cattle, killing one and wounding another in the leg. He had been told this, he said, by a certain Mr. Smiser, a miner who lived in the locality of the rifle range, with request that he inform Mr. Sampson, that he might look after his cattle. Mr. Sampson was naturally indignant at the carelessness of the militia and was determined to have redress. On looking after his cattle, however, good news could be found, but one of the animals was found severely wounded in the body. When the militia boys heard of the cattle being shot, they had seen young Bacher standing by at the stock on the day in question and that he had shot several of the animals. The particular animal that was severely wounded, this statement was given by three boys who were with Bacher at the time. When Mr. Sampson received this information, he sought out the boys and questioned them till he had a plain case against Charles for shooting the stock. Mr. Bacher the elder, when he learned the details of the case, promptly confided with Mr. Sampson for the wounded animal, so that young

Charley got out of the scrape much more easily than he had deserved to expect, for malicious shooting of stock is a very serious matter. The occurrence should be taken to heart not only by Charles but by other boys of his age, some of whom are altogether too reckless in their use of firearms and too frequently endanger life and property in their vicinity.

The gun used was a .22 caliber, shooting smokeless cartridges. It could not be told immediately how badly the animal was injured. Smiser, who was supposed to have given information of the shooting to Charley, seems to be a malicious personage.

WILL BUILD NEW MILL

Williams Bros. Purchase S. P. D. & L. Lumber Yard.

Williams Bros. have purchased the S. P. D. & L. Co's lumber yard and retail factory business and will proceed to erect a large factory near the yard. They have purchased the Taylor and Conklin places just east of the lumber yard and will build their factory on this tract. They have already secured their machinery and are ready for operation on an extensive scale as soon as the buildings are completed.

The S. P. D. & L. Co. will continue its wholesale business and will also continue the box manufacturing department.

Lost Dog Wanted.
\$5 reward will be paid for the return of a brindle Shepherd pup, answering to the name of "Dollie," lost December 29th. Return to Fred Croxson's House.

Personal

Willard Denison visited in Ashland Sunday.
Mrs. J. C. Clark of Leland visited Grants Pass Wednesday.
Eph. L. Musick, of Crescent City, was a caller Tuesday.
J. L. Yokum spent last week visiting in Douglas county.
J. C. Eades of Selma spent a few days in town last week.
James Carter and family left last week for California to reside.
Prof. C. S. Price is now located at Soquel, Cal., where he is teaching.
Miss Abbie Stites of Williams made a brief visit in Grants Pass last week.
Miss Ada Erb of Ashland has been making a holiday visit in Grants Pass.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McKnight spent several days in Portland during the week.
Mrs. C. Neil of Ashland has been visiting relatives here during the week.
C. M. Casad and family went to Ashland Saturday. They may locate there.
A. P. Estabrook of Gold Hill, the druggist, was in town Tuesday evening.

GAVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Sunday Schools Observe the Day. Christmas Contributions.

The M. E. Sunday school held its Christmas exercises on Wednesday evening, Christmas eve at Woodman hall. A good program was given and the Christmas offering was made. The gifts included a great variety of useful articles and were put under charge of a committee for distribution on the following day. The Presbyterian Sunday school distributed its gifts on Wednesday. Probably 40 or more needy families were reached and helped materially by the action of these organizations.

The midnight song service at St. Luke's church on Christmas eve was well attended. The church was appropriately and very prettily decorated and the special music was very beautiful. Solos were rendered by Miss White and Miss Lucas.

The Baptist Sunday school held Christmas exercises at the Adventist church on Christmas eve. A short program was given and presents, candies, nuts and oranges were distributed to the children.

Co. H Elects Officers.

Col. G. O. Moran, colonel of the 10th Regiment, O. N. G. and Captain C. C. Kaufmann, inspector of rifle practice, visited Co. H at this place Tuesday on a tour of inspection.

In the afternoon the officers and a number of the men visited the rifle range to witness the individual and team shooting. The day was cold and quite a heavy wind blowing which had a tendency to lower the score and none of the participants did themselves justice. The individual score stood, Lieutenant Crow 18, Sgt. Patrick 10, Priv. Jordan 20, Mitchell 18, Blackman 18, Edwards 8, Handie 18, out of a possible 25. The team in volley shooting scored 46. None of these scores will tempt the trophies to Southern Oregon. Ashland Company showed better individual scores, but the team score stood 35. Woodman Company will probably hold the team trophy for the coming year with a score of 90. The trophies, a beautiful silver cup and a handsome solid gold medal, were on exhibition in R. L. Coe's show window during the day.

In the evening the regular quarterly inspection and muster was held in the armory, and was witnessed by a number of spectators. After an hour's drill the company proceeded to the election of a captain and any vacancies that might occur. The election resulted as follows:

Captain, A. E. Voorhies.
First Lieutenant, Chas. Crow.
Second Lieutenant, Floyd Patrick.
The examination of the officers-elect, will be held before an examining board at such time as the board may appoint.

Jailer Uses Water Cure

Pete Miller, the aged jailer who has so long been a familiar figure about the court house, got himself into disfavor with the authorities this week by his treatment of the prisoners. One of the latter, Bruce Davis, is off his mental balance and given to denigrating the jail's repress by his ravings. On Monday night, Davis not responding to Pete's warning to be still, the latter drenched him with the hose. Pete then called on Sheriff Lewis out 2 o'clock in the morning to see about the prisoners.

The sheriff, noting the drunken condition of the jail, gave Pete a warning not to repeat the treatment, yet twice before morning Pete used the hose again. In the morning when the officers found the condition things were in, they informed Pete that his services were no longer needed. Davis is now ill and Pete claims that he injured himself in trying to escape.

Horses are Stolen.

A number of horses have been stolen from Jackson county during the past few months and seem to have been run across the mountains and sold in California. A number of them were sold in Redding. One Edward Lyons, said to be a resident of Grants Pass, was making frequent trips between Central Point and Redding and his visits were contemporaneous with the disappearance of the horses. He was recently arrested at Central Point on a charge of horse stealing but escaped from the constable on the way to Jacksonville. He was supposed to be in hiding in Josephine county, but his whereabouts have not been discovered by the officers who have been on the lookout. Many believe in the existence of an organized gang of horse thieves who have been operating in this section. A pair of horses that disappeared recently from Jackson county have been located at Roseburg where the men who had them in possession are now held, awaiting examination by the Jackson county officers.

OUR SCHOOL EXPANDS

New Room Fitted Up and Teachers Employed.

The new school room in the city hall building is being fitted up for occupancy after the holiday vacation. The seats have arrived and are now being put into place. Miss Mary Talbot has been employed as teacher. Miss Ethel Hackett has resigned her position as teacher and Miss Cora Smith has been chosen as her successor.

Christmas Masquerade.

The masquerade ball given at the Opera house on Christmas eve by the ladies of Azalea circle was well attended and was quite a joyous affair. The attendance of spectators was exceptionally large and every available seat in the house was pressed into service. There was a good number of masqueraders, though not so many as at some of the former dances. Many of the dances did not assume its full degree of liveliness until the time for raising the masks was past.

Many of the costumes were quite pretty and some were proportional to hideous.

The dance was enjoyed greatly by both participants and spectators. It was also a very gratifying success financially. Music was furnished by Kurth's Orchestra.

Closing Out

Ladies and Children's Shoes

At Cost

Kessler's Chicago Racket Store.

Local Happenings

Dr. Flanagan, Resident Dentist.

Go to Coron for Plumbing.

M. Clemens, Prescription Druggist.

A splendid line of Royal Charter Oak Ranges at Coron's.

Stroble's shoe repairing always pleases. Take your shoes to him.

Don't fail to look over the large new line of Staple Shoes at The Sugar Pine Store.

L. A. Stroble has charge of the shoe making and repairing department at the Lucas harness shop. Take your work to him.

There will be no preaching services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday. Sunday school and Christian Endeavor meeting as usual.

Curtis & Co., practical watch makers and jewelers. Dealer in watches, clocks, jewelry and diamond rings. All repairing first class. Odd Fellows' building.

In the Christmas gift distribution of dolls at the Chicago Racket store, the first and second prizes were won by Miss Martha Tabor and Mrs. Ames. Twelve contestants tied for the third prize.

At Woodman hall, Friday evening, January 9, Col. Crawford will give a lecture on civil war, as a frontiersman, for benefit of the A. M. society on St. Luke's church. Several musical numbers also will also be given. Admission 10 cents.

Captain John Holtum, the "Cannon ball King," folded his tent on Monday after something more than a week's stay in Grants Pass. The captain is a very pleasant gentleman, a man who commands respect. He gives an honest and very creditable exhibition.

W. R. Winans of Salem spoke at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning on Sunday school work in the state penitentiary, the reform school and the Chemawa Indian school, giving a very interesting address. He also occupied the pulpit in the evening.

The old Hays Diggings on Rogue river are being worked this winter with the addition of rock cars which are used in connection with a derrick. This mine has always been a good producer and with the new methods in vogue will no doubt have an increased output.

A dainty little volume of poetry tastefully bound in white and gold, that is worthy of attention is "The Sorrows of Cupid," by Dr. Ella K. Dearborn of Portland, with illustrations by Eva Ford Cline. The volume is truly a book of the west—in authorship, art, printing and binding, and is a pretty thing for a holiday gift. The J. K. Gill Co., Portland; price by mail \$1.00.

The United States land office at Oregon City has caused the cancellation of timber entries in Tillamook county amounting to 30,000 acres, on the ground of fraud and collusion between entrymen and parties who have arranged to buy the lands on title being secured. Charles E. Hays was the principal contestant and Robert Sturgeon the principal contestee. On Sturgeon's case the fate of about 100 others depended.

Rev. Connell Called.

At a meeting held on last Friday evening, the Bethany Presbyterian church extended a unanimous call to Rev. W. G. Connell of Pipestone, Minn., to this pastorate. Rev. Connell is a speaker and thinker of marked ability and force and strongly attracted all who heard him.

TRY IT AND YOU WILL BUY

The Medford flour. It is again the best flour on the market. Ask for it.

BORN.

BLANTON—In this city, Monday, December 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blanton, a son.

BILDERBACK—In this city, Monday, December 22, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bilderback, a son.

MARRIED.

HAMMERLY—WILLIAMS—At the home of bride's parents, in Grants Pass, Oregon, on December 21, 1902, John B. Hammerly and Georgia Williams, both of Josephine county, Dr. Robert Leslie officiating.

DIED.

MADDUX—In this city, Saturday, December 27, 1902, Mattie Ruth, 14 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Maddux.

Mr. Maddux and family are recent arrivals from Cherokee county, Alabama.

CHURCHILL—At Selma, Oregon, Tuesday, December 23, 1902, Jessie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Churchill, aged 13 years.

WILLIAMS—In this city, Saturday, December 27, 1902, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Williams, aged about 1 year.

SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENTS

Smooth Grafter With an Old Game Catches the Knowing.

The smoothest fakir that ever visited the town was here Saturday. He did not confine his grafting to the "Rube" or raw specimen, but caught and fleeced the knowing ones as well. The sharper procured a lively rig and, accompanied by his wife and a driver, drove up and down the principal streets, announcing his exhibition. He waved a huge knife, fully three feet long, in the air, and announced that the lady would swallow it. Having created sufficient sensation, he came to rest at the corner of the railroad park at Sixth and Front streets and opened his exhibition. He was immediately surrounded by a curious and expectant throng. Having secured the usual small boy as assistant he proceeded to do a few rope tricks. After awhile the lady was going to swallow the knife. He would also cut off the boy's head. This he seemed impossible, but was easy "if you know how." He told the boy that he was Santa Claus and explained his youthful appearance by stating that the Old Santa with whiskers was his father and that he himself was young Santa Claus. He poured forth an unceasing torrent of words and kept his audience laughing and happy.

Before the lady swallowed the knife, the sharper took the opportunity to state the business feature of the entertainment. He was introducing a new metal, which would replace very largely the use of gold in jewelry. It was a new alloy, somewhat resembling brass, but would not tarnish. It would always look like gold though there was not a particle of gold in it. It was just as good as gold and "fit for a king or queen to wear." As a starter he would give away a few cut buttons. In this distribution, however, he was troubled, because the buttons were secured by boys instead of men. To remedy this he would charge a small amount, say 25 cents, for each button. Having secured a purchaser, he immediately gave the money back, saying, "Buy cigars with this. Take the button, and all I ask is, that you wear it, show it to your friends and talk about it." He gave away a number of buttons under this plan, which seemed to him a good one. The charging of the fee shut out the pestiferous small boys, so that the buttons went where they would do some good and he always gave the money back.

Then the fakir exhibited rings, watch chains, diamond pins and watches. He would sell the rings at 50 cents each, the chains at \$1, the pins, not real diamonds, but "Montana" diamonds, at \$5. Of course if anyone wished to sell this stone afterwards for \$100, as a real diamond, that was none of his business. The watches would be sold at \$20 each. So the grafter began selling rings at 50 cents each and giving the money back. He would sell three dozen rings. The remark was heard that he could not sell that many. "What," roared the fakir, "I can't, can't? I'll just show the gentleman that I can sell these rings and sell them, not at 50 cents, but at—well, I won't say \$1. I'll say \$2 apiece." He scribbled his initials on a piece of paper, inserted it in a ring and offered the combination for sale at \$5, soon securing a taker. He pretended to be about to give the money back, when a better thought struck him. He deposited the \$5 in a box and put \$2 more of "the company's money on top of it, saying to the purchaser, "Stand right where you are. Don't move." The sale of rings was lively, each purchaser expecting to get the \$2 back and \$2 more with it. The knowing ones knew, of course, that it was a "skin game," but did not rightly locate the point at which the "skinning" would take place. They felt safe in buying the rings, for was he not going to sell chains, pins and watches? All the while, the lady sat in the back and smiled at each purchase. Pretty soon she would swallow the knife. When the sharper had sold as many rings as possible, he called in the slip which he had given with each purchase and redeemed each one with a watch chain. Then he announced that the show was over and that he would be in the same place at 7 o'clock in the evening to sell ladies' goods and watches. Probably also the lady would swallow the knife at that time. But he never came back.

For \$2 each purchaser has a brass ring and a tin watch chain, possibly aggregating 25 cents in value. The fakir is supposed, on a rough estimate, to have secured about \$100. He is young, good looking, with a mesmeric flow of language and a phenomenal smoothness.

MURDER AND SUICIDE

George Carter Kills Wife and Self at Eugene Thursday.

George Carter killed his wife and then committed suicide Thursday afternoon. Carter was 36 years old, and his wife about the same age, and the tragedy is the result of troubles which have existed for some time.

The shooting was witnessed by one child and a neighbor named Rask. Carter came to the house where his wife was, and she met him in front of the house, which is across the street from the university campus. They had some sharp words for a few minutes, he Carter grasped his wife and held her with his left hand, while with his right hand he drew a .28-caliber revolver from his pocket, pressed it against her head and pulled the trigger. The woman died almost instantly, and as soon as Carter found that he had accomplished his purpose he placed the muzzle of the weapon to his own temple and blew out his own brains. His death was not instantaneous, and he lingered for 40 minutes before he died.

For a bad taste in the mouth take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25c. War-ranted to cure. For sale by all druggists.

...A RED TAG SALE...

We believe that the good news of this great sale will be the best news in this paper.

On Monday, January 5th,

we will commence our famous RED TAG SALE. We will go through our stock and RED TAG all the odd Winter Suits and Overcoats, Boys' and Children's Clothing, Men's Trousers, etc. By odd suits we mean suits where we have small broken lines and broken sizes in the lot.

Wherever you see the BIG RED TAG attached to the goods it will mean that you can buy the article at a big reduction in price. Our goods are all marked in plain figures, and the RED TAG PRICES will be marked on the RED TAG. Genuine reductions, no fakes. The goods must go, so make up your minds in the start that this RED TAG SALE will be something out of the ordinary. We have only one ambition, and that is to convert our stock into cash and make room for our new Spring stock. The goods will go quickly at RED TAG prices. It will pay you to make clothing investments during this sale. It means big interest on your money. Watch the papers and don't blame us if you don't get here on time.

..P. H. Harth & Son..

Wish You a Happy New Year's

Holiday gifts combining artistic merit and rare utility are Scarce. . . .

THE "STANDARD" GRAND.



Fills the bill. It is a beauty, and makes the chain or lock stitch at the will of the operator. It is one of the best gifts possible to make.

For sale by

Joseph Moss, the Real Estate Agent.

Clothing at Popular Prices



Welch's Clothing Store, Opera House Block, Grants Pass, Oregon.

You Can Get Your

Winter's Reading

at little cost at Col. W. Johnson's, North Main Street opposite the S. P. D. & L. Co's factory. He has the largest stock paper or bound books in Southern Oregon, comprising both light and deep literature.

Books To Suit All

Adventure, Biographical, Detective, Historical, Juvenile, Love, Realistic, Sensational. Learn how you can become a member of the Circulation Library and read these books at a small cost. Call or send for Catalogue.

Col. W. Johnson.

CHRISTMAS HILARITY

Young Men Make Things Lively at Restaurant.

On Christmas eve several young men, having on board a plentiful supply of liquor, decided that life at the Depot restaurant was altogether too slow and proceeded to enliven the establishment by kicking over tables, smashing dishes and other pleasantries of a similar character. The proprietor, not being appreciative of the funny side of the situation, called in the police and the young men were removed to the city jail, to exercise their hilarity there.

The Luddington Placer Mine.

W. J. Cooney has leased the Luddington placer on Foothills creek from the Bogue River Mining & Milling Co. and has gone to take personal charge of the operations. This placer is one of the excellent properties of the district and gives good returns. It has a good hydraulic equipment.

Coming Events

January 9—Lecture by Col. Crawford at Woodman hall.

January 12—Circuit court convenes.

January 26—County court convenes.

Advised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Grants Pass postoffice, Saturday, December 27, 1902:
Ladies—
Miss Mabel Wilson,
Nora Fraser,
Gentlemen—
J. W. Williams,
Arthur Adams,
C. E. Burke,
M. J. Hayes,
George A. and Frank R. Henry,
George A. Henry,
George Hornor,
P. B. Kimball,
John Lettchen,
Albert Law,
J. H. Lewis,
John B. McCormick,
C. E. Harmon, P. M.