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GOOD EVENING

UPON THE WILLAMETTE.—We have received with compliments of Lieut. Harry Taylor, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A., the Annual Report upon the Improvement of the Willamette and Lower Columbia Rivers and Their Tributaries, Oregon and Washington, in the charge of Thos. H. Handbury, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A. This report, accompanied by an appendix, in which is given a full report of the work being executed at the Cananda, \$150,000 has been appropriated for improvements above that. Can you put your finger on it, giving the past year the principal work when snagging. There is a balance of \$17,477.57 available for work upon the river. The report says this will be used for improving the river, snagging, etc. Mr. Handbury asks for \$50,000 the coming year. He thinks that the \$10,000 or \$12,000 a year will keep the river in condition. The amount of commerce on the river justifies a large appropriation. The following shows the amount of business on the river above Portland for the year ending June 30, 1903:

	Tons.
Grain, (402,136)	7,660
Coal	14,639
Timber	2,247
Stumpage	411
Other	395
Total	140,868

TO THE POINT.—The Salem board of aldermen in which it denies the assertions of the governor and brands his statements as false and aver that, notwithstanding the growing depression there is no widespread destitution or actual want in Oregon, and that the governor in claiming that one-third of our people are without employment while one-third are without the means of subsistence was guilty of gross misrepresentation; and we request our representatives in congress to present these resolutions to the president of the United States to deny, in both senate and house, the truth of the governor's statements. While sitting that Oregon is suffering from the falling hard times, we confidently claim that there is less poverty here in proportion to the population than in any other state in the union, and the prospects for the future excellent.

DESERVES A PENSION.—Daniel Harris of Sheridan is a survivor of the Mexican war, served seven years in the United States army and was off the coast of Mexico in 1847. He was an able seaman on the frigate "Albatross" of 64 guns, and witnessed the bombardment of the land and naval operations upon Vera Cruz. The "Albatross" was ordered to batter the walls of the fortification under command of Capt. O'Leary. General commanded the 10,000 soldiers landed on the ships, and Commodore Perry directed the movements of the fleet. Uncle Dan is 70 years of age, and time has not dealt as gently with him as it might have done, though he is still cheerful and happy. Mr. Harris is a pioneer, having come to Oregon in 1850. He gets a pension of \$8 per month, and went to McMinnville Wednesday for examination for an increase of \$4 per month, which he ought to obtain by reason of honorable service to his country. Sheridan Sun.

THE CHINESE WILL REGISTER.—F.C. of the internal revenue office, in the city today and notified the taxmen of the city by posting notices personally that he would be at this office on Jan. 12, 13, 14 and 15 prepared to receive applications for registration, with accompanying photographs, the head of each must be at least 1 1/2 inches from the hair to base of chin. Chinese merchants may also procure certificates, but it is not necessary. Mr. Geer reports that the Chinese are all anxious to register, and in this city they will do so. He was in the city yesterday, where they registered last night.

THE ROSEBURG PLAINDEALER.—One of the speculators of this city recently sent a carload of apples to a San Francisco commission house. A few days later was sent a bill for \$41, being the balance due the commission house for freight and commission charges. The carload cost here in Roseburg in the neighborhood of \$200. And it is rather tough on the speculator to lose not only the first cost but in addition thereto.

WHAT WE EAT.—Very largely make us what we are. No thought can pass through the mind without leaving some effect, however slight. Many slight impressions, in time, make mighty changes. It's the same with the body. Abuse it with poor food and take the consequences.

HOLIDAY CROCKERY.—I am closing my stock of fancy crockery. I do intend to carry such goods longer have put a price on my stock to sell S.E. Young.

HOLIDAY HANDKERCHIEFS.—Largest stock of silk and linen handkerchiefs in city at S.E. Young's.

HAIR MACHINES.—Machines neatly repaired and cleaned by a thoroughly competent workman at F.M. French's jewelry store, Albany.

HAIR.—Whatever may be the cause of blanching the hair may be restored to its original color by the use of that potent remedy Vegetable Sulfur Hair Renewer.

SAUER KRAUT, mixed pickles, chow chow, cranberries, lemons, and Lemons, and new raisins at C.E. French's.

HOME AND ABROAD

Remember the poor.
The Oregon Pacific is at low tide.
A lot of household furniture for sale, enquire at the Ladies Bazaar.

Feed for sale. Bran and chaff, at low prices. Call on A.B. McIlwain.
Corral will have a skating rink this winter, 10 cents admission, 15 cents for skates.

Don't fail to hear Mr. Ellis whistling solo. It is truly wonderful. Get your seats early.

Call at A.B. McIlwain's for bargains in boots and shoes. The best men's shoe in Albany for \$1.25, also in ladies, for the same price.

Jefferson mills flour is the best fancy patent roller process. Every sack guaranteed. For sale by A.B. McIlwain at 70 cents a sack.

The meeting of the college Y.M.C.A. beginning at this city on the 6th promises to be a successful one. 50 students are expected in attendance.

Receiver Hadley should do his level best to pay the material men up the Santiam at least part of their claims. This will be only human, for many are in actual need.

Samuel McCoon died at the residence of his son, Hosmer P. McCoon, yesterday morning, in San Diego, aged 91 years. He was the oldest Free Mason in the United States, having been admitted in 1833.

It is reported from the head office at Corvallis that the Willamette Valley, which has been under attachment at San Francisco, has been released and will sail for Newport on next Sunday.

In the recent Woodburn fire the North-west Insurance Company carried \$7000 insurance, the State of Salem, \$1800, and the Farmers and Merchants, of Albany, \$600, the latter being on the building of P.A. Cochran.

The Midwinter Fair will be opened on Jan. 1st. It will be the greatest event of the kind in the history of the coast. People should go who can afford it; but don't be extravagant in the matter.

Rev. Edward Rigby, chaplain of the house is only 25 years of age. He offers short, pointed prayers, and when he preaches it is in the live foot ball rush of the day, from the shoulder as well as from the heart.

Dr. Geo. S. Wright, of McMinnville is at the Revere House, where he is prepared to attend to bad or aching teeth, and will insure the painless extraction of teeth by a process which he uses.

An early closing movement to begin next week is in order among the stores. Give the clerks a chance as well as the merchants. There is little business done after 7 o'clock, and such a move helps everybody affected by it.

A.B. McIlwain sells four one pound papers of fresh roast coffee for \$1.00, and 18 pounds of granulated sugar for \$1.00, and 20 pounds of extra C sugar for \$1.00; 5 gallons Pearl coal oil for 75 cents; sack of best patent flour 70 cents. All goods guaranteed first class.

J.M. Wallace, H.F. Wallace and J.M. Kyle have bought the ditch running from the Santiam river to Salem and incorporated under \$50,000 stock. It will be known as the Sidney Company and is intended as power for the Salem Water works.

Ladd & Reeds Broadmead farm in Yamhill county says the Hillsboro Independent, is perhaps the most valuable tract of land in the state. There is under cultivation 3,500 acres of land besides what is used for pasture. It is said that \$1,000,000 has been spent in the purchase and improvement of the place.

The report comes to us from Oakville that a number of young men there pay no attention whatever to the game law but are daily killing Chinese pheasants. Our information is very reliable and no one need be surprised if a few arrests are made in that locality. It is said the officers of the law have both eyes open just now.

Prof. Mitchell, of the Scio schools, is in the city.

H.B. Keniston, of Halsey, was in the city today.

Roy Rober, the well-known mining inventor of Corvallis, was in the city today.

Miss Alma Story, of Portland, is in the city, the guest of Mr. D.B. Monteith.

Mr. Arch Johnson, cashier of the Scio bank, was doing Albany yesterday.

Mrs. Jerome Williams went to Portland yesterday on account of the dangerous illness of her sister.

Mr. Carlton Sox, of this city, now spending vacation at home is president of the College Y.M.C.A. of Standford University.

J.A. Dummert, traveling Y.M.C.A. secretary, was in the city today making arrangements for the annual college convention.

Rev. G.B. Allen left on last evening's train for his home in Oakland, Cal. There will be no service in the Universalist church until further notice.

WEAR 'EM OUT!
The way to do it is to take your washing to the Chinamen. If you want your work well done at living prices take it to Richard & Phillip's Steam Laundry. They know how without banging them around a pole.

NO SHRINKING.—Bring on your fine winter underwear. We guarantee not to injure them, as we take great care to wash them in soft water. Gentlemen starched work a specialty. The white laundries of Albany are getting the Chinese cornered. Give us your work and they will soon ease.

CITY LAUNDRY.
Mrs. C. Simpson, proprietor.

My fall line of MACINTOSHES and JOS. SAMERS, including many novelties for ladies, misses and children, is now on sale.

We are still selling Dress goods and Cashmere jackets at greatly reduced prices for cash. We invite you to examine the Revd. Peacock & Co. goods and prices.

CARNIVAL! CARNIVAL! CARNIVAL!
Clean towels to every customer at Viereck's shaving parlors.

See the New Improved Singer sewing machine. The best is always the cheapest. I. W. Sauer, agent. Office at F.M. French's jewelry store.

THE CARNIVAL OF NATIONS.

Another big house.
The Irish were on top.
The carnival last evening was about as lively as a Chicago stock exchange meeting.

The program gotten up by Mrs. S.A. Hart, and Misses Flora Mason and Ella Mead was a savory dish. An overture set Ireland on the move. Bert Van Cleave sang "The Bowery Grenadiers," with a practical illustration. Encored, Mr. Arch Hammer was heard in "Wearing of the Green," which was well done.

"The Linen Peddler" a live Irish comedy was presented by Bert Van Cleave, Will Galbraith, O.M. McFarland, Misses Flora Mason, Lillie Farrell and Lottie Ketchum. It took. Rev. Prichard sang Kilreary. Miss Helen Crawford read one of Tom Moore's best poems. Miss Lillie Farrell received an encore for her presentation of "Ringing the Bells for Sarah."

The grand march closed the program. The booths were well patronized, and several new features were noticed. The carnival is proving the greatest success of the season. Those who attend got a world's fair of enjoyment at least on a small scale.

The Americans will furnish the program tonight. It promises to be one of the best of the week. Among other attractions will be music by a guitar quintet, a comical recitation by Hugh Fisher, perhaps the wonderful Italian bear, and an elegant series of American tableaux. It will be a patriotic evening and everybody should be present.

Following is the program in detail:
Music by the orchestra.
"Columbia" by Audience.
Southern Melodies by Colored Trio.
Recitation by Hugh Fisher.
Old Black Joe, D.H. McCullagh.
Guitar Quintet.
Whistling solo, by Walter Ellis.
Solo, by Mrs. Langdon.
Declaration of Independence. "From Federalism to Freedom."
Sleeping Girl, Miss Nina Galbraith.
Godness of Sleep, by Mrs. Redeker.
Tableaux—Dark Ages, America discovered, Priscilla, John Alden and Priscilla, Ring of Liberty, The First president, Goddess of Liberty, Lincoln Freeing the Slaves, Carnival of Nations.

The receipts for the three nights have been \$210, of which \$125 was taken in at the door at 15 cents admission or four for 50 cents and \$85 at the booths.

Admission 15 cents, reserved seats 25 cents.

MISFITS

The E.O. shows how 11 arrests have been made there for selling liquor to Indians, at a cost of \$1,562.44. In order to make extra fees only one man is arrested a day.

A Yamhill county man and woman don't take much stock in each other. If C. Stock advertises that he will pay no debts contracted by his wife; and in the same column Mrs. L. Stock announces that she will pay none contracted by Herman Stock.

The contract for carrying the mail from Springfield to Foley springs in Lane county, has been let to a resident of Eugene, Florida; from Eugene to Florence, to a San Francisco man; from Eugene to Franklin, to a Chicago man; from Eugene to Siuslaw, to a Kentucky man. This sounds rather funny. The men submit the contract.

Two Dakota men met on the streets of Salem the other day, when one immediately broke loose to his friend about the hard times. "Why," he said, "this is a hell of a country. I came here for work, and 50 cents a day is the most I have been able to earn for the past three months." "Well," said his friend, "that is just 50 cents a day more than a man can get in Dakota, so we shouldn't find fault."—Salem Journal.

Hodges & McFarland, the leading drug store, Albany, Or.

Will & Stark, Dr. Jewellers.

Put up in neat watch-shaped bottles, sugar coated, Small Size Boute. 25c. per bottle.

2928
OF THE
FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
AT ALBANY, IN THE STATE OF OREGON.
At the close of business, Dec. 19th, 1903.

Resources:

Loans and discounts.....\$562,170.58
Overdrafts secured and unsecured.....3,700.00
U.S. Bonds to secure circulation.....20,000.00
Premiums on U.S. bonds.....3,332.50
Stocks, securities, etc.....240.35
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures.....15,000.00
Other real estate and mortgages owned.....2,100.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents).....8,896.36
Due from State Banks and bankers.....9,612.36
Due from approved reserve agents.....2,465.47
Checks and other cash items.....42.25
Notes of other National Banks.....280.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents.....70.00
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN HAND, VIZ:

Specie.....32,076.00
Legal tender notes.....200.00
Redemption fund with U.S. Treasurer (60 per cent of circulation).....900.00
Total.....\$605,000.19

Liabilities:

Capital stock paid in.....\$200,000.00
Surplus fund.....10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....25,608.33
National Bank notes outstanding.....15,000.00
Due to other National Banks.....2,154.97
Due to State Banks and bankers.....1,252.92
Individual deposits subject to check.....75,111.52
Demand certificates of deposit.....48,632.45
Total.....\$407,509.79

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF LANE, ss:
I, E.W. LANGDON, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E.W. LANGDON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Dec., 1903.
D.B. MONTEITH,
Notary Public for Oregon.

CORRECT—Attest:
L. FLINN,
E.E. BROWN,
E.F. SOX, } Directors.

DRUGS.

Stationery, Toilet Articles, Musical Instruments, Etc.

Hodges & McFarland,

The Corner Drug Store, Albany, Or.

THE O.P.

Yesterday afternoon at a meeting of O.P. employees it was decided to continue work until the first of February at least. No more material will be furnished though unless the money is in sight. While there is some wood in sight there is not enough to last very long. The outlook is not the best in the world; but generally there is sunshine after the heaviest clouds.

The Corvallis Times double leads the following, which is worth even slugs: At the moment of going to press the Times learns on positive authority that hereafter Receiver Hadley will charge nothing for his services as receiver.

Never before in the history of Benton county was as much legal talent represented in Corvallis as on Tuesday last. The profession was represented by the most brilliant lights of the Oregon bar as well as some of those from the eastern states. Inside the bar of justice which separated the fraternity from the laity, sat three ex-judges of the supreme bench, three ex-circuit judges, the attorney-general of Oregon, two senators and one representative of the last legislature, besides four judges of the probate courts, and other distinguished barristers.—Corvallis Times.

The O.P. is now an orphan indeed. No father, no mother, no home, no friends; starts nowhere and ends nowhere—and its future very uncertain.—Statesman.

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.—Miss Hattie Warner a graduate of the conservatory connected with Gates College, Neb., is prepared to give lessons in vocal and instrumental music to single pupils or classes, at reasonable terms. Miss Warner has had a thorough education and is an experienced teacher. Her references are: Prof. H.A. Shorey, William A. Trow and Mrs. Jennie Lee.

undersigned pro-
prietor of the Pioneer House desires to inform the public that he has reduced the price of board without lodging to \$3 per week, with lodging \$4 per week. Single meals 25 cents. The public is invited to call as I keep good beds and set a good table. Have firewood for sale. Corner of Broad and Water streets. J.H. MERANDA.

New Advertisements.

WANTED.—A girl to do general housework. Inquire at this office.

LOST.—Valise containing several articles with names on. If found please return to H. Parker or leave at Parker Bros.

WANTED.—A family in town or country who will take a boy twelve years of age who wants to go to school and do choring taking care of cow or horse to pay part of his keeping. A reasonable amount in addition will be paid by his father for his care and keeping. Parties will call at this office.

COUNTY WARRANTS.—Bought and sold by H.F. Merrill.

AGENTS make \$5 a day. Greatest kitchen utensil ever invented. Re-tails 35c. 3 to 6 sold at every house. Sample, postage paid, five cents. McMAKIN & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

FOR RENT.—This opera house store, splendid location. Call on the secretary at the DEMOCRAT office for particulars.

WE WANT YOU TO WORK FOR US this making? .00 to \$35.00 PER WEEK. Parties preferred who can furnish a horse and travel through the country; a team, though, is not necessary. A few vacancies in towns and cities. Spare hours may be used to good advantage. B.F. JOHNSON & Co., 11th and Main Sts., Richmond, Va.

AGENTS MAKE FIVE DOLLARS a day selling the greatest kitchen utensil ever invented. Re-tails for thirty-five cents. Two to six can be sold in every house. Millions sold in this country alone. Don't miss the greatest opportunity ever known to make money, easy and quickly. Sample sent, postage prepaid for five cents. McMAKIN & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

W TAYLOR.

House Cleaner Gardener and General Jobber.

Carpet Laying and Cleaning, Chimney Cleaning, Whitewashing and Window cleaning a Specialty.

Call at Boot Black Stand near Landreth's shaving parlors.

CENTRAL

Poultry and Fish Market.

Broadway, between Second and Third Sts., ALBANY, OR.

Poultry, Fish, Oysters, Clams, Game in Season.

Everything nice and fresh. Give us a call.

SCHMEER & CALLAHAN

I. A. Morris & Co.

Flour and Feed Store.

Have removed their store to opposite the Ross House, and have on hand a full stock of

CHOPPED FEED:

Custom chopping done.

CORVALLIS FLOUR, BRAN, SHORTS CERM MEAL, GRAHAM, BUCK-WHEAT, RYE FLOUR, HAY, OATS, STRAW AND

WORTH CONSIDERING

If you want a fine smoke call for Joseph's white labor cigars.

The best roast coffee in the city at Conrad Meyer's.

Call on Will & Stark for bargains in Holiday jewelry.

Will & Stark's large line of silver ware has created a great deal of talk.

Get your holiday goods at Hodges & McFarland. The best stock to select from.

Motor makes five trips daily to Viereck's addition. Lot there on installments of \$1 per week.

The O.K. Grubber is sold on trial. To try one does not mean you are compelled to buy. Mfg'd by JAS. FINNEY & SONS, Brooks.

In selecting your holiday goods do not fall to call on Hodges & McFarland. They have a fine line of goods, embracing a large stock of plush goods, including an elegant line of perfumery, etc.

Get your holiday goods of Will & Stark. Their stock, because it is large and varied, and their prices because they are low will make it an object. Besides they will give away to their customers \$75 worth of silverware.

Genuine parts for all sewing machines, also the best oils, needles, etc., for all sewing machines, bicycles, etc., at E.U. Will's music store. Sewing machines and organs repaired reasonable, and all work warranted. Needles prepaid by mail 40c a dozen.

Baths at Viereck's shaving and hair styling parlors.

BUY HEATING STOVES

FROM

Matthews & Washburn.

Is the Best Good Enough?

Then call on the undersigned for your GROCERIES

and produce, for they are the best in the market

Also a fine line of crockery and toys for the holidays.

Perry Conn.

Good Times.

The way to have them is by getting your

HOLIDAY GOODS

OF

H. EWERT.

He has a fine stock of gold and silver men's and ladies' watches, rings, gold headed cane, an elegant line of silverware and jewelry of all kinds to select from. Call on him or reliable goods at prices to suit the times.

\$75 Worth

Of Silverware

Will be presented the customers of

WILL & STARK,

genuine HOLIDAY gifts, and it won't cost you a cent. They have the finest stock of goods in the valley in their line, as an inspection will convince any one. Call and see for yourselves.

OUR STOCK LACKS nothing but buyers.

They will come. They will be satisfied. They will buy at

THE FAIREST PRICES EVER MADE FOR SUCH QUALITIES.

Visitors are not asked to BELIEVE but are shown goods to CONVINCE them that we are leading the trade

in STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS, LADIES FINE SHOES etc.

If you want VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY call on us.

Yours Truly

READ, PEACOCK & Co.