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Wheat, net 92 cents per bush. Hope, active; 28 to 32 cents per bush.

THE I. O. O. F. LIBRARY.—The Odd Fellows' library has subscribed for the following periodicals: Lippincott's Magazine, Puck, Life, Arcturion, Short Stories, Atlantic Monthly, The Century, Current Literature, St. Nicholas, Harpers Magazine, Weekly and Young People, North American Review, Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, Frank Leslie's Illustrated Weekly, Book Buyer, Scientific American, London Graphic, Judge, Scribner's Magazine, Literary World, The Cosmopolitan and The Illustrated American.

THE RIVER FLEET.—The boats that will ply on the Willamette river during the coming boating season are not yet determined. The local United States inspectors are expected to go to Corvallis in a few days to inspect the steamers of the Oregon Pacific company.

LARGE PIGS.—Mr. Thomas David, who lives near the Reform school, brought two hogs to Salem Wednesday morning, which brought him just \$37.52. They were of the Chester white breed, and were fifteen and one-half months old.

VACANCIES FILLED.—Governor Penney yesterday afternoon made the appointments to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the term of office of Hon. D. H. Looney, of Jefferson and J. B. Keeney, of Pendleton, members of the State Agricultural society.

BIG SHIP.—The largest American ship now afloat is reported to be the Shenandoah, which was launched at Bath, Maine, on the 3rd inst. This monster of the mighty fleet is a length of all over 430 feet with 49 feet beam and a hold 29 feet.

XMAS DINNER.—The W. C. T. U. will serve dinner, at their hall on Court street Xmas day. The committee of arrangements are requested to meet Thursday the 18th, at 2 p. m.

DANCING PARTY.—The Salem City band will positively conduct their regular dancing party on Friday evening next at their hall. All parties holding Nov. invitations will be admitted. Party select.

SPECIAL.—A package of cream chocolate given free with your tea and coffee at Great Eastern Tea store, 317 Commercial street.

FOR RENT.—A furnished room, 508 Liberty street.

"FIDELITY WINKS"—The new society game at Brooks & Harritt's.

CITY COUNCIL.

The Last Regular Meeting of the Old Council—Closing up the Year's Work.

The city council held their last meeting for the year with Mayor Williams in the chair and Recorder Conn, Councilmen Collins, Hirsch, Gray, Lafore, Hutton and Brown present.

The marshal reported the delinquent tax roll for the past four years, which amounted to \$639,20. He was empowered to collect the same by December 31st. The committee on public improvements reported. They handed in on report regarding the assessment for the sewer through blocks 75 and 76.

The committee on accounts and current expenses, reported favorably on the payment of the following bills: Salem Electric Light Co., \$373.00; Henry Helmske, 25.00; W. C. Baker, 4.00; Morgan & Mead, 1.25; Lee & Rennie, 1.00; Churchill S. & D. Mig. Co., 3.00; K. M. Waite & Co., 14.45; Baker & Straub, 25.73; Oregon Statesman, 14.50; J. P. Veatch, 5.00; Ladd & Bush, 24.00; Leo Willis, 5.00; W. E. Harris, 1.00; Meyers, 2.00; James Warner, 50.00; L. E. Huffman, 7.50; John Knight, 15.15; S. B. Arlegast, 25.00; S. W. Morgan, 5.00; W. E. Harris, 19.29; Salem Water Co., 87.20; Thos. Burrows, 3.20; W. S. Mot, 10.00; E. A. Graham, 72.00; Brooks & Cox, 3.85; Rennie & Lee, 1.00; JOURNAL, 19.70.

Chief Engineer Low, of the fire department handed in the following report: "I would respectfully recommend that the engine houses of the Capital and Tiger companies be disposed of either sold or traded for other property, which may be determined upon by your honorable body. This property should be located so as to be convenient to the business portion of the city, and at the same time not so valuable as that occupied by the engine houses at the present, and that two engine houses of ample size for the accommodation and convenience of the two fire engines and hose companies be built. One of them would be required to be of sufficient size to accommodate the apparatus of the Alert Hook and Ladder company.

"I would further recommend the purchase of three hose carts and hoses—one each for companies 1, 2, and 3, located in the new buildings and one at the North Salem engine house. The hand hose carts now in use could be used to good advantage, one in East Salem and one in South Salem, where hose companies are badly needed.

"These proposed changes would entail an expense of a good many dollars, but by disposing of the present property of the two companies and purchasing less valuable, although more convenient sites, the money thus obtained would more than cover all expenditures occasioned by the changes suggested.

At THE UNIVERSITY.—Under the management of the band there will be given a popular concert at the University chapel to night commencing at eight o'clock. Miss Ames and the best musical talent in the school will assist in making the program complete. It will have parts well worth hearing and a good turnout should be expected. The boys have been making extensive preparations to afford a good program.

STEALING SACKS.—The police arrested a boy this morning who belongs to a band of small chaps who have been creating considerable annoyance of late in stealing sacks from the various houses in the city and then taking them to the mills and selling the stolen property at five cents each. The complaints have been made to the officers until Policeman Miuto made the arrest. It seems a small affair to lose a sack or two, but during the day the boys would steal a good number of sacks. If the work of the ladstis not stopped at once, more arrests will follow. These deeds, from boys who are too young to be properly dealt with by law, emphasizes the need of the Reform school.

BOY'S PLAY.—The fact that men will disagree and quarrel over very small and trifling things was confirmed this morning when two honorably old soldiers called each other uncomely names over, why one was a republican and the other a democrat. The republican claimed that he had a better right to be a democrat than his opponent, for he was raised in Virginia where it was considered a sacrilege to vote against the democratic party. His opponent, who was raised in Ohio, he claimed had no reason to be a democrat. From these warmer words were exchanged until they became ashamed of their conduct and talked calmly of the war days when each carried a Union musket.

INCORPORATE D.—Articles incorporating the Washington Guleh Mining company, of East Portland, were filed with the secretary to-day, with Wm. Deemer, S. M. Keenan, Wm. Weckline, J. M. Overholzer and Fred Pfau incorporators; capital stock \$200,000. The Methodist Episcopal church of Cove, Or., J. M. Phay, A. J. Passmore, Vins Duncanson, E. W. Imbler and L. Corpe, incorporators, property on hand, about \$15,000.

TIMELY WORK.—Yesterday afternoon a fire was discovered in the law office of Seth R. Hammer, on Court street. The fire caught from a stovepipe between the ceiling and roof. By the timely aid of Louis Folsom who applied the hose, the fire was put out thus avoiding the possibility of several buildings going up in smoke.

ELECTRIC EXTENSION. The enterprise of Salemites hath no bounds, and progress is rampant everywhere. If you don't believe it, just see Farrar & Co's store for new and reliable things in groceries for the holiday season.

Hillsborough is being agitated by a suit for damages against the city. It seems that Mr. Carrington about a year or more ago sprained his ankle from stepping on a horse board in the sidewalk. After a short consultation the jury returned a verdict awarding him \$400 damages.

NEW CROSS WALKS.—Street Commissioner Graham is having a cross walk put in on State street between the court house and the Cook hotel. The walk is raised up a few inches higher than the old walk so as to prevent a pool of water and mud from standing on the walk in the wet season.

Holiday Shoppers.—Don't buy old style slippers, get something new. Old style carried over from last year. We have the finest in velvet or plush, patent leather trimmed, to be found in the city at prices that are Eastern. James Deunham & Co., boots and shoes, 118 State street. 12-13 tf

PERSONAL AND LOCAL. Rev. L. Brousseau, of Gervais, is visiting with Father White in this city to-day.

Sitting Bull's death, moving the University and the Albany wreck are the chief topics of conversation to-day.

F. C. Miller, sheriff of Douglas county, brought H. Bursol to the penitentiary yesterday. He is sent up for two years for larceny.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles and family arrived here yesterday from Cloud county, Kansas. They are staying at the home of their daughter Mrs. Fred Wickstrom in Highland addition.

Geo. Goode, who has been studying law with John A. Carson, of this city, went down to Woodburn yesterday where he will open a branch office, where in conjunction with Mr. Carson, in this city, they will do a general law and brokerage business.

Geo. E. Good has the finest and largest stock of perfumes and perfume cases ever brought to Salem. Call at 309 Commercial street and see his line. 12-8 tf

DARROW.—At his home in South Salem, at 10 p. m., Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1890, of dropsy, Wm. Darrow, aged 87 years, 11 months and 2 days. The deceased was one of the early pioneers to Oregon, having crossed the plains in 1831. Salem has been his home for a number of years. The funeral was held this afternoon at 1 o'clock, the remains being interred at Bethel, Polk county.

MR. COLVIG'S REPLY.

SALEM, Dec. 17, 1890. ED. CAPITAL JOURNAL: I noticed some time ago (Dec. 1st) a communication in your paper over the signature of Professor S. A. Starr which I did not reply to at the time for the reason that I did not have time and for the further reason that I wanted to examine the Professor's sworn testimony before writing an answer. Ordinarily any citizen has the right to criticize the acts of a public officer and I find no fault with the gentleman who wrote this article for anything in it which reflects on me as a member of the board of railroad commissioners, but when he gets out of the record and attempts to malign my private character as a witness I feel that I have a right to vindicate myself before the public from the unjust and untruthful attacks of Professor Starr or any other person. In his letter of Dec. 1st Mr. Starr says:

Now, sir, I say that the import of the above statements have been denied, and were denied before the railroad commission. There are a number of men as intelligent as Mr. Colvig, men who made as thorough examination of the facts as did Mr. Colvig who have denied the statement. Mr. Colvig made the mistake of measuring and counting all the rails from one end of the wrecked trestle to the other. One might as well measure and count all the rails from Portland to Eugene to determine the case. I measured all the rails in the immediate vicinity of the gap where the rail was claimed to be missing, and a number of others did the same, and we know that a rail was missing from that place.

The import of the above statement means in plain English that the Professor counted the rails. He says "I measured all the rails in the immediate vicinity of the gap" and we know that a rail was missing. How could he know a rail was missing without counting them to see if each rail had a mate? He evidently wants people to believe in this statement that he did count them and any man who reads his article could not come to any other reasonable conclusion. He makes this statement to show that I as a witness have either sworn falsely or that my evidence is unworthy of belief.

Professor, you are a stranger to me. I know not how my evidence will weigh in this community against yours but I find from the sworn evidence on file that you held up your hand and solemnly promised the board of railroad commissioners you would "tell the truth the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, as you should answer to God."

I find that this question was asked you by myself: QUESTION: Did you count the rails that were involved in the space between the wrecked engine and the first coach that remained on the track? ANSWER: I did not.

It is unnecessary to comment on statements so widely divergent and I leave the Professor to reconcile them between his conscience and the readers of your paper. I did swear that I counted the rails and found enough to fill out the wrecked track without the one lying on the west side. It is not true that the only count I made was across the whole length of the structure. I counted from the coach to the wrecked engine and found 6 rails in the wreckage, not counting the one on the west. The professor says: "All the rails for 80 feet, or a little over 80 feet, fell to the west between the wrecked engine and the coach."

This 90 feet would take 6 rails to fill out the track. This corroborates my evidence that there were only 6 rails required. To make use of the rail on the west and to support the company's theory there should be 120 feet or 8 rails.

I counted all the rails from the Chemawadke to the north approach. I found it took 8 rails on each side and I found 81 net, counting the one on the west. Mr. Lovell and Frank Miller of Albany measured the trestle after it was up, with instruments. Their measurements corroborate me substantially, that it would take 81 bars on a side to fill out the track.

Mr. Bascy, of Salem, Mr. Brown, of Brooks, also each corroborate my evidence about the number of rails found in the wreckage. Respectfully, G. W. COLVIG.

HORSE FELL ON HIM.—The 13 year-old boy of Wm. Stephens, who lives a few miles south of Salem, met with a painful accident late on last Saturday evening while returning home from a debating society. He was riding along when the horse slipped and fell on him breaking one of the boys legs below the knee. The fracture was reduced by Dr. Byrd, of this city, and yesterday he was resting nicely.

Ladies, now is your time to get a fine French kid hand-sewed shoe very cheap as we will sell them at low rates in order to introduce them. Never before have you bought these shoes so low as we offer them. At Ben Forstner's Farmers' store. 12-11 5t

Select your holiday presents early and so get the cream of the display. Get something useful and sensible, you can find something suitable, for lady or gentleman, at the old White Corner.

LUMBER.—Contractors and parties contemplating building, should not fail to call on J. F. Jacobson for estimates on rough and dressed lumber. Yard and office near agricultural works. 9-26 o o d-tf.

LOCAL MENTION.

What is Transpiring in Salem and Vicinity as Noted for To-Day's Readers. Broad, staff of life, it should be pure; If your perfection would secure, Go to Strong's restaurant where you can get pure and wholesome bread.

Crossman sells albums way down. Musical gifts at cost at Easton's. Don't fail to get one. Common sense, in spite of its name, is not very common.

Bureau the furniture man wants the people to remember that he will sell them anything they may need in his line, and at reasonable prices. A museum has moved into the store room next to the Great Eastern Tea Co. They have some remarkable franks of nature.

See the 10, 25 and 50 cent counter at Moore & Osborn's before buying your Xmas toys. He who flatters you is your enemy, Cherrington will not flatter you, but he will take an excellent picture of you—something which all of your friends will want.

The most elegant line of holiday novelties in Salem is to be found at Geo. E. Good's, 369 Commercial street. The entire list of Saalfield's music 5 cents each or 25 for \$1. Easton's. Brooks & Cox have a fine line of perfumes on hand, some of the finest in the market, the most delicate in odor.

Keep your eye open for the new fruit stand Westcott & Irwin are putting up in front of their store. They will put some of the choicest fruits on it to-morrow. As a rule lepers do not suffer severe pain, and the average length of life at Moloka is about four years.

A drummer in talking of Salem shoe stores remarked: "Yes, Denham bought a big bill of goods. He has a big run of trade, as he gives good goods at Eastern prices." Keller & Marsh are conducting a special sale of furniture and pictures six days a week and fifty-two weeks a year. They keep the best to be had in the city.

"He is rich, who is sure of to-morrow," remarks an eminent Frenchman. Carterlin will take your picture, cabinet size, for \$2 per dozen. Call around and examine his work. From experiments made by a Parisian scientist, have proved that daylight entirely ceases in the waters of the Mediterranean, at a depth of 1,518 feet.

Fifty per cent. discount on all copy-right music at Easton's clearance sale, including the latest pieces. Do you want to send a handsome present to your friend without having time to make it? Bridges & Bozarth have them already made up, besides a large stock of other fancy goods.

It may not be generally known, but it is nevertheless a fact that Westcott & Irwin at the old stand, Strong's restaurant, are giving as good a meal for twenty-five cents as can be found in Portland or Frisco for half a dollar.

Some one of our great men gives us this very good advice: "Enjoy what you have; hope for what you lack." But if it is a suit of clothes you lack you need not keep on hoping—just drop around to see Johnson, Bootby & Co. and they will equip you at little cost.

Lunn shows his faith in Salem by putting in an immense stock of dry goods. His stock embraces silk and other umbrellas; fur and other cloaks; silk and kids gloves, carpets, oilcloths, lace curtains, window shades and poles. If you don't see at their store what you want, ask for it.

The art of paper making has reached a wonderful development compared with a few years ago. A single sheet of paper six feet wide and seven and three-fourths miles in length has been made at the Watertown, N. Y., paper works. It weighed 2,297 pounds and was made and rolled without a single break.

A large stock of gold spectacles and eye glasses. Fitting the eyes is a specialty at W. W. Martin's. Beautiful portraits and cabinet size photo \$2.00 per dozen. Montee Bros., postoffice block. If you would make a friend a present that would cheer the heart and warm the body, look over those superline blankets at the Salem Woolen Mill Store. They have just added a finer grade than ever made before, which are superior to anything of the kind on the Pacific coast.

Mrs. M. E. McCoy, physician and surgeon, No. 290 Commercial street, Chicago diseases a specialty. Consultation free. 12-8 tf

The World Enriched. The facilities of the present day for the production of everything that will conduce to the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited, and when Syrup of Figs was first produced the world was enriched with the only perfect laxative known, as it is the only remedy which is truly pleasing and refreshing to the taste and prompt and effectual to cleanse the system gently in the Spring-time or, in fact, at any time, and the better it is known the more popular it becomes.

FOR PURE FIRST WATER DIAMONDS. You will have to go to W. W. Martins who has the FINEST as assortment ever offered for sale in this city.

If you do not take a look at the "The Jeweler's" W. W. Martin's window, you are losing a great treat. W. L. Wade, of North Salem, has a full line of general merchandise and is giving away handsome books with each purchase.

JOHN HUGHES, Dealer in Groceries, Paints, Oils and Window Glass, Wall Paper and Border, Artists' Materials, Lime, Hair, Nails and Shingles, Hay, Feed and Fence Posts, Grass Seeds, Etc.

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Saturday Evening Dec. 20. Admission 50 cents. J. L. MITCHELL, GEO. HOEYE, MITCHELL & HOEYE, General Collectors, Brokers AND ACCOUNTANTS.

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WANTED.—An active, reliable man—salary \$70 to \$80 monthly, with insurance, to represent in his own section a responsible New York house, manufacturer. Look Box 156, New York.

FOR SALE.—About three acres of land on Asylum Avenue, good dwelling house, conveniently arranged; large barn; a great variety of fruit trees and shrubs; convenient to Electric railway, never far from the city. For particulars inquire at second house on right hand side of Asylum Avenue going from city. 12-11 tf

WANTED.—To trade a town lot in Capitol Park Addition for lumber. A. Olinger, 122 Mill street. 11-29-11

FOR RENT.—Five newly furnished rooms. Apply at 307 Com'l. St. 8-12-11

At the Old White Corner. Latest Arrivals for the Holidays.

- TOILET CASES, INFANT SETS, GLOVES and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES, SHAVING CASES, MANICURE CASES, JEWEL BOXES, WORK BOXES, TABLE COVERS, TABLE SCARFS, BABY BUGGY ROBES, BABY BLANKETS, UMBRELLAS, SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, SILK MUFFLERS, TABLE LINEN, NAPKINS, FURS ETC.

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SPECIAL SALE

Musical Goods at Cost. Pianos, Organs, Violins, Guitars, Banjos, Music Boxes and Sheet Music.

We intend to close out, by the end of the year, our entire line of small musical merchandise to confine ourselves to the wholesale trade only. Holiday Presents!

Now is a golden opportunity to buy musical instruments at prices never before heard of. Remember—AT COST—Everything Goes.

- VIOLINS for \$1.00, BANJOES for 4.00, GUITARS for 3.50, \$75 ORGANS for 40.00, \$125 ORGANS for 75.00

Our entire line of "Saalfield Series" of 10c music—5c—25 pieces, \$1.00. FREE—We give to every purchaser sheet music for Piano or Organ free.

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