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is often acceptable in the selection of Christmas gifts. We will gladly offer you suggestions and endeavor to assist you in the sometimes arduous task of purchasing these remembrances. Our line consists of Cut Glass, Toilet Sets, Traveling Cases, Fountain Pens, Safety Razors, Manicure Sets, Hand Bags, Fancy Stationery, Military Brushes and the largest line of books in the city.

Sabin the Druggist

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Misses Bessie and Freda McColm were visitors at Medford Sunday.

Mrs. T. L. Elliot of Portland, visited her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Scott, last Wednesday.

Mr. Herman Messinger of Provoit, was doing Christmas shopping in town Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Ireland arrived Thursday morning from Portland to spend the holidays with the home folks.

Mrs. M. A. Delameter of Portland is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. E. T. McKinstry.

Miss Oro Willson, who is teaching the Provoit school, came in Friday evening to spend the holidays at home.

Merchant Barlow, of Galice, was in town Monday and Tuesday looking after some important legal business at the court house.

Miss Bessie McColm, the New Hope school teacher, is spending the holidays with her parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Harth left for Portland Thursday to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Roy S. Willson.

Mrs. John Cousino and Mrs. T. Shattuck who have been visiting at Tahama, Cal., returned to this city Tuesday.

Mrs. Otto Dunlap, of Portland, arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Coron.

Little Bernice Umphlett went to Portland Wednesday evening to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. L. B. Wickersham.

A. B. Ellison and family are at Medford spending the holidays with Mr. Ellison's parents. They will return after the New Year.

Mrs. Robt. F. Randolph and little daughter of Hugo, are spending Christmas with the family of E. T. McKinstry.

Mr. and Mrs. Dal Tuttle and son arrived from Fort Jones, Cal, to spend Christmas with Mrs. Green's mother, Mrs. S. A. Green.

John Lietha, one of the best horticulturists of the Northwest, arrived in the city this week and will make it his home. He was here several months ago and was so favorably impressed that he decided to make the change from Seattle.

Attorney C. H. Clements made a change in his offices in the Shallhorn building, and by a little artistic remodeling and new furniture, has excellent quarters, and his many clients will find comfort in visiting him.

A. H. Carson and family spent several days in Grants Pass the latter part of last week returning to their home at Redlands Saturday. This was the first trip Mrs. Carson had made to this city in seven months.

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Willets, formerly of this place but now of Roseburg, spent Tuesday in the city. They have been for the past three months in San Francisco, where Mr. Willets is working in the interest of the locomotive engineer's brotherhood.

Mrs. Andy McCarthy and little son returned Tuesday from a two weeks' visit at Sacramento, Tahama and Ashland. Mr. McCarthy accompanied them to Sacramento and remained about a week, returning home about 10 days ago.

Receiver Smith, of the Gilman Bedrock Mining Company, spent a couple of days in town his week on legal business. He is making a strong effort to close up the business and bring everything out all right, with no great loss to the stockholders.

F. R. Fuller and family left Tuesday evening for Corvallis, where Mr. Fuller has accepted a position on the Gazette. He came to Grants Pass with the idea of opening an oyster market, but concluded that there was no a sufficient demand to make it a success. During his short stay in this city he has made many friends who regret to learn of his departure.

Leave your orders early for Oysters for Christmas, at Russell's.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Gillette came down from Portland this morning to spend Christmas with the family. They will return probably Sunday. The first thing Mr. Gillett noticed on his arrival in town was the beautiful apple displays, and he remarked that the Newtown Pippins and Spitzbergs beat anything exhibited by Hood River in the windows of Meler & Frank at Portland. Well, Mr. Gillette always was a booster.

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MERLIN DEPARTMENT

Lon Martin came down from the Alameda mine Tuesday evening and will go on to Portland to spend the holidays.

J. D. Mason, of Talent, is spending the holidays with his son Milt and renewing old acquaintances in Merlin.

Mrs. Chas. E. Short returned Sunday morning from Portland, a little sooner than expected—but Charlie don't care.

A. L. Edgerton will begin the construction of two cottages on the lots he recently purchased, next week.

R. L. Burghart, of Salem, who has recently taken a working lease on the Oriole mine at Galice, passed through Merlin Wednesday with a party of capitalists who were going down to examine the property.

Mrs. Alice Bacon is clearing up a large part of her 80 acre tract just north of town with the intention of planting it to Tokay grapes. The success which attended her last year's effort in this line has encouraged her to greater endeavors.

It is expected that work on the flume of the Three Pines Timber Co. will commence again in a few days, and many of the boys have already secured work on it for the winter.

J. R. Harvey, C. L. Barlow and D. L. Smith, of Galice, passed through Merlin Tuesday. They report mining matters in their district in excellent condition.

Several of the boys went over on Pickett Creek to a dance Tuesday evening. They report a jolly, good time, although they did not enjoy the going and coming through the heavy rain.

Several of the school children have been on the sick list the past week. Among those who have been absent on this account are Gerlie Robertson, Audrey Schaffer, Clarence Emerick, Nathan Gale, Vaughn Massie and Martha and Violet Carter.

H. E. Booth attended to business in Roseburg Tuesday. He was surprised at the number of green slips he saw on the streets of that city announcing that "There'll be something doing in Merlin very soon."

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gale were shopping in the Pass on Wednesday.

John Lanterman, who homesteaded the townsite of Merlin, has been on the sick list several days the past week, but is around again.

Mrs. Thompson, mother of Frank and Charley, accompanied by her two daughters, Anna and Lenna, left Saturday evening for Nebraska, where the girls will attend school. They will be missed in our younger social circle, in which they were considered leaders.

Apparently undismayed by past reverses, the progressive element of Merlin seem determined to have a new school house of which they can be proud, and a petition has been presented to the school board asking that a special election be called for the purpose of voting bonds in the amount of \$8,000 for that purpose.

Something of a commotion was created in Merlin Monday when Ed. VonAllman came in from his homestead and reported seeing a monster black bear on his way down. A company of sports was immediately organized and the woods were beaten for miles around with no trace of Sir Bruin. From one cause or another every dog in the district that could be depended upon in a bear chase has met a violent death during the past season, and much regret has been expressed that at least one of them had not been spared for emergency use.

Merlin has many things to be proud of and does not hesitate to brag on anything in which it excels. Just now she presents to the world the champion Old Fogey. There is a man here who is convinced that the proposed electric line from Merlin down Rogue river to the coast will kill the town that a new school house will never be needed, and that if the district is put under irrigation nine-tenths of the farmers will go broke trying to pay taxes. He can also see dire failure following every man who is clearing land for the purpose of putting out fruit trees and the utter uselessness of any effort to improve the town. There are other things concerning which he has original ideas, but these we will keep in reserve until some other district contests his right to be considered champion.

Josephine Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Reames Chapter, Royal Arch Masons and Melita Commandery, Knights Templar held their installation jointly at the Masonic temple Wednesday evening in the presence of about 200 members of the Masonic fraternity and their wives. After the installation ceremonies a pleasing program was rendered and an elaborate lunch was served in the banquet hall.

LOCAL EVENTS.

Nearly every family in the valley has visited the city this week for the purpose of making Christmas purchases.

BORN.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stidham, Monday, December 21, 1908, in Grants Pass, a boy.

The Courier office is equipped to handle job printing of all kinds. Our work is right and our prices reasonable.

Last Tuesday, December 22, was the shortest day in the year. From now on each day will be a trifle longer and before we realize it spring will be here.

Fred Smith is building a new house on 5th street between L and M streets. The house is to be modern in every respect and will consist of 5 or 6 rooms and a bath.

The Grants Pass Cannery shipped a car load of spray to Medford this week. Nearly every fruit grower in the Rogue River valley is using this spray and all say it is excellent.

The carpenters are at work putting on an addition to the residence of C. G. Coutant on 6th street near the bridge. The new part will make the home recently purchased both convenient and attractive.

H. D. Norton is being congratulated on winning a suit in the U. S. Circuit Court at Portland last week for Geo. W. Light for damages against the Southern Pacific in the sum of \$12,750. The case was begun in 1904.

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J. D. Drake has moved his small house on L street between 5th and 6th to the front of the lot and will add on to it a five-room cottage. Completed the house will add to its improved appearance of set.

Joe Roach is putting on an addition to his blacksmith shop on Sixth street. The new structure is creating a great deal of interest as it is built in a way practically new in Grants Pass, the wall and front being of concrete.

H. L. Andrews has resigned his position as Secretary of the Commercial Club, and after a much-needed vacation will probably engage in the real estate business in his city. Mr. Andrews made an efficient secretary and the club will have difficulty in filling his place.

The Courier will be glad to receive notices from all those who entertain at Christmas. Let us have them before the next issue. The same applies to New Years, and in fact, to all times. When anything occurs which would be of interest to readers, inform us of it.

Harvey Moore has just completed the erection of a small house on M street between 5th and 6th, and has his family comfortably quartered therein. The house is well back on the lot, leaving room for the construction of a modern residence which Mr. Moore contemplates building next summer.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

Dr. Flanagan, Physician and Surgeon. Go to Coron for Plumbing.

J. E. Peterson, Pioneer Insurance Man. M. Clemens, Prescription Druggist. A splendid line of Royal Charter Oak Ranges at Coron's.

Alfred Letcher, Registered Optometrist and Jeweler in Dixon's old stand, Front St. Eyes tested free. A nice line of pipes for Christmas at Russell's.

An up-to-date line of ladies shoes at Gardner & Co's.

All trimmed hats at 25 per cent discount at Mrs. Waughtal's.

The most complete line of shoes to be found is at the Sugar Pine Store.

Co-operative prices on new and second hand goods at the "Headquarters," City Hall building.

"Headquarters" for bargains in new and second-hand goods City Hall building, 6th St. 12-11-11

We are having a sale now on the following goods: Men's and Boys' Sweaters at cost, Blankets and Comforters and a few odd numbers in Shoes, at Gardner & Co's.

Fascinating Pyrography 150 page illustrated catalog No. 2 free. Woodard, Clarke & Co., Portland, Oregon. 12-11-11

Christmas at the Churches.

The churches of Grants Pass will celebrate Christmas in a fitting manner this year, and if anyone in the city does not have a full stocking, it will not be the fault of these institutions.

At the Bethany Presbyterian the Christmas tree exercises will be held Friday evening, and on Sunday night there will be a Christmas concert.

The Baptist church will have their tree Thursday evening at 8 o'clock and at the same time will give a program of recitations and music.

The tree at the Christian church will be lighted and the gifts distributed Friday evening. They have also prepared a program and cantata for the same evening.

The Newman M. E. Sunday school will give a beautiful Christmas entertainment on Thursday evening at the church. The church will be appropriately decorated. The program will consist of songs and choruses, and solos, both vocal and instrumental. A short address and the usual treat for the little folks.

The Christmas services at the M. E. Church South will be held this (Thursday) evening, and will consist of a tree and program.

Fence Talk

The fence that has come to stay is the woven wire fence made of galvanized wire. Its advantages over board or rail fences are apparent to every man that thinks. We talk about Pittsburgh Perfect electrically welded fence because we believe it is the best fence on the market today. It is made on the latest scientific principles from the best grade of wire, and every rod of the fence is Guaranteed. We have this fence in stock in Field Fence, Razorback and Improved Poultry Fence. You ought to know the good points of Pittsburgh Perfect before you place your orders.

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For your Holiday Shopping you can find what you want in the way of

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New Walnuts and Almonds, Oranges, Cranberries, Raisins, Dates, Currents, Figs, and say, you can get just what you want in Candies at

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The Usual Large Assortment of Holiday Goods

- Cut Glass
- Comb and Brush Sets
- Fancy Boxed Stationery
- Cigars and Pipes
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- Toilet Sets
- Military Brushes
- Perfume in Fancy Cases
- Mirrors
- Christmas Cards
- Post Cards and Albums
- Books and
- Popular Novels
- Fancy Playing Cards
- Conklin's Fountain Pens

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Invites inspection of his very large and varied assortment of Furniture, Carpets, Rugs, Portiers, Couch Covers, Lace Curtains, all suitable

For Christmas Gifts

At prices the lowest. We are setting aside Christmas presents already. Come and make your selections. Have a few White Sewing Machines will sell very cheap to close.

A. U. BANNARD

NORTH SIXTH STREET GRANTS PASS, ORE.

N. B.—A large lot of Ostermore Mattresses just received; sold at factory price.

To all our Friends and to Everybody, we wish

A Merry, Merry Christmas

AND A

Happy and Prosperous New Year

H. C. BOBZIEN

The White House Grocery



"This would make anybody smile."

Holiday prices on Nuts and Candies. Nuts much lower in price over last season.

- A good soft shell English Walnut, our special, per pound... 15c.
- A good soft shell Almond, per pound... 15c.
- 7 pounds of either... \$1.00
- These are new crop 1908 nuts.
- Our own mixed nuts, per pound 12 1/2 c
- WALNUTS, ALMONDS, PEANUTS, No doughnuts.

- Los Netos No. 1 soft shell Walnuts, per pound... 20c.
- A fine paper shell Almond... 20c.
- Our Very Best, the King-Pin of Walnuts, Oregon's Franquette, a meaty nut—only a limited quantity, per pound... 20c.
- Generally sell for 25c in Portland.
- Brazil Nuts (Nigger Toes) lb 20c
- Fibers, the large smooth kind 20c
- Italian Chestnuts... 20c.

CANDIES

- A good plain mixed candy, per pound... 15c
- Lumps and Drops, a bright, pure candy... 15c
- Chocolate Creams—very good... 25c.
- Peanut chews will please the children. Special per pound... 20c.
- Jelly Beans, mint and wintergreen lozengers... 20c.
- A fine French Mixed Candy, per pound... 25c.
- Fancy Cluster Raisins in one and two pound pkgs, per lb... 20c.
- California Black Figs... 08c.
- California Mission, extra good... 10c.
- California White Figs in pkgs 05c.
- New Seeded Raisins, Currants, Seedless Sultanas, Etc.

ORANGES

- "Faron Browns"... 30c.
- Southern Navels... 40c.
- Washingtons... 50c
- Bananas, Cocoanuts and the celebrated "Howe" Cranberries.
- Lettuce to arrive for the last of the week.
- Fresh Oysters, 50 cents. Regular quart cans to arrive the 23rd. Leave your orders early.

The White House Grocery