

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY

DR. L. S. SKIFF IS DEAD WILL MANAGE THE PRISON

HEART DISEASE WAS IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF DEATH. Resided in This City Since 1855—A Widow and Six Children Survive Him.

J. D. LEE, OF PORTLAND, TO BE SUPERINTENDENT. Succeeding A. N. Gilbert—L. B. Geer Named for State Land Agent—R. E. Moores, Printing Expert.

(From Daily March 9th.) After a brief illness of but two weeks duration, Dr. Lansing S. Skiff, one of Salem's pioneer residents, departed this life at his home, No. 265 Liberty street, at 11:40 last evening, in his seventy-seventh year.

(From Daily March 9th.) Gov. F. T. Geer yesterday made five appointments for positions under the state administration, and thereby stopped the petitioning and importuning on the part of fully ten times as many who were after the same positions. The appointments so made are as follows: J. D. Lee, of Portland, superintendent of the state penitentiary, to succeed A. N. Gilbert; appointment to take effect April 1st.

While the aged medical practitioner had been complaining for several days, his condition was not considered such as to warrant any serious apprehensions among the members of his family. Dr. Skiff contracted a cold two weeks ago today, which developed into the prevailing epidemic—a gripe—accompanied by pneumonia. Friday last, he was deemed convalescent, and gave every indication of recovering from his illness, but the first of the present week he suffered a relapse, which terminated in his demise at the hour above mentioned, the immediate cause of death, however, being heart failure, incident to pneumonia. The end was quite unexpected. At twenty minutes before midnight Dr. Skiff asked for some nourishment. His faithful and devoted help-mate went into an adjoining room to procure the preparation and, upon returning to the sick room an instant later, was shocked to find her husband had expired. The members of the family were called, and the attending physician, Dr. W. A. Cusick, was summoned, but life was found to be extinct.

L. B. Geer, of Silverton, state land agent, (the present incumbent being T. W. Davenport) under the law passed at the recent session of the legislature, S. B. No. 126, enlarging the duties of that office; to take effect April 1st. L. P. W. Quimby, of Portland, state game and forestry warden, under the law creating that position passed at the recent session of the legislature. Ross E. Moores, of Salem, state printing expert, to succeed A. F. Hofer.

The deceased was born in Syracuse, Onondago county, New York, March 12, 1822, and his ancestry is numbered among the Puritan settlers of New England. He was educated in the district schools of his day, and studied dentistry in his native town.

J. W. Bailey, of Portland, dairy and food commissioner, appointed for the reason that a doubt existed as to the legality of his election by the legislature, the appointment being made to carry into effect the apparent intention of the assembly. Joseph D. Lee, the new superintendent of the penitentiary, is an Oregon boy, having been born and raised in Polk county, on July 27, 1848. His father, Nicholas Lee, came to Oregon in 1847, and died in Dallas on July 11, 1879, his mother surviving her husband's death just eighteen months. Young Lee received a partial academic education in the LaCrosse academy, at Dallas. The greater portion of his boyhood was spent on the farm, or as a clerk in his father's store in Dallas. In 1872 he was admitted as a partner in the store, and in 1876 purchased his father's interest, and assumed entire control, and was for many years one of the leading merchants of Polk county. He was postmaster of Dallas from 1870 to 1873, and was also a member of the city's first board of trustees. In 1878 he was elected representative from Polk county, being the only republican elected on the ticket, and in 1880 he was elected state senator for Polk and Benton counties. He was one of the original sixteen who refused to go into the senatorial caucus in 1882. He was re-elected to the senate in 1884, and thus served through four sessions of the legislature in the upper branch. Some years ago he retired from business in Dallas and removed to Eastern Oregon, for his daughter's health, and about two years ago he returned to Western Oregon, locating in Portland, where he resides at present. He spent a good portion of the past year in the East, advertising Oregon for the state immigration society, returning home last September, when he was elected reading clerk of the senate, which position he held until the close of the regular session. He is a member of the M. E. church; he also holds membership in the I. O. O. F., and in the Masonic fraternity, and in both orders has gained signal honors.

In the excitement resulting from the discovery of gold in California he left for the new "Eldorado," sailing around Cape Horn. He arrived in San Francisco September 17, 1849. For several years he engaged in mining and store-keeping. In 1857 he resumed the practice of dentistry in California and Washington, in the latter state having an office at Olympia.

L. B. Geer, of Silverton, appointed to succeed A. N. Gilbert, is a first cousin of Gov. F. T. Geer, at whose hands he received the appointment. He was born in Knox county, Illinois, on March 11, 1845, and in 1847 crossed the plains with his parents and the father of Governor Geer, coming to Marion county, where the family settled in the Waldo hills. Here the boy grew to manhood, and was married in 1870, after which he went to Walla Walla, where he engaged in the business of importing and raising fine sheep and cattle, and there continued the business of importing and dealing in fine live stock. In 1882 he returned to Marion county, and established himself on the old homestead, which he has since managed. Mr. Geer's father, R. C. Geer, was widely known as a pioneer, and was a member of the convention which gave to Oregon its constitution. He died in 1885, at a ripe old age. Mr. Geer has a wife, three sons and three daughters, one of the latter being married and residing in this county.

He was married to Mary A. Gardner, in Linn county, May 1, 1859, to whom were born six children, three sons and three daughters, all of whom, with the wife and mother, survive the departed. The children are: Mrs. Nettie A. McFadden, Wm. F. Skiff, Mark S. Skiff and Miss Pearl Skiff, all of Salem; Miss Estella Skiff and Frank S. Skiff, of Portland.

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The deceased was one of the most skillful and successful dentist practitioners of the coast, and enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. He was the founder of the Oregon State Dental Society, and served one year as president and two years as vice-president of that organization. He retired from the practice of dentistry in the summer of 1896, his sons, Mark S. and W. F., who had for many years been associated with him, taking charge of his office.

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The decedent was considered one of the substantial citizens of this city, and was elected to the office of five times to represent his ward in the city council. He was one of the most active men of this community in all enterprises looking to the advancement of the material welfare of the city and county in which he resided.

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AN OREGONIAN IN CALIFORNIA.

Writes about the Dry Condition in the Golden State.

Editor Statesman:

A few items from the metropolises of the Pacific and contiguous country may be of more than passing interest to your many readers, and especially to the producers and shippers of the Willamette valley, inasmuch as many of them are curious to know why the products of Oregon are not commanding better prices, and more attention in this once great trade center of the West.

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However, to give a concise and detailed analysis of the commercial conditions here in San Francisco would require more space in your columns than would be consistent, and yet columns of facts not generally understood among the producing classes of the Northwest, that would be of interest and benefit, could easily be added.

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It is well-known, although deplorable—that this state has had two consecutive dry-outs, and alarming prospects now exist for the third, although the rain of yesterday and today is timely, and of great benefit to the coast counties north of here; but the grain districts east and south did not get enough moisture to start a vigorous growth to grasses and cereals, hence the farmers are surely in a streak of hard luck.

Dr. Thompson was the only living son of J. I. Thompson of this city, five other children of the family having died within one week, a number of years ago. His mother, Mrs. Thompson, passed away a few months ago. J. I. Thompson, father of the deceased, when informed of his son's dangerous illness, hastened to California, but arrived at San Mateo several hours after death had claimed its reward.

But the most interesting feature of these conditions is the falling off in trade in the necessities of life, and the very limited stocks on hand; for instance: Members of the hay dealers' association inform me that the consumption of hay in the state has fallen off one-third or, in other words, from 300 tons daily to less than 200 tons. They also state that in one wheat-growing county lately the farmers recently bought over thirty cars of imported hay and, astonishing as it may appear, the market has steadily declined since a year ago. The same may be said of potatoes, flour, etc.

Dr. Thompson was married to Miss Emma Dorris, of Eugene, on October 18, 1882. Mrs. Thompson is now with her parents at Eugene, having gone there to remain, until such time as her husband would establish his practice permanently. The remains of the young physician will be interred in San Mateo, California.

I noticed a good article of dried prunes retailing at 11-12 cents per pound, popular brands of family flour at 35 cents per sack, and still the volume of trade continues to diminish.

Dr. Thompson was a general favorite in Salem, counting his friends by the hundreds. He was affable, courteous and obliging, and of him it might be truly said that he had no enemies.

F. S. BARZEE.

San Francisco, March 1, 1899.

At the beginning of the eighteenth century people were hanged in Great Britain for the illicit manufacture of salt.

FOUR DIVORCES GRANTED

YESTERDAY A BUSY DAY IN JUDGE BOISE'S DEPARTMENT.

Injunction Suit of Levi Herren vs. County Clerk Hall Argued and Submitted.

(From Daily March 9th.)

Yesterday was a busy day in Judge Boise's department of the Marion county circuit court. The major portion of the day was occupied in the hearing of divorce cases, with the result that, before adjournment, four divorces were granted, as follows: W. W. Murphy from Lucile Murphy; Martha King from William King; Emma J. Crossley from Frances M. Crossley, and Ida E. Griffin from Elmer S. Griffin.

During the afternoon the time was largely consumed in the argument of motion in the case of State of Oregon ex rel, Levi Herren, vs. W. W. Hall, et al., better known as the injunction suit brought to enjoin the payment by the county of a warrant held by the attorney, Geo. G. Bingham, for the collection of delinquent taxes. Messrs Pogue, Sherman and Fleming appeared for the plaintiff, J. M. Brown and F. T. Wrightman representing the county. A motion to strike out part of the answer and a demurrer to the answer were argued and taken under advisement by the court.

Divorce cases set for trial today are as follows: 9 a. m.—Jessie R. Parks vs. Arthur D. Parks. 10 a. m.—Lucy A. Adams vs. William Adams. 2 p. m.—Thaddeus Sterling vs. Emma M. Sterling.

Other entries made by Judge Boise yesterday were: Jessie A. Chatfield vs. H. A. Hunt, et al., equity; demurrer to complaint argued and submitted.

In the matter of the estate of Catherine O' Connor Darst; mandate from the supreme court. Ordered that this case be remanded to the county court. J. W. Cusick, et al., vs. J. C. Iuse, et al., motion for sheriff's deed. Ordered that present sheriff execute a deed. J. A. Baker vs. The Williams & England Banking Company, order to sell property granted as prayed for in the petition.

Court then adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

PASSED AWAY IN CALIFORNIA.

Dr. Hugh R. Thompson, formerly Bookkeeper at the Oregon Prison, Is No More.

A telegram received from J. I. Thompson by friends of the family in this city, yesterday, conveyed the sad intelligence of the demise, on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, of Dr. Hugh H. Thompson, of San Mateo, California, the immediate cause being scarlet fever.

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THE HOP SITUATION.

A PROMINENT DEALER ADDRESSES THE GROWERS.

He Predicts There Will Be Very Little Contracting This Year—Other Notes.

A circular issued by Hans C. Wahlberg, a hop dealer in Portland, and under date of the 7th inst., is as follows: "As usual with us, the month of March has bright spring in the air and in the ground as well, so that our hop growers have commenced to work their yards with a will and with the intention to make this year a record breaker in the way of raising the best crop that Oregon ever produced, both in quality and quantity. And most of our growers can certainly afford to give their full attention to, and work their plantations systematically, do the necessary spraying and be up to date in all details of the hop cultivation as they have received ample remuneration the last two years for their outlay and work. Last year the Oregon growers once more demonstrated to the world that when it comes to quality, they can produce a superior article second to none, having the very best natural requisites, it purely depends on their own intelligence and diligence whether they shall take the lead of the hop producing countries of the world.

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GREAT REDUCTION SALE OF DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING

We have just got through taking our inventory and find shelves and counters crowded with goods. Our spring goods are on the road. Some of them have begun to arrive and we need the money to pay for them. Therefore,

WE WILL MAKE SWEEPING REDUCTIONS ON ALL LINES OF GOODS

Fine Table Cloth, former price, 50 cents a yard—now 25 cents a yard. Turkey Red Table Cloth, fast color, formerly 50 cents a yard—now 25 cents. A large assortment of Dress Prints, formerly 50 and 60 a yard—now 25c a yd.

BROKEN LINES OF KID GLOVES

Very fine quality in small sizes worth \$1.50 to \$1.75 a pair, now 75c a pair. Misses' Kid Gloves, worth 75c to \$1.00 a pair, now 40 cents a pair. Fine Velling, latest style, worth 25 cents a yard, now 15 cents a yard. We have a cheaper line or Velling, all silk, that we will sell for 5 cents a yard. A large line of Ribbon Remnants, worth 15c to 25c each, goes now for 10c each.

EMBROIDERIES—1000 PATTERNS TO SELECT FROM

Fine Embroideries at 5 cents a yard. Fine Embroideries, 2 1/2 inches wide, for 6 1/2 cents a yard. Fine Embroideries, 3 1/2 inches wide, for 8 1/2 cents a yard. Fine Embroideries, 4 1/2 inches wide, for 12 1/2 cents a yard. Fine Embroideries, 10 1/2 inches wide, for 20 cents a yard. Fine Embroideries, 11 1/2 inches wide, for 25 cents a yard. All-over Embroideries, in white, black, red and blue. Several nice pieces of white Tucking at reduced prices. Fine Black Dress Goods, former price \$1.25 a yard, now 75 cents a yard. Fine Black Dress Goods, former price 65 cents a yard, now 37 cents a yard. Fine Black Dress Goods, former price 40 cents a yard, now 20 cents a yard. Fine Black Dress Goods, former price 25 cents a yard, now 12 1/2 cents a yard. Shirt Linings at 3 1/2 cents a yard; Waist Linings at 8 cents a yard. Velvets and Plushes at half price. Canton Flannels, formerly 6 1/2 cents a yard, goes now for 4 1/2 cents a yard, and better grades in proportion.

BLANKETS, COMFORTERS, TRUNKS AND VALISES

ALL AT REDUCED PRICES.

Men's Suits, formerly \$6.50 a suit, now \$4.00 a suit. Men's Suits, formerly \$9.50 a suit, now \$6.50 a suit. Men's Suits, formerly \$10.00 a suit, now \$7.50 a suit. Men's Suits, formerly \$12.00 a suit, now \$8.75 a suit. Men's Overcoats, formerly \$7.50, now \$5.00 each. Men's Overcoats, formerly \$12.00, now \$8.00 each. Men's Mackintoshes, formerly \$2.50, now \$1.75 each. Men's Mackintoshes, formerly \$4.50, now \$3.25 each. Men's Mackintoshes formerly \$5.00, now \$3.50 each.

Remember every article in the store at reduced price. Come and see for yourselves. Underwear, socks, over shirts, umbrellas, handkerchiefs, etc., included in this sale. Come early and get your pick of these goods, for the goods cannot be bought wholesale for the money.

Friedman's New Racket

Corner State and Commercial Streets.

S. C. STONE, M. D., Proprietor of

Stone's Drug Stores

SALEM, OREGON.

The stores, (two in number) are located at No. 235 and 333 Commercial street, and are well stocked with a complete line of drugs and medicines, toilet articles, perfumery, brushes, etc., etc., etc.

DR. STONE Has had some 25 years experience in the practice of medicine and now makes no charge for consultation, examination or prescription.

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BARROWS DECLINES.

Washington, March 8.—Ex-Representative Barrows, of Massachusetts, whose nomination as librarian of congress failed of confirmation by the senate, has again been offered the place as a recess appointment. Today Barrows presented a letter, declining the position.

MARRIED.

JOHNSON—WADKINS.—At the home of J. W. Harritt, No. 307 Church street, Salem, Oregon, Wednesday, March 8, 1899, at 2:30 p. m., Miss I. Ella Wadkins to Fred Johnson, both of Jefferson, Rev. J. J. Evans, of the First Christian church officiating. The happy couple will go to house-keeping on the farm of the groom, near Jefferson, where they will reside.

DIED.

FELTER.—At the Oregon state insane asylum, Salem, Oregon, on Tuesday, March 7, 1899, Mrs. J. S. Felter.

New Things

NEW BELTS NEW LACES NEW VAL LACES NEW TELESCOPE VALISES NEW TRUNKS NEW SHIRTS NEW GLOVES FOR MEN NEW SHOES—LADIES, MISSES AND CHILDRENS. Everything sold at lowest Racket prices. We carry only best standard lines of goods, buy and sell for cash and can save you money on nearly everything you buy. If you doubt this, come and see. We want to show you, anyway.

How's Your Eyes

KNOW A GOOD WHEEL WHEN YOU SEE IT? When you see the bearings, the cranks, the fork crowns, the joints, the inside and outside, both in the rough and finished state, don't you think your own judgment's worth something? That's what we want you to see on our \$40 and \$50 Tribunes. If you want to see the finest bearings it's possible to construct, come in. And those outside flush joints, too, and the dip bracing, too, all illustrated by the parts right before your eyes.

Now in

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\$38.00 Cash

Men's as well. All forty dollar ones, 10 per cent off for cash.

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