

## Christmas Goods

AT THE

## N. Y. RACKET

These goods were bought in New York for cash and will be sold at true racket prices. We have a large lot of dolls of all sizes, picture books for little tots, and larger lads and lasses, games, blocks, jewel cases, albums in great variety, perfumes, and a large assortment of silk, and linen handkerchiefs, in plain and embroidered, chenille stand covers, and a great variety of other articles suitable for presents.

## CLOTHING

in suits from 4 years to 90 if need be, in price from \$1.25 to \$14, in neat dress or good work suits. The "Star 5 Star" shoe line is unsurpassed in quality, and all at racket prices. Call and save 15 to 25 per cent in all lines.

**E. T. BARNES,**  
PROPRIETOR.

## Our Greatest Sale.

is proving to be as grand a success as we could wish it to be, we have all we can attend to, and are going to keep it up till January 1, 1897. There is just 16 days more of hard work for us in this sale, and just that many days for you to save big money on all lines.

## 20 Per Cent. Off

is a great sacrifice for us, but it is just as great a saving for you. We must have room for our spring stock and take this means of getting it. Be sure and ask for one of our "Gold Aluminum" coupon cards, free.

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"The Boys' Outfitter"

297 Commercial St., - - Salem, Or.

## Just Received

a new line Ulsters, Overcoats and Mackintoshes. Also a new line of nobby clothing, which we are offering at the very lowest figure. These goods are not here to lay on our shelves, but we propose to keep them moving. Small profits and quick sales is our motto. Remember the place.

**G. W. Johnson & Son**  
120 STATE STREET.

### CONGRESSIONAL.

#### The Immigration Bill Passes.

#### The Act Will Not Apply to Immigration From Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The senate passed immigration bill, known as the Lodge bill with a new section providing that exclusion shall not apply to persons arriving from Cuba during the continuance of the present disorder there. The strength of the bill was greater than had been expected, the final vote being 52 to 10. As passed, the bill amends the immigration laws so as to exclude from admission to the United States all persons, over 16 years old, who cannot read and write the language of their native country or some other language but an admissible immigrant, over the age of 16, may bring in with him, or send for, his parent, or grandparent, or minor children, or grand-child, notwithstanding their inability to read and write.

For the purpose of testing the inability of an immigrant to read or write as required by the foregoing section, the inspection officers shall be furnished copies of the constitution of the United States, printed on numbered pasteboard slips, each containing five lines of the constitution printed in the various languages of immigrants.

These slips shall be kept in boxes made for that purpose and so constructed as to conceal the slips from view, each box to contain the slips of but one language, and the immigrant may designate the language in which he prefers the test shall be made. Each immigrant shall be required to draw one of these slips from the box and read, and afterwards write out in full view of the immigration officers, the five lines printed thereon. No immigrant, failing to read and write out the slip thus drawn by him shall be admitted; but he shall be returned to the country whence he came, at the expense of the railroad or steamship which brought him, as now provided by law.

The Cuban question, added to the bill, provides that the act shall not apply to any persons arriving in the United States from any port or place in Cuba during the continuance of the present disorders there, provided such persons have heretofore been inhabitants of the island.

The immigrant measure now goes into conference, the bill passed today being a substitute for the Corliss-McCall bill passed by the house. On motion of Hale the senate today agreed that when it adjourned it would be until next Monday.

#### THE ARMY BILL PASSED.

The house passed the third of the regular appropriation bills (that for the support of the army) and entered upon the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial bills. The latter bill carries \$21,669,369 or \$26,399 more than the law for current year. It is expected that this bill, and the military academy appropriation bill, will be passed before the holiday recess. The army bill as passed, makes no provision for the army and navy hospital at Hot Springs, Ark.

An effort was made while the senate was in executive session to secure reconsideration of the vote by which the senate agreed to adjourn until Monday, in order it, is understood, to permit of an opportunity to present a report tomorrow on the Cameron resolution, in case one is agreed upon by the committee. The

motion was made by Senator Carter after a conference with Senator Cameron. The friends of the resolution apparently did not realize that the adjournment of the senate until Monday next might have the effect of delaying a report until after the adjournment had been decided upon. They then concluded that, as these tactics would leave only two days before the holidays, their measures might be crowded out until well into January.

It is stated that Secretary Olney will go before the senate committee on foreign relations today and give a great deal of confidential information relative to Cuba.

It is the expectation of all members of the committee that a vote will be reached today on the Cameron resolution declaring for Cuban independence. Friends of the resolution have no doubt it will receive the approval of the majority.

The intention of the majority of the members of the committee on foreign relations, who intend to vote for the Cameron resolution, is to report the resolution today and show it to remain on the senate calendar until after the holiday recess. So confident are the advocates of the Cameron resolution of success that the committee has already prepared a report on the subject, so as to have it ready to present to the senate as soon as it is agreed upon.

#### County Judges Meet.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 18.—The annual convention of the Oregon County Judges and Commissioners Association convened Wednesday in the county court room in this city, there being a fair attendance of members. The main object of the meeting this is the discussion of needed legislation, improved methods of assessment and greater economy in the administration of affairs. The morning session was more in the nature of a general conference.

At the evening session a number of resolutions were presented. Among the important resolutions presented was the following by Judge Northrup: "Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention, that section 2790 of Hill's code, be so amended that the time, when interest on state tax commences, shall be changed from thirty days, the time set forth, to August 1st.

#### Forgery.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 18.—The boldest forgery case ever known in this state, has come to light in this city. In July last a stranger giving the name of Henry C. Briggs, filed with the recorder a deed from A. S. Knox, of San Jose, Cal., conveying to Briggs a fine farm of 318 acres of land in Linn county. A few days after this Briggs mortgaged the farm to the Alliance Trust Co., borrowing \$1,200. He then left the city. It now transpires that the deed was bogus, the names of Mr. and Mrs. Knox and also those of the witnesses and the notary being forged. A suit was begun by Knox's attorneys to set aside the fraudulent deed.

A CORRECTION.—The following communication was received from the captain of the Albany Tornado football eleven:

"Mr. Editor.—In your paper you mentioned the Cyclones' visit to Albany. You made a statement which is calculated to mislead. You used this expression: "The only incident which marred the pleasure of the trip and which apparently could not be avoided was the theft of the Salem boys' belongings while the game was in progress. Although we do not deny that something of this kind unfortunately occurred yet we together with the Salem boys, will say that nothing dishonorable was done by an Albany boy. The Albany boys were also losers. If necessary the names of Captain and members of the Cyclone team together with that of the referee from Salem can be obtained to this statement. We are not trying to throw mud. We merely want things to be understood. The Salem boys play a good clean game; they are worthy of imitation in this respect."

#### Bucklen's Arnica Salve

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Fred A. Legg.

#### CASTORIA

The most reliable and safe purgative in the world.

### ALIVE.

#### He Still Leads the Army.

#### Maceo Is Slightly Wounded But Otherwise Enjoys Good Health.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 18.—Passengers from Cuba report that General Pratt wired General Weyler from the province of Matanzas that he had an engagement with Antonio Maceo's forces, led by Maceo himself, and upon receipt of the telegram festivities in progress in Havana to celebrate the death of Maceo were ordered suspended.

The passengers further stated that a newspaper reporter who went to Puhta Brava had an interview with the insurgent chief, Baldebero Acosta, who told him that Maceo was at the head of his army and moving towards Oriente. He stated that he accompanied Maceo to Matanzas, where he left him. Maceo was suffering from a slight wound.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18. A special to the Commercial-Tribune from Key West says:

Passengers by tonight's steamer from Havana state that rumors of fighting near the trocha were rife in Havana today. The movements of troops in the streets were more frequent than usual, indicating important operations under way.

The reports in Havana that Maceo is not dead have bewildered the people. All the newspapers state that this matter must be sifted out and settled at once. They call upon officials to have Maceo's and young Gomez' bodies exhumed and brought to the city for identification. All the papers say that the present sensational accounts and rumors injure the Spanish cause. Cubans are still divided in opinion, though the general belief is that Maceo is dead.

Reports from Matanzas cannot be explained upon the theory that some of Maceo's old army, under the command of Luis Rivera, is operating there, and then it is wondered why he is so far westward, but owing to strict censorship over the telegraph lines and the espionage over all American correspondents in Havana, it is difficult to get reliable news.

It is known that the officials feel greatly worried over the state of affairs around Matanzas, but whether it is Gomez or Rivera who is operating there is hard to determine.

Heavy siege guns have just been mounted on the outer seawalls of a new fort recently constructed west of the city on the coast.

#### Sympathizers at Dallas.

DALLAS, Dec. 18.—The report that United States Marshal Love has contemplated a raid on local Cuban headquarters is an error. Hearing that the local Cuban organization contemplated equipping men for Cuba, Marshal Love called at their headquarters and informed the officers that such action is a violation of law. Thereupon the officers of the club issued an open letter declaring their purpose was to give moral aid to the Cubans through congress, and that under no circumstances should any movement looking to the formation of a company be tolerated.

There were no warrants issued. Marshal Love merely warned the leaders against a possible infraction of law.

### MARKETS.

#### WHEAT.

Following is Talkington's circular Friday, December 18.—The market opened slightly below yesterday's closing. Early cables indicated a disposition to await developments on this side before responding; later cables came in with no change since yesterday. The feeling at the opening was bearish. The market rallied on short cornering, but on this support being withdrawn prices weakened and the downward trend was resumed. Aside from the speculative weak condition of the market there was nothing in the general situation to justify the break.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Wheat opened on the board for May 79½ to 80½ and closed at 79½. Cash wheat sold at 76½. Liverpool market quiet and no change since yesterday.

PRESENT YOUR BILLS.—All persons having bills against the Oregon school for the blind are requested to present them by Monday, Dec. 21st, 1896. J. L. CARTER, Supt.

CANDY.—Headquarters for Christmas stock, Westcott & Irwin. 18 tf

## Special for Three Days.

The new illustrated teachers' edition of the Oxford Bibles have been received by express, and in order to introduce them a special 10 per cent reduction will be made during the week at

## DEARBORN'S

Book Store!

### ROBBED.

#### Hubbard and Oregon City

#### Postoffices Looted by Professional Safe Crackers.

Postoffice Inspector J. A. Gordon, who was in Salem, received a dispatch this morning informing him that the Oregon City postoffice had been robbed of everything in the shape of valuables. Not a stamp was left in the place, and it is probable that the loss is in the neighborhood of \$1,000.

The night before, Wednesday night, the office at Hubbard was robbed. The men who did the work were likely experts at the business, and probably the same men who did the work at Oregon City. At Hubbard they demonstrated great precaution by fastening the front door of the office and barricading the passage to the post office with nail kegs to prevent being surprised before they could get out of the back door which they had entered. The two safes in the office were cracked and rifled, and when Inspector Gordon saw the work they had done, he remarked that there would probably be another robbery somewhere the next night. His prophecy proved too true, and there is little doubt but that the same men did both jobs.

Buren & Hamilton are busy framing pictures for Christmas. 18 tf

ROCKING CHAIRS—Make good Christmas presents. Buren & Hamilton have a fine selection. 12-18 tf

ON THE RIVER.—Steamer Ruth left Salem on schedule time this morning with a heavy load of freight. The cargo will be transferred by team from Canemah to Oregon City, a distance of about three-fourths of a mile. The Locks at Oregon City are still closed, thus necessitating the transfer of freight.

CHRISTMAS ROCKERS.—At Buren & Hamilton's. 18-14

FRUIT FOR X-MAS.—The finest stock at Strong's restaurant. 18-14

COMPLAINT.—The broken condition of the asylum sewer is causing complaint among people who live along the swale on Prospect avenue. About an acre of soil is said to be covered with asylum sewage.

BOTSON BAKED BEANS.—The choicest, at Mrs. A. D. Smith's, Opera house block. 12-8 2t

IN POLICE COURT.—One drunk and one vag were this morning invited, in an imperative manner, however, to leave town by Recorder Ed. N. Edes. They complied with the request.

NUTS.—Santa Claus gets them at wholesale at Westcott & Irwin's. 12-18 1f

Frames and framing. Pictures and art supplies. The latest in dainty moulding. A. D. Smith, Opera house block. 12-8 2t

### STATE HOUSE NEWS.

Weather forecast Saturday rain. Sheriff Zoeth House of Umatilla county brought Bert Gun, a transient aged 40 years, to the asylum today. No guard.

D. L. Keyl, Perrydale; F. N. Fleming, Portland; were commissioned notaries today. Jeff W. Scriber, of La Grande, was today appointed regent, of the Weston Normal school, to succeed J. W. Webb, resigned. The governor also appointed Benjamin Young, of Astoria, a regent, of the Monmouth Normal school, to succeed A. S. Bennett, resigned.

Wise and prudent housekeepers will not be persuaded into purchasing the low-grade, unreliable baking powders which some dealers wish to sell for the sake of the additional profit derived therefrom. Crudely mixed from low-grade, impure ingredients, such powders cost to make but a fractional part of the cost of the highly refined, absolutely pure ROYAL BAKING POWDER, although frequently re-tailed at the same price. They contain lime and alum and are unwholesome and lacking in leavening strength. ROYAL BAKING POWDER gives the greatest value for its cost, and there is no other powder or preparation that will give such satisfaction, or make such pure, wholesome and delicious food, or which in practical use will be found so economical.

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