We Wish You all
A Happy and Prosperous New Year

We would also thank all our customers for their LIBERAL PATRONAGE during the past year—so liberal it made it possible for us to increase our business for 1903 Fifty per cent more than for 1902. We will continue to try to deserve it.

Barr's Jewelry Store
Corner of State and Liberty Streets

Capital National BANK
Only National Bank in Marion County. Transacts a general banking business.
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J. H. Albert - President
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Savings Bank
Department offers inducements to those who wish to save money. Especially those who can save only in small amounts, also to those who have money on hand which is not earning interest.
Deposits of one dollar or more received at any time. Pass-book issued to each depositor. Interest credited on January 1, and July 1.

THE MARKETS.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 31.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 72c; Bluestem, 77c; Valley 78c.

Cattle—Best steers, $4.25; medium, $4.00; cows, $3.25@3.50.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Cash wheat, $1.40.

Liverpool, Dec. 31.—May wheat, 6s 4⅛d.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—May wheat opened 84¼@84½c; closed, 84½c.

Barley, 43@53c.

Flax, 95½c; Northwestern, $1.02½.

The local market quotations yesterday were as follows:

Wheat—68s.
Oats—32c per bushel.
Barley—$18.50 per ton.
Hay—Cheat, $11; clover, $10@$11; oats, $9; timothy, $13@$14.
Flour—$3.60 per bbl. (wholesale).
Mill feed—Bran, $21.50; shorts,
Butter—Country, 20 to 25c (buying). Creamery, 30c.
Eggs—23 cents.
Chickens—8 to 10 cents.
Ducks—10 cents.
Turkeys—12½ to 15 cents.
Hogs—Live weight, 4¾@5c.
Beef—Steers, 1050 to 1250 lbs., 3c; under 1050, $2.50@$2.75; cows, 2½c; heifers, 2½@3c.
Mutton—Sheep, 2c on foot.
Veal—6@7 cents, dressed.
Hops—22 to 26 cents.
Potatoes—45 to 50 cents per bushel.
Prunes—3¼c cash. @

BALFOUR, GUTHRIE & CO.
Buyers and Shippers of
GRAIN
Dealers in
Hop Growers' Supplies
FARM LOANS
Warehouses at
TURNER. MACLEAY.
FRATUM. BROOKS.
SHAW. SALEM.
SWITZERLAND. HALSEY.
DERRY.
MFGRS. OF "ROYAL" FLOUR
J. G. GRAHAM,
Agent
397 Commercial St., Salem.

Telephone Answers.

"The line's busy," replied the wash lady who was asked to hang out another hamperful of clothes.

"They're talking now," replied the man who was asked about his wife and mother-in-law.

"In trouble," was the answer when a man wanted to see an acquaintance who had lately been married.

"In a minute," replied the smart Aleck who was asked where were the last sixty seconds.

"Number, please," said the Utah court clerk when the prisoner admitted that he had more than one wife.—Baltimore American.

The squire's pretty daughter (examining the village school)—Now, children, can you tell me what a miracle is? The children looked at one another, but remained silent, says Tit-Bits.

"Can no one answer this question?" the new curate asked, who was standing behind the squire's daughter.

A little girl was suddenly struck with a brilliant idea. She held up her hand excitedly.

"Well, Nellie?" the squire's daughter asked, smiling approval.

"Please, miss," the small child replied, breathlessly, "mother says 'twill be a miracle if you don't marry the new curate."

PERSONALS.

W. H. Raymond, of Portland, is in the city.

John Wittschen, of Turner, was in the city yesterday.

Harvey Hinkle, a Hubbard business man, is in the city.

Charles Wampole, of Gervais, was a Salem visitor yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hill, of Pendleton, are stopping at the Willamette.

Mrs. Elias Hale, of Brownsville, Oregon, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Will F. Skiff.

J. H. Waters, of Emmett, Idaho, was among the arrivals from Portland last evening.

Misses Nellie Thielsen and Mary Aiken, went to Eugene yesterday to visit friends.

William J. Lachner, of Baker City, arrived in the city last evening for a short visit.

Dr. W. H. Darby has returned from a visit to Glendale, and is visiting friends in the city.

R. W. Belshee and sister, Estella, of Sherman county, arrived in the city last night from Portland.

Mrs. Ida Babcock is suffering from a severe attack of La Grippe at her home on North Commercial street.

Mrs. Marietta Bradley went to Portland for a brief visit yesterday morning and returned on the night train.

County Treasurer W. Y. Richardson and family will go to Stayton this morning to spend the day with relatives.

Miss Ella Winger, a waitress at the Cottage Hotel, returned last night from Silverton, where she spent the holidays with her parents.

Floyd C. Ramp returned to Eugene yesterday, after having spent the holidays with his parents in this city. He is attending school at the University of Oregon.

Mrs. E. C. Holsinger, assistant operator at the Postal Telegraph office, will leave Monday for a two months' visit with relatives at San Francisco and San Jose, California.

Mrs. George Shirley, of Pullman, Washington, who has been in the city visiting friends, left yesterday for a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Steve Sanford, at Roseburg.

Rev. C. Alderson, of Portland, formerly of the Capital City, was a visitor here yesterday.

A. E. Davis, vice-president of the Portland Flouring Mills Company, was a Salem visitor Wednesday, looking over the company's interests and to attend a meeting of the stockholders of the Salem Flouring Mills Company, of which he is secretary.

WELL SAID.

The Stolen Bill.

The theft of the gambling bill, described in another column, is humiliating to the people of Oregon. A Portland rabble of gambling scoundrels, accustomed to prey off the unwary, swooped down on the Legislature with a corruption fund and by stealth defeated, a measure that in an open, fair fight, would almost certainly have become a law. The same law has proven most effective in the state of Washington, and for the benefit of certain cities, is badly needed in Oregon. It was in a fair way to become a statute until ill-gotten dollars bumped against trusted servants of the people, raised up to legislate or assist in legislation for the protection of society, and there it fell. The temptation of gold swerved some unknown front his duty, and the state was cheated of its own.

Of all the people in society, the lowest and the vilest is the professional gambler. His calling is without excuse, and his methods beyond apology. His gains are ill-gotten, because wrested by trick or device from fools to whom nothing is given in return. He produces nothing, betters nobody, but harms everything and everybody. His calling is genteel robbery, his success a crime, and his career a blight upon society. Yet in his majesty, and with his stolen swag, he flitted up to Salem, found there a public servant as low and vile as himself, and defeated a law that nine-tenths of the people wanted.

For the twin act of villainy, there should be a swift and dual revenge—the seeking out and punishment of the trusted servant that stole the bill, and the speedy enactment of the measure into law by the initiative. In the latter there is a higher and safer legislative body—the vast mass of citizens, beyond the power of gamblers to corrupt.—Corvallis Times.

WAS BRIEF ONE

CITY COUNCIL HELD ADJOURNED SESSION TO DISPOSE OF VARIOUS MATTERS.

Passed Ordinance Estimating and Declaring Revenues and Expenses of City for 1904, Fixing Tax Levy and Providing for Collection of Poll Tax—Another Meeting Tomorrow.

Salem's common council held an adjourned session in the police court room at the city hall last evening, with Mayor C. P. Bishop, Recorder N. J. Judah and Aldermen Burrows, Walker, Pohle, Stolz, Larsen and Hubbard present. After a brief session adjournment was taken until tomorrow evening, when the reports of the city officers will be reviewed.

The bill for an ordinance estimating and declaring the revenues and expenses of the city for the year 1904, fixing the tax levy and providing for the collection of a $3 poll tax, which was introduced and read the first and second times during the last meeting, came up for third reading and was passed by a unanimous vote of the council.

A petition from G. Frederick Kurtz, asking for permission to remove the ground from in front of lots 1 and 2, in block 9, on Trade street, to the level of the street grade for the purpose of building a cement walk, was referred to the committee on streets and public property and the street commissioner, with power to act.

A petition, signed by H. A. Kurtz and others, for the lengthening of the sewer through the alley in block 9, between Church and High streets, was also referred to the committee on streets and public property.

Upon petition of the park board, the street commissioner was directed to dump the scrapings of the streets upon the inside of the curb line around Marion Square, for the purpose of making a fill.

The license committee reported favorably upon the bonds and applications of F. P. Talkington and Eugene Froesner, for saloon licenses, and the licenses were ordered issued.

Recorder Judah reported having issued a warrant for $4.69 in payment of the delinquent taxes due from the city upon the fractional part of the west half of lot 16, olock 4, in Queen Anne's Addition to Salem. The action of the recorder was ratified by the council.

The committee on accounts and current expenses reported favorably upon the following bills against the city and warrants were ordered drawn in payment of the same:

C. C. Worrick	$ 8.07
Damon Bros.	2.35
Jos. Martin	1.00
Salem Sentinel	24.20
N. D. Elliott	2 50
Goodale Lumber Co.	3.52
P. J. Larsen	1.50
Capital Drug Store	1.25
W. H. Burghardt Co.	3.50
Williams & Gosser	3.00
H. Cadwell	2.00
S. Armstrong	12.00
H. Lamar	19.00
J. B. Conn	1.60
J. W. C. Hamilton	6.40
Frank Kapphahn	6.40
Jos. Taylor	6.40
A. S. Parker	6.40
Charles West	2.40
John Minner	3.20
W. W. Basey	7.60
W. H. Wescott	40.00

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

In Forty Years Will Extend From the Pole to Venezuela.

Prof. F. W. Shepardson, of the history department at the University of Chicago, yesterday predicted that, beginning with the annexation of the new republic of Panama, the United States would within forty years, acquire control of the entire North American continent.

"The revolution in Panama is of much significance," Professor Shepardson told his class in American history. "It insures the construction of the Isthmian canal. There is small room to doubt that the water way will be under the complete control of the United States. This means that the entire territory of the new republic will be controlled by this country. Before 1910 Panama will probably be annexed to the United States.

"The annexation of Panama will open the way for a greater expansion movement. From the annexation of the isthmus to the control of Costa Rica is but a short step. American interests in Nicaragua already are asking our government to take a more active interest in their welfare, and the annexation of Nicaragua will follow such action. Honduras and Salvador cannot long hold out against the pressure of events, and over these countries also will spread the domain of the United States.

"The annexation of Central America will make it possible to annex Mexico. Such a step is not at all improbable or impossible. American industry and capital have already begun the conquest of the big republic to the south of us and politics can finish the work which they are beginning.

"I venture to predict that by 1940 the terms 'United States' and 'North America' will mean one and the same thing. Canada will enter the fold by voluntary secession, and all that will be left on the continent will be the small strip of territory known as British Honduras. It ought not to be a very difficult task to persuade Great Britain to relinquish its claim to this colony, as by that time the mother country will undoubtedly have her hands full protecting her more important Asiatic interests."

Professor Shepardson's prophecy caused much comment about the campus of the university yesterday and though the professors discussed it freely among themselves all declined to be interviewed on the subject.—Chronicle.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Talking about weather, the following letter, dated December 28, by a man at Atlantic, Cass county, Iowa, and addressed to the Pacific Homestead of this city, will be interesting: "Please find 50 cents enclosed for the Homestead for six months longer. Would send for one year, but we have to economize here, for there was a big hail storm on the 20th of July that cleaned the crops out for a strip of eight miles wide and 100 miles long; took all the pastures so that the cattle had nothing to eat for two weeks in the worst places, and some places it took the buildings and wind mills. I hope that you have no storms of that kind in that country." The Iowa man is assured that the Willamette valley does not have such storms, neither do we have severe freeze-ups in the winter or drouths in the summer; nor do we have severe thunder storms. The elements are kind to us here. Just enough rain in winter to wet the ground thoroughly to make crops certain, and enough sunshine in summer to ripen and allow for the harvesting of the crops. We have disadvantages here, of course, but we also have so many advantages, as compared with less favored localities, that we are apt to consider them as a matter of course, and neglect to be thankful for them.

H. E. Bickers, former superintendent of the Reform School, yesterday formally turned the care of the institution over to N. H. Looney, the new superintendent, and departed on the afternoon train for Pendleton, where he is conducting a hotel.

Mrs. George J. Pearce and family returned last night from Portland, where they spent a week visiting relatives.

BORN.

HERRAN—At the family home, Salem, Oregon, Sunday, December 27, 1903, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herran.

The little stranger comes as a Christmas present to the Herran home and Frank says he is just about right and weighs eleven pounds.

MARRIED.

HOWARD—VAN NUYS—At the home of the bride's parents, in West Stayton, Oregon, Sunday, December 27, 1903, at 11 o'clock a. m., Miss Myrtle Van Nuys to Mr. George Howard.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Van Nuys, of West Stayton, and the groom is a prosperous young farmer in the neighborhood of Stayton. The wedding was a very quiet affair, being attended by only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. They will reside upon the groom's farm near Stayton.

CULVER-SHERMAN—At the Evangelical parsonage in this city last evening, December 30, 1903, Mr. W. J. Culver, of Salem, and Miss Stella Sherman, of Portland. Rev. F. B. Culver, a brother of the groom, performed the ceremony.—Albany Herald.

W. J. Culver, the groom of the above event is well known in this city, where he has lived the greater portion of his life, and has taken a most prominent and leading part in the county politics. The bride, too, formerly Miss Stella Sherman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Sherman, now of Washington, D. C., was a former resident of this city, but of recent years has been employed as a stenographer and typewriter in Portland. They both have a host of friends in this city and county who will rejoice in the happy union and wish them much happiness and unbounded prosperity in their new found relations.

DIED.

DOLE—At the family home, on Eighteenth street, Salem, Oregon, Tuesday, December 29, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m., Cordenio A. Dole, aged 59 years, of paralysis.

Deceased came to Salem with his family from Montrose, Colorado, about a year and a half ago, and during the past year has been an invalid. He leaves a wife and family of children to mourn his sad demise.

A telegram was received by the A. O. U. W. lodge of this city last evening from Montrose Lodge, No. 36, of Montrose, Colorado, of which deceased was a member, requesting the local lodge to take charge of the remains.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral, but the announcement will be made later.

OBITUARY.

Keene.

Mary Diener was born in the Kingdom of Wuertenburg, Germany, February 25, 1840; died at her home in this city, Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 8 p. m., after a lingering illness of two years. Cause of death, dropsy.

She came to America in the year 1855, was married to Henry Keene at Niagara Falls, New York, December 1, 1856. They lived in Canada four years, and from there moved to Minnesota, where they resided until 1870, when they came to Oregon. They reached Salem May 24, 1870. In the fall they purchased a farm in the Waldo Hills. There they lived until 1890, when they moved to this city, where they have since made their home.

She united with the M. E. church April 19, 1870, at Rochester, Minn.

She was the mother of eleven children.

She leaves a husband and seven children to mourn her death. They are Richard G. and Edward B. Keene, of Salem; Henry A. Keene, of Shaw; Arthur A. Keene, Stayton; Mrs. Laura U'Bren, Chattaroy, Washington; Mrs. Julia Downing, Lebanon, Oregon; Mrs. Bertha Smith, Portland, Oregon.

She was a faithful wife, a noble mother, kind and affectionate to her family.

Her's was a beautiful Christian life. No one knew her but to love her.

Her last wish was granted when her children were all gathered around her bedside and she had bidden them all farewell, till she should meet them again in the Beyond.

She has left us in this world, but her kind admonition and exemplary life will remain with us forever.

"Dearest mother, thou hast left us,
Here thy loss we deeply feel,
Yet it was God that hath bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal."

The funeral service was held in the M. E. church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Crandall, assisted by Rev. Elkins, and the very large attendance attested the esteem in which the deceased was held in the community.

RECORD STANDS

OCTOBER, 1903, BANNER MONTH IN MARION COUNTY MATRIMONIAL CIRCLES.

Thirty-four Marriage Licenses Issued by County Clerk Roland During December—Total Number Issued During Year Was 290, as Against 265 for 1902.

The Marion county record for the issuance of marriage licenses during a single month, established in October, when fifty of these documents were issued by the county clerk, still stands. The month just closed, however, succeeded in getting second place for the year, thirty-four permits being certified to by Clerk Roland up to the closing hour yesterday afternoon. The total number of licenses issued during 1903 was 290, as against 265 for 1902.

The permits issued during December were as follows:

December 1—L. P. Poulson and Mary Terwilliger; N. C. Jorgensen, witness.

December 5—William Adolph Heater and Maude M. Cooley; J. M. Neal, witness. T. L. Ambler and Flora A. Settlemier; E. T. Moores, witness.

December 7—S. Van Allen Delalour and Emma Schroeder; Charles Oberlin, witness. J. W. Conner and Mary Morgan; C. W. Buchner, witness.

December 8—J. C. Pettyjohn and Winnie W. Cannon; C. C. Cannon, witness.

December 10—Richard G. Sears and Grace E. Hansen; A. C. Miller, witness. Robert G. Henderson and Alma V. Ratzeburg; Mrs. Marie Ratzeburg, witness.

December 14—W. M. McMorris and Anna Van Cleave; J. A. Van Cleave, witness. C. S. Townsend and Bessie Kenworthy; A. L. Kenworthy, witness.

December 16—H. H. Olinger and Frances Oskie Matthews; H. E. Albert, witness. Joseph Graber and Dollie Hubbard; Earl H. Anderson, witness.

December 17—Frank Charles and Petrina Neilson; W. P. Campbell, witness.

December 19—Homer D. Weaver and Viola Findley; Isaiah Weaver, witness. Clarence Chandler and Pearl Lockhart; C. T. Roy, witness. George W. Stuart and Lutie Tedwell; E. D. Horgan, witness.

December 21—John H. Miller and Leona D. Allen; Charles Lembcke, witness.

December 22—Peter Jorgensen and Bertha Gooch; Frank Chamberlain, witness. Frank Chamberlain and Dorothea Jorgensen; Peter Jorgensen, witness. George Oscar Oliver and Eva E. Stanton; B. E. Stanton, witness.

December 23—W. H. Turpin and Maude E. Hunt; Guy W. Hunt, witness. Earle R. Bates and Bessie E. Overson; M. E. Petteys, witness. John H. Shively and Nettie De Wall; J. M. Stafford, witness. A. Rex Burnett and Rena Stolle; J. M. Burnett, witness. B. F. Townsend and Emma Pitchford; Ed. A. Jory, witness.

December 24—Louis N. Traver and Ella Snook; H. Snook, witness.

December 26—George B. Howard and Myrtie I. Van Nuys; B. W. Van Nuys, witness. F. J. Gerig and Mary Kurtz; P. R. Aeschliman, witness. Anton F. Overman and Etta M. French; J. J. Heath, witness. John Manning and Celia Dubois; Alex Manning, witness. Alex Manning and Mary Dubois John Manning, witness.

December 30—Charles S. Rice and Etheline Sappingfield; F. A. Gleason, witness.

December 31—Frank U. Bevens and Mattie Johnson; J. E. Bevens, witness. Leon A. Woodin and Bertha H. Hubbard; C. M. Lockwood, witness.

The total number of marriage licenses issued during each month of the past year was as follows:

January	25
February	18
March	16
April	13
May	21
June	27
July	21
August	16
September	23
October	50
November	26
December	34
Total	290

AFFECTS HOP CO..TRACTS.

Schedule Put Into Effect by New Law Increases Recording Fee.

The new fee law which puts into effect a new schedule of fees to be charged by the county clerks and recorders in all the counties in the state, with the exception of Multnomah, will not materially affect the receipts in the clerks' department, but will have a tendency to increase the recorders' fees. The principal change is in the matter of recording deeds, mortgages, hop contracts, etc., and will most materially affect lengthy documents. Under the old law the sum of 10 cents for each folio of 100 words for recording deeds, etc., was exacted, and an additional sum of 5 cents each way for indexing the names of grantors and grantees; or mortgagors and mortgagees, as the case happened to be. Under the new law no fee is charged for indexing names, but the sum of 25 cents per folio is charged for recording instruments. Consequently on a deed or mortgage of ordinary length, the difference will hardly be noticeable, but where there is a lengthy description of property, or in the recording of hop contracts, the increase in the fee will amount to considerable. Hop contracts are usually very lengthy documents, and where a charge of $2 was made under the old law for recording the printed form generally in use, under the new law the fee will amount to from $4.50 to $5. Under the former schedule the sum of 25 cents was also exacted for each official certificate attached to any of the above named instruments, which fee is now abolished.

For entering and attesting satisfaction, assignment or release, on the margin of the record, of any mechanic's lien, real estate or chattel mortgage, or other instrument, a fee of 50 cents is provided for, while under the old law the fee for such service was only 25 cents.

The fee for furnishing private parties copies of records and files, 10 cents per folio, remains unchanged, but an additional charge of 25 cents is now made for each official certificate attached to such copies.

The principal change in the clerks' fees is in those charged for entering of record the declaration of intention of aliens to become citizens of the United States, and their naturalization. By the new law the fee for entering a declaration is raised from 50 cents to $1.50, and for entering a naturalization from $2.25 to $5.

THE USE OF
Narcotic Poisons
And mercury in the treatment of piles was begun in the dark ages, give temporary relief only by paralyzing the bowels and do not cure, but in reality weaken the parts and prevent nature from restoring the bowel to a healthy condition, as any honest and intelligent druggist or doctor will admit, and as may be seen by reference to the United States Dispensatory, which says:
"Opium lessens the natural motion of the bowels. Its local effect is the same as its general operation; codium paralyzes the motor nerves, aconite reduces muscular strength, belladonna produces paralytic symptoms; hyoscyamus and stramonium are same as belladonna. They do not exercise any curative influence."
The following is in substance the expression of all up to date druggists:
"In twenty-eight years experience I have prepared all manner of narcotic and mercurial preparations for piles, but none to my knowledge ever cured a single case."—P. H. Sprague, druggist, Lincoln, Neb.
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E-RU-SA Pile Cure is the only non poisonous pile cure on the market. Over 4000 of the most intelligent and up-to-date druggists sell and endorse it.
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SOMETHING ABOUT CHINA PHEASANTS.

An Interesting Communication on an Interesting Subject.

The Statesman's history of the failure of the law to protect pheasants brings to mind the cost paid by an English boy for the sight of pheasants in the center of a game preserve. The writer and two comrades (who loved the woods and streams) had scaled a ten foot stone wall between a public road and the breeding ground of the preserve, had passed a large dove cote and a small fish pond in woods surrounding an opening in which the pheasants and perhaps other game were fed, when feeding was deemed necessary by the game keeper. From the edge of the wood they looked at the game in the open, scattered in groups over an area of perhaps five acres. It may be they lingered and commented for five minutes. The sight remains very distinct on the memory of one of those boys sixty-six years after the incident. The boys, knowing they were liable to arrest for trespass, retired as they had entered the forbidden ground, doing no harm, and without being themselves observed. But some weeks after, the writer of this was asked by his father if he had been at such a place at such a time; and was compelled to confess he had. No explanations were asked. The boy received the last whipping he received from his father—who, animated by a determination that no trial for trespass should hinder or defeat his purpose of getting his family to America—as a land of freedom—laid on the stripes heavier, he thought, than the transgression called for. Four years later, in this land of boasted freedom the boy made explanations, and father and son agreed that the game laws and even trespass laws of England were too severe.

Sixty-three years after receiving that flogging for unlawfully seeing a thing of beauty, the now old-boy stood amid a group of Salem boys and showed them a family of China pheasants feeding on his own land. The desire for personal freedom was the impelling motive for his being a land owner in Oregon and is now impelling his pencil to write he is glad the law inhibiting the killing of pheasants for three years lacked one vote of being a law. A good trespass and a law giving a personal right for care in breeding game, to kill on the land where bred, seems preferable to the "law that's no law."

OLD OBSERVER.

SOME RECENT OPINIONS ON CURRENT TOPICS.

Can Give the Czar Points.

Mr. Bryan is going to Russia. He might be able to give some points on the necessity of absolutism in leadership to the Czar.—Baltimore American.

An Opera Bouffe War.

Despite the assertion of Senator Gorman that "the United States is practically at war with Colombia," the casualty list to date does not appear to be very large.—Detroit Free Press.

Viewed With Contempt.

They can elect a new president in Switzerland without even calling for big headlines in the newspapers. What contempt mingled with pity the South American republics must have for that country.—Exchange.

Result of Slow Justice.

Why should not justice be just as swift and sure in the United States as in Great Britain? Why should there be more homicides in this country in a month than there are in England in a year? Is it not because justice is so slow here that criminals have a reasonable hope it will not overtake them at all, or, if it does, that it may not harm them when caught?—Chicago Tribune.

They Like Mr. Hoar, But—

The Mr. Hoar who held forth so earnestly in the Senate about the wrongs inflicted by Theodore Roosevelt upon the poor Colombians was the Mr. Hoar, of the pro-Filipino period, who thought coming historians would date the downfall of the American republic from the administration of William McKinley. We all like him all the time and (as our English cousins say) "no end;" but there are occasions—not infrequent ones—when most of us wish he wouldn't.—Hartford Courant.

Sincerely Regretted.

But it is sincerely to be regretted by those who are longing for the rehabilitation of the Democratic party that its leaders do not take advantage of this occasion to show that they stand for material progress, for commercial enterprise, rather than for obstruction and mere political advantage. It is to be regretted that they do not, at this critical juncture, on the eve of a Presidential campaign, show to the country that the Democratic party cannot always be relied upon to do the wrong thing at the right time.—Memphis Scimitar.

A technical school for leather workers has been opened in London under the direction of an efficient corps of instructors. It is to give practical technical training in tanning, currying, leather dressing, dyeing, staining and finishing.

Start right for the new year by buying some of the bargains I have in
REAL ESTATE

This means a home, a living, a bank account.

A modern house of 12 large rooms, 9 of these are renting for $52 per month, furnished. A good lot and located within one block of the business center. This property can be bought for $3000, part cash, balance to suit at 6 per cent.

A few acres in good fruit is almost the same as a Government Bond. Buy this and set it to fruit. You can get it at a bargain for cash, or will exchange for stock or city property. 69.01 acres on a good road, 1½ miles from Salem, 3 acres in cultivation, balance easy cleared. This is first-class fruit land and set to small fruit would give good returns in a short time.

I have several good buys in city property; also farm lands. If you have any thing to exchange, call. Or if you want a bargain see me.

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