

# SALEM WOOLEN MILL STORE

... Opposite Capital National Bank ...  
 HEADQUARTERS FOR SALEM-MADE BLANKETS, MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING AND LADIES' SUITINGS.

## Sensible Christmas Gifts for Men and Boys

We don't pretend to carry a lot of trash and nonsensical jimcracks, but we would like to call your attention to some useful, practical articles that will appeal to your good judgment.

### A Smoking Jacket

Or house jacket. It's such a comfort to have one to wear while sitting about the fire on these long winter evenings. We've a new line of veritable beauties at

**\$5 to \$15.00**

### A Suit of Clothes

No gift could be more practical for man or boy. Our Men's Suits range all the way up to \$20.00, but we would not recommend one at less than \$10.00.

Youth's Suits, our own goods, at \$7.50 and up.

Knee-pant Suits, with and without vests, ages 8 to 16, at \$1.50 to \$7.00.

### An Overcoat

Men's overcoats, long, medium and short at \$5 to \$25.

Boys' Overcoats at \$4 and up.

### A Hat ...

If the hat or any other article you select does not fit it can easily be exchanged.

Men's and boys' hats, new styles, at

**\$1.00 to \$5.00**

### A Suit Case

Every young man takes pride in possessing one. He needs it on every trip. It's the only way to carry a nice suit in good order. We have them at

**\$1.25 to \$11.00**

Also grips, traveling bags and telescopes in great variety.

### A Pair of Gloves

Men's Dress Gloves, the very latest at

**\$1 to \$2**

Wool Gloves and lined gloves for men and boys at

**25c to 75c**

### A Pair of Fine Suspenders

Silk and fancy suspenders at 50c to \$2.50.

The President suspender, put up one in a box especially for Xmas gifts, at 50 cents.

Plenty of cheap ones if wanted.

### An Umbrella

All manner of plain and fancy handles to select from. Those we would especially recommend are from

**\$1.50 to \$5.50**

### A Silk Handkerchief

We've never shown such an assortment of plain and fancy silks. You must see them to appreciate their beauty and the values will astonish you. We have them for men and also for children at

**25c to \$1.25**

### A Necktie

Nearly 150 dozen brand new ties arrive this week — so you see you'll have almost an unlimited variety of the new colorings in all the late shapes from which to select and prices at

**25c and up**

### A Pair of Cuff Buttons

We show a handsome assortment at 25c to \$2.25.

### A Pair of Blankets

Is a fine present for anyone, especially for mother or wife.

White Blankets, perfect condition at

**\$4.00 to \$12.25**

Grey, Mottled, Scarlet and Vienna at

**\$3.15 to \$8.55**

We do not carry the cotton blankets.

If You Don't Know What to Get Come and See Our Other Christmas Offerings.

Salem Woolen Mill Store 254-6 Commercial Street.

## EDITORIALS OF PEOPLE

### Bill To Be Introduced Providing For Free Text Books

TO THE PUPILS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS PURCHASED WITH STATE SCHOOL FUND—FIRST STEPS TAKEN BY SALEM CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Organized labor in this state has taken up the question of free school books. Central Labor Union of this city took the first step at its November meeting, by the adoption of the following resolution.

"Whereas, The present system of providing school books is exceedingly burdensome to a great many families, and in numerous instances the inability to buy books results in the absence of the children from school; and

"Whereas, The state of Oregon has an immense amount of money belonging to the school fund lying idle in the treasury, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the interests of universal education, and accordingly the interests of the state as a commonwealth, would be materially advanced and the ends of substantial justice would be served by the state making provision to furnish free school text-books to all children of school age attending the public schools.

"Resolved, That we urge upon the Legislative Committee representing the forces of organized labor the preparation of a bill embodying the foregoing provisions, and its presentation to the coming Legislative session for enactment."

These resolutions have been endorsed by the Federated Trades Assembly of Portland, and the representatives of organized labor in the Legislature will undoubtedly introduce a bill in conformity therewith. There seems to be no good reason why millions of dollars should be sent out of the state for books that can just as well be manufactured here, and the furnishing of free text books to all school children, whether rich or poor, will not appreciably increase the burden of any taxpayer, while it will undoubtedly increase the attendance at our public schools, keep a large sum of money within the state and give employment to a number of skilled mechanics. We now furnish school houses and teachers free and to furnish free text-books would complete the freedom of our public schools.

It is worthy of note that the measure is fathered by a labor organization, and the fact should be instructive to those who appear to believe that the chief end and aim of these organizations is to harass capital. The labor union of today is developing into a great educational factor, and some of

the most beneficial laws on our statute books were placed there by the efforts of organized labor. UNION.

### ISAAC MANNING HOME

WILL LEAVE TODAY FOR HIS COFFEE PLANTATIONS IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

Isaac A. Manning, of Matagalpa, Nicaragua, arrived in Salem yesterday for a short visit with his father, Wm. Manning.

He will leave today on his way to his Central American home, where he is interested with his brother, Chas. T. and others, in a large coffee plantation. Mr. Manning comes from Pittsburg, Pa., where he has been helping to organize a company to be engaged in the business of roasting and marketing high grade Central American coffees. They will, of course, treat their own product, which will keep their Pittsburg plant busy for about one month out of the twelve. The amount of their own product is increasing every year, however.

Mr. Manning looks hale and hearty. The central American climate seems to agree with him. Mrs. Manning is at their home in Nicaragua.

### DURBIN MAKES REPORT

HERTZ CLOTHING COMPANY ASSETS \$6,578—BOTH MEMBERS HAVE OVERDRAWN.

F. W. Durbin, receiver for the J. C. Hertz Clothing Company, has filed his report and inventory of the business affairs of said firm.

The inventory shows the assets of the firm to be, including fixtures, accounts, stock, and cash on hand at the present date, \$6,578.90, divided as follows:

Merchandise ..... \$5,345.02

Bank accounts ..... 781.87

Cash on hand ..... 394.01

Fixtures ..... 159.00

Total ..... \$6,578.90

The report of Receiver Durbin further shows that John G. Hertz had drawn from the firm the sum of \$1,229.52 in excess of the salary paid, and that A. L. Lewis, the other member of the firm, had drawn \$65.35 in excess of the salary agreed upon.

This is the case in which A. L. Lewis, junior partner in the firm of J. C. Hertz & Co., recently brought action against Hertz for an accounting, which resulted in the appointment of Mr. Durbin as receiver to settle up the business of the firm.

### BLASTS FROM RAM'S HORN.

The church is the creature and not the creator of Christianity. To employ a revivalist will not help us evade our own responsibility.

The world is not a see-saw in which you go up by sending another down. One hypocrite may eclipse the sun to some, but he can not hide it from all. He who does not bear the burden of souls now will not bring his sheaves then.

Vote early and late for that piano.

## A BURGLARY IN TURNER

### The Store of Ransom & Son Was Entered and Robbed

AFTER AN EXCITING CHASE HE WAS APPREHENDED AND NOW AWAITS A CHANCE TO PLEAD GUILTY AND RECEIVE HIS SENTENCE.

The usually quiet village of Turner was awakened from its apathy on Sunday morning into great interest and excitement when the woods reverberated with the echoes of gun shots and a small posse of citizens came marching triumphantly into the town having in custody a real, live burglar whom they had succeeded in capturing after an exciting and exhausting chase across the fields and meadows in the vicinity of the town.

On Saturday night the general merchandise store of Ransom & Son, of Turner, was entered by means of the removal of one of the panes of glass from the front window and several articles of wearing apparel and of food were taken, together with some cash, amounting to about \$2.55. The burglar was so bold that he was almost caught in the act, but he strode away unconcernedly and without hindrance and was not apprehended until the next morning.

Henry Ahlhauser, the village blacksmith, while strolling down the street at a late hour of the night, saw a man standing in front of the looted store with a burning candle in his hand. He asked the fellow what he was doing there, but the audacious burglar made no reply, but coolly blew out his light and walked away.

Ahlhauser was very suspicious, however, and proceeded to hunt up the proprietor and report the occurrence to him. He succeeded in finding the elder Ransom and imparted the news to him, it so happened but not to their knowledge, within the hearing of the burglar, who calmly listened to their conversation; then turned and walked away.

Upon an examination being made, the blacksmith's worst fears were found to be all too true, and the alarm was given and a thorough search at once instituted, to no avail, however, for the burglar was nowhere to be found and the search was abandoned until morning.

Word was brought in by some hunters on Sunday morning that a man was seen a short distance out of town in an old shack along the railroad and a posse comitatus, consisting of four valiant citizens, armed to the teeth with shotguns and revolvers, was soon organized and started in quest of the quarry. The burglar, for it was none

other than he, witnessed the approach of the warlike enemy from the window of the shack and at once started off in a brisk canter across the meadow lands. The posse gave chase and was gaining upon the fugitive burglar at every jump, discharging their guns and challenging the fleeing outlaw. The burglar soon saw the fruitlessness of his efforts, and was brought to bay with a 32-calibre bull-dog revolver tightly clinched in his hand and breathing defiance at every gasp. He finally threw up his hands and surrendered and he now lies in the county jail here at Salem, awaiting an opportunity to plead guilty and receive his sentence.

His name he gave as C. W. Bennington, he is 18 years of age, of very slight build, his home is near Junction City, and he was returning from the harvest in Washington when his money gave out in Oregon City and he was driven to the crime by hunger and cold. Such is the substance of his story.

The articles he took from the store were: Three sweaters, pair of pants, piece of cheese, a can of beef and \$2.55 in change.

He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace H. L. Earl, of Turner, yesterday morning on the charge of burglary from a store, pleaded guilty and was bound over to the circuit court.

### FATAL MISSOURI WRECK

ENGINEER AND FIREMAN KILLED AND ONE PASSENGER WAS INJURED.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 3.—The west-bound limited passenger train on the Santa Fe was wrecked at Rothville, Missouri, shortly after noon today, causing the death of the engineer, Samuel A. Wise, of Argentina, Kansas, and the fireman, Alexander Havelin, and great damage to the engine and coaches.

John McKean, of New York, who received slight bruises, was the only passenger injured. The colored waiter had his arm broken and two other waiters were injured. The wreck was caused by the coaches being derailed on an open switch which the engine passed safely.

### FATALITIES FROM A FIRE

MENOMINEE FALLS, Wis., Dec. 3.—Fire late last night destroyed the general store and dwelling of Max Manthey, at Colgate, five miles north of here. Mr. Manthey, in attempting to escape, fell from the porch and broke his neck, dying a few minutes later.

In the excitement a child 8 years old was forgotten and was burned to death. Another child was fatally and three others seriously injured. The mother and two other children were the only ones to escape uninjured. Mr. Manthey was over 60 years of age. The family consisted of the father and mother and seven children, who, with the servant, were in the building at the time of the fire. It is thought the fire was caused by an overheated furnace.

### PACKING PLANT FOR LA GRANDE

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 3.—Bock & Thomas, a local firm doing a large butcher business, are preparing to establish a meat packing plant on the

## Beautiful Memorial CRAYON ENGRAVING Free to Our Patrons.

THE Publishers of the Statesman have made arrangements with the INTERNATIONAL ART CO., of Chicago, whereby we are able to offer as a present to each of our subscribers this beautiful memorial crayon of our martyr president, a miniature copy of which is shown herewith.

In the center you will notice a full length portrait of our beloved President; on his right and left hands, portraits of his wife and mother, both of them excellent likenesses and reproductions from recent photographs; in the two upper corners of the picture are his birthplace and Canton residence. This small reproduction will give some idea as to the general effect, but cannot bring out the beautiful effect of the full sized memorial picture, which is 2 1/2 inches wide by 2 1/2 inches long, engraved on heavy coated platinum paper.

It is a beautiful work of art which anyone will want and appreciate. It would be valued as any art work in Chicago at \$2.50. In addition to the above they will enclose with each picture their beautiful memorial sketch containing the beloved President's two favorite hymns, "NEARER MY GOD TO THEE" and "LEAD KINDLY LIGHT," on the back of which is a sketch of his merit crown and life. This beautiful memento should be in every home.

We trust every subscriber to the Statesman will take advantage of this unprecedented offer.

Send attached coupon carefully and send at once. No picture will be sent unless coupon is received. 25 cents in coin can be sent through the mails without danger of loss.



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Street Address.....

Postoffice..... State.....

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### THREATENED TO MURDER

CHARLES FRANCIS IN TOILS OF LAW ON A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Upon complaint of Mark Milosh, Charles Francis was arrested yesterday morning and arraigned in the court of Justice of the Peace E. D. Horgan, the charge being that Francis had threatened to commit murder upon the person of the complainant, Milosh. Milosh is employed at the Capital Oyster House, on State street, and claims that Francis called him to the door of the Senate saloon and threatened to kill him, at the same time putting his hand into his hip pocket as if to draw a revolver. He will be given a hearing before Justice Horgan at 2 p. m. today.

Reputation is the shadow cast by character and dependent on the light in which it is seen.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

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Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson