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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 dolls and jasses, 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.

And Still the Sale Goes On.

And lots of boys go away happy in one of our neat and nobby suits, and still their Xmas money is not reduced to any great extent. You cannot do better than to step in and get prices and see the styles, they are all new, and we take pleasure in showing our goods and giving you the lowest figures.

20 Per cent.

reduction is a great saving to you. Take one-fifth off, pay in the balance and we roll the goods up for you.

-E. F. NEFF-

"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.

SPAIN.

An Inflammable Populace.

The Recognition of Independence Would Not Lead to War.

MADRID, Dec. 21.—Senor Canovas del Castillo had a long interview with the Duke of Teutan, minister of foreign affairs, and Admiral Beranger, minister of marine. The subject of discussion was kept a secret, but it is understood that the members of the Spanish cabinet are considering the introduction, in the near future, of political and administrative reforms for the colonies of Cuba and Porto Rico. Such action, if taken, it is believed, will lead to a reconstruction of the cabinet.

Senor Canovas del Castillo, in an interview, said he knew through the medium of cablegrams received from Minister de Lome, that a resolution looking to the independence of Cuba would be adopted by the United States senate committee, but he does not believe that congress will eventually pass resolutions of this character, even though opinion may influence the American congress. Senor Castillo expresses a doubt whether it will be able to influence the other branches of the United States government and President Cleveland.

Spain, so far, according to Premier Canovas del Castillo, is satisfied with the situation. Senor Castillo was of the opinion that the secretary of state had supported the cause of international law with wisdom. The holidays, he thought, would give congress time for reflection. If however, the members of the United States house of representatives and senate persist in the attitude shown by the senate committee on foreign affairs, Senor Canovas del Castillo said that he had reason to believe the president of the United States would interpose a veto, thus compelling the reintroduction of resolutions favoring Cuban independence, all of which would take time.

Senor Castillo made the significant and important statement during the course of the interview that the recognition of belligerency and even the independence of the Cubans, need not necessarily be considered *casus belli*; but, nevertheless, he thought any such action on the part of the United States government could not fail to have its effect on the Spanish nation. The government of Spain, he insisted, would determine for itself what course to pursue. Energetic action would not be lacking, he added, but he thought it necessary that the government's action should not be embarrassed by manifestations.

In conclusions, Premier Castillo asserted that the course of events would indicate, before a conflict could arise, whether or not it would be necessary to convene a session of the cortes.

SPANIARDS IN A FRENZY.

FEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Evening Post's copyrighted London cablegram has the following:

"The Cuban resolution in the United States senate would be regarded here as little more than a useful safety valve for jingo sentiment, did not Madrid telegrams show the highly inflammable state of the Spanish populace. The outburst following Mace's death in which the court was tormented to join, is described as bordering on frenzy. It suggests how far Castilian sensitiveness and popular enthusiasm may push the Spanish government without waiting for formal proof of the validity of the action of congress.

"In the event of a Spanish appeal to the European powers, it is remembered that French protests are still heard against the assumed American protectorate over the continent, where France has large interests.

"America," says the Manchester Guardian, "is doing her best to involve herself again in a tangle of European diplomatic relations, by opening one foreign question after another in which Europe is deeply interested."

Booklen's-Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, letter 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. Loge.

RINGS FOR LADIES.

A very nice assortment at Barr's, prices so low it will surprise you.

JASTORIA.

Chas. H. Fletcher

CRIMINAL.

One of the Cronin Murders

Arrested in Kansas City. Other Items of Interest.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 21.—John P. Kunz who was arrested on Thursday, while traveling on a Santa Fe train at Newton, Kan., and who has been taken to Leavenworth to answer to the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, is none other than "Cooney, the Fox," the famous suspect so long wanted as a witness in the famous murder case of Dr. Cronin. He is positively identified by Manager Bert Martin, of the local museum, on whom he called while in this city early this week, negotiating for the purchase of the Bacon house, for which he was to pay \$40,000 cash. Manager Martin knew Kunz when he was on exhibition in Chicago in 1888, when Martin delivered the lecture attending the daily exhibition.

He enjoyed a "touch of high life" while in Leavenworth, for which, it is alleged others paid the bills, and finally borrowed \$7 from the hotel clerk and left by a night train being overtaken at Newton and brought back.

Martin believes the man has money, and that his conduct is the result of eccentricities, which were displayed fully when he was out on bail pending the Cronin trial.

Wanted Christmas Money.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 21.—There is great excitement at Cloud Chief over a confession made by a young man under arrest for killing Alva Tripp, the farmer found murdered in bed last Sunday morning, to the effect that he committed the murder to get Christmas money, and secured \$1.40. He says he is one of a gang organized to murder and rob a number of citizens for money to spend during the holidays, and implicates several others.

Shot His Wife.

FORT SOTT, KAN., Dec. 21.—Late this evening, while on their way to make a call, William B. Reno and daughter, Mrs. May Bryant, were shot and probably fatally wounded by George Bryant. Bryant approached them and asked if he could speak to his wife, who recently left home. Reno replied "No," at which Bryant commenced to shoot. Mr. Reno was shot in the right breast and back, while Mrs. Bryant received two bullets in the back just under the shoulder. Bryant fled after the shooting, and at midnight was still at large. The would-be murderer is about 35 years old. Bryant is thought by his parents and some companions to be insane.

MARKETS.

WHEAT.

Following is Talkington's circular Dec. 21.—The market opened in a cent below Saturday closing but it did not stay there. The tendency was upward from the start although it did not close much better than it opened.

Liverpool came in 1/4c higher but there was no change in the closing. Trade is restricted, due partially to the unsettled condition regarding the Cuban question, and a disposition prevails to await developments in this matter before any thing more than a scalping market can be looked for. Receipts at primary points are diminishing and clearances are moderate.

Chicago wheat opened today at 79c and closed at 79 1/2c. Cash 76 1/2c. Liverpool market firmer and quoted at 68 1/2d. Visible supply 54,891,000, an increase of 850,000 bushels.

THEATER TONIGHT.

The Royal Marionette company will commence their week's engagement at the opera house tonight. The funny pantomime of Humpty Dumpty will be produced. Popular prices will rule through out the week, at 10-20 and 30 cents. Seats on sale at Steiner's Drug Store.

Remember the New York Racket for Christmas goods.

NOTICE.

Cheap meat. Boiling beef from 4c to 6c. Steak, 7c. C. Wolz & Miesck.

ROCKING CHAIRS.

Make good Christmas presents. Buren & Hamilton have a fine selection. 12-18-17.

CANDY.

Headquarters for Christmas stock, Westcott & Irwin. 18 1/2c. Remember the Spa is headquarters for fresh Christmas candies. 21-31.

A great variety of handkerchiefs cheap at the New York Racket.

The spa candies are manufactured fresh daily. 21-31.

Buy your Christmas goods at The New York Racket and save 25 to 50 per cent.

JASTORIA.

Chas. H. Fletcher

STEEVES

Ten in Favor of an Acquittal.

Hillsboro Jury Can't Agree on a Verdict.

HILLSBORO, Dec. 21.—At a late hour last night, the jury in the Steeves case had not returned a verdict. It stood ten for acquittal and two for conviction. There seems little hope of a decision being reached.

When Judge McBride, on Friday afternoon, charged the jury, and explained that, unless a verdict was rendered by 5 o'clock, in time for him to take the northbound train, he would have to leave for St. Helens, it was hoped that before that hour an agreement might be reached. This did not prove to be the case.

The first ballot showed eight of the jurors for acquittal and four for conviction. This was the vote, it is reported, until yesterday afternoon, when those who favored acquittal gained two more votes, the jury standing 10 to 2.

The two jurors supposed to be standing out for conviction are William Hagley and J. C. Cooper, and, from the well-known character of both men, no one knowing them believes that they will surrender their first convictions, and, in the end, a mistrial is altogether likely to be the result.

A great amount of interest is shown in Portland over the result of the trial. Mr. Steeves' friends have stood by him from the first, and in addition he is a member of several different orders, the members of which also stood by him.

Estimates of the cost of the Steeves trial to Multnomah county range from \$2500 to \$4000. Brokers bought up warrants to the extent of \$2500 at a lucrative discount. There were 95 witnesses most of them for the prosecution.

DISCHARGED.

Hobos Arrested for Burglary

Owing to Insufficient Evidence They Are Dismissed

The party or parties, who entered the S. P. passenger depot during the noon hour, Saturday, and in the absence of the agent forced open the till and carried away between \$30 and \$40 in silver, nickels and pennies have not yet been apprehended and the probabilities are that they never will be.

Late Saturday afternoon Deputy Sheriff E. E. Cooper arrested three hoboes, in the vicinity of the reform school, suspecting them of having perpetrated the crime. They were immediately brought to Salem and at 5:30 p. m. they were arraigned before Justice H. A. Johnson, where they gave the names of Allen, Keene and Tom Reed. Their preliminary examinations were set for 9 a. m. today.

Allen and Keene were first brought before Justice Johnson but the evidence adduced in questioning the "Knights of the Road" was not sufficient to warrant the holding of the accused for further examination on the charge.

Tom Reed, the last of the trio, was next brought before Justice Johnson, and was subject to a very searching interview, but upon motion of District Attorney D. L. Hayden the case was dismissed owing to insufficient evidence. Reed conducted his own case in a skillful manner carefully evading all questions that related to his relatives and occupation. When the examination of Reed had been concluded and he was informed of his acquittal of the charge, he thanked Justice Johnson and promptly left the court room. Officers are still working on the case and hope to be able to yet apprehend the guilty party and mete justice out to him.

ANOTHER BEAUTY.

Car "No. 14" was turned out of the car barn of the Salem Consolidated Street Railway Company this morning. It is a beauty for construction and rapidity of motion. It is an exact reproduction of car No. 20 that was turned out a few weeks since. Car No. 14 is also furnished throughout with modern improvements. This is only the beginning of more extensive repairs to be made on the plant and its properties, preparatory to entering upon another year's work.

All sizes of rubbers and rubber boots

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!

HOUSE-BREAKING.

Work of Hobos Has Begun.

Two Salem Residences Burglarized Early Sunday Evening.

Hobos cannot live without money and something with which to satisfy the appetite, any more than can a laboring man. The majority of the hobo element in any community, is a class of men who will not work even if an opportunity is offered them. The company of hobos about Salem is not an exception to the general rule as above stated. The Southern Pacific grounds in the eastern part of our city seems to be a favorite camping place for this worthless class of individuals. There is almost continually a band of men camping in the vicinity of the depot.

Early Sunday evening two Salem residences located on Summer and Winter streets, respectively, were broken into and thoroughly ransacked while the occupants were attending church. When Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Polly returned to their home at No. 340 Winter street, they discovered that some one had thoroughly ransacked the building during their absence. Entrance was gained through a kitchen window, by removing the screen and breaking the steel catch with a chisel. The beds were overturned and the bureau drawers had been searched but thus far the only articles that have been missed are a silver watch case and a pocket book, which was fortunately empty. The "callers" evidently seemed to have been in search of money as no eatables were in the least disturbed. The house-breakers made their exit through the same window by which they entered.

The residence of Mrs. A. F. Cox, No. 341, Summer street, was also entered last evening and the beds, furniture, etc., up-stairs, were overturned, but nothing on the first floor appeared to have been touched. It is thought the house-breakers were frightened away by people returning from church before they had accomplished the object for which they called. Entrance to Mrs. Cox's home was gained through a window from a side porch. The marks of the chisel remain on the window-sill, occasioned by prying open the window.

Salem can not well afford to practice too much economy in her police department when the city is infested by such a gang of lawless persons as she now is to all appearances.

Blood Purifier Tonic.

HOULTON, Ore. Nov. 30, 1896.—"I have been taking Hood's Sarsaparilla for some time and highly recommend it as a blood purifier and tonic. It has helped me more than any other medicine that I have ever taken and I highly recommend it to others who need a blood purifier." Mrs. E. Crosby.

Hood's Pills are easy to buy, easy to take, easy in effect.

Buy your dolls at the New York Racket.

For fancy Christmas boxes, with choicest confectionery, always go to the Spa. 21-31.

LARCENY

Committed by an Ex-Convict.

Geo. Payne, Alias Jim Gaud, Confesses the Theft.

For some time since J. G. Wright and W. H. Haas have been missing small articles, mostly cutlery, from their places of business on Commercial street. The articles disappearing from Mr. Wright's store consisted mostly of pocket knives and other small cutlery. Mr. Haas' loss consisted chiefly of small jewelry.

Chief of Police A. C. Dille was informed of the losses Sunday morning and within two hours thereafter, he had Payne landed in the county jail.

At 10 a. m. today Payne was arraigned before Recorder Ed N. Edes charged with larceny from a dwelling. The prisoner broke down and made a full confession. He notified the officers where the stolen goods were, the greater part of which were recovered. Payne is a colored man and became very penitent when brought before Recorder Edes. He has been a familiar figure about Salem for some time.

After his confession he was bound over to await the action of the grand jury which meets next February.

Call for Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that I have cash on hand to pay all warrants endorsed up to April 6, 1895, and interest on the same will cease on the date of this notice. Dated December 16, 1896.

G. L. BROWN, County Treasurer.

Nice, dainty cases, containing assorted perfumery, delicate and lasting, very cheap, at Fry's drug store.

CLOSING OUT SALE.

At the Ladies Bazaar. 12-17-31.

CHRISTMAS ROCKERS.

At Buren & Hamilton's. 18-17

FRUIT FOR X-MAS.

The finest stock at Strong's restaurant. 18-17

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Absolutely Pure

There is no aid to the house-wife so great, no agent so potent in relief for the dyspeptic, as the Royal Baking Powder.

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