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A Good Point to remember in the purchase of hardware is that quality should never be sacrificed for price. Low prices with us mean no sacrifice of excellence. Any one who buys of us will certify to this fact. GRAY BROS. Salem, Or.

WORK IN CONGRESS. Business of the First Days Session. 77 SENATORS ARE PRESENT. Members Elect Sworn in in the House. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The senate chamber at the opening session was a veritable conservatory. The floral display was beautiful. Precisely at 12 o'clock the gavel of Vice-President Hobart fell, and the senate was called to order. An invocation was delivered by Rev. Milburn, the blind chaplain. Seventy-seven senators responded on roll-call. The venerable Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, was first recognized by the vice president. He offered a resolution, which was passed, in the usual form, that the secretary inform the house that the senate was in session and ready to proceed to business.

By resolution of Calum, of Illinois, the time of the daily meeting of the senate was fixed at noon. On motion of Hale, of Maine, a recess was taken until 1 o'clock. At 1:30 the senate reassembled and the committee, headed by Gorman, reported. The president's message was presented by Mr. Pruden at 3:30 o'clock and was laid before the senate and read. IN THE HOUSE. The house of representatives presented an animated appearance long before noon. The surrounding corridors were filled with jostling, morning crowds before 11 o'clock. The galleries which overlook the floor were black with people. Floral tributes for members were numerous, and in some instances imposing. As the hands of the clock pointed to 12 Speaker Reed, attired in a black cutaway coat, and wearing a red tie, ascended the rostrum. The crack of the gavel subdued the din on the floor and conversation in the galleries. In the deep silence which followed the calling of the assemblage to order, prayer was offered by the eminent divine, Rev. Charles A.

Hood's Pills. Special Sale! Well now it has come our time to get in on the "special" again, so here goes. From now till January 1, we are going to slash prices on our boys' clothing. You can now make the boy happy with a new suit for Xmas, besides we do our part too, we give a fine two-bladed knife with each suit. See the south window, it is jam full of boys' overcoats, with the prices ruined in every case. Boys be sure and have one of them. The north window is full of the last of the men's clothing and they have suffered in the same way, viz, prices ruined. E. F. NEFF. "The Boys' Outfitter," 297 Commercial st., Salem.

UMBRELLAS. Down They Go! Our underwear sale has succeeded beyond our most sanguine expectations. We are going to continue it. At the same time we have cut the price of our immense stock of umbrellas: 50c ones reduced to .25c, 75c ones reduced to .50c, \$1 ones reduced to .75c, \$1.25 ones reduced to .85c, \$1.50 ones reduced to .95c. WOOLEN MILL STORE, 299 Commercial st.

THREE REPUBLICANS. One Bryan Man Elected to the City Council. THE CITIZENS' UNION TICKET Made a Good Showing of Strength in Every Ward.

The election, Monday, was conducted under the worst weather witnessed this year. It was decidedly unfavorable to the Citizen's Union, who were lacking in "the sinews of war," and had no aid from the city, county or state machines. They elect one alderman in the ward considered the Republican Gibraltar. The Bryan forces, as they were called by the Republicans, made a straight fight from principle, put up the strongest ticket that has ever been named by the opposition to the Republicans, and loyally stood up for it. They feel grateful to the large and hearty Republican support they received. It was a compliment to their ticket. A. A. Lee (Rep.) is elected treasurer by 213 majority over J. M. Payne. The net majorities for the Republican candidates for alderman is reduced to 118.

THE NEW COUNCIL. First Ward—J. M. Lawrence and M. W. Hunt (Republicans). Second Ward—E. F. Parkhurst (Republican), A. B. Buren (Citizens Union). Third Ward—Hiram Smith and Lee McGrew (Republicans). Fourth Ward—J. S. Graham and F. A. Legg (Republicans). The council will be composed of 7 Republicans and 1 Citizen's Union. The vote in detail for the respective candidates is as follows: FIRST WARD. Treasurer—A. A. Lee, 99; J. M. Payne, 59. Total, 158. Lee's majority, 40. Councilman—M. W. Hunt, 95; D. J. Fry, 61; J. B. T. Tushill, 2. Total, 158. Hunt's plurality, 34. SECOND WARD. Treasurer—A. A. Lee, 152; J. M. Payne, 91. Total, 243. Lee's majority, 61. Councilman—E. M. LaFore, 114; A. B. Buren, 127. Total, 241. Buren's majority, 13. THIRD WARD. Treasurer—A. A. Lee, 100; J. M. Payne, 47. Total, 147. Lee's majority, 53. Councilman—Lee McGrew, 104; A. Blosser, 52. Total, 156. McGrew's majority, 52. FOURTH WARD. Treasurer—A. A. Lee, 147; J. M. Payne, 97. Total, 244. Lee's majority, 50. Councilman—F. A. Legg, 142; W. T. Rigdon, 99. Total, 241. Legg's majority, 43.

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BIG LETTER From Santa Claus! SNOWY LAND, Dec. 7, 1897. TO THE FAIR STORE, 274 Commercial st., Salem, Or. Dear Sir—As it is now time to start with my reindeers on the long Christmas journey to gather up a fine lot of toys for all the good girls and boys, and for the older people I am anxious to visit you and make arrangements to have my headquarters at THE FAIR STORE, for I have been advised that you have the most complete line of Christmas goods in that beautiful Willamette Valley, also that your prices are very low on everything. Yours for Christmas Toys and everything. SANTA CLAUS. P.S. I know that your nice toys will afford the children more pleasure and prevent more hairs from turning gray than many articles which last 365 days. SANTA CLAUS.

MORE SUITS INSTITUTED. County Court Will Convene Wednesday Educational Meeting. A number of new suits have been instituted in the Marion county circuit court. Summons have recently been served in several of the cases which appear below. James and Nora Shepherd have instituted a suit against E. E. and Isabelle Gooding for judgment declaring a certain deed void, and for a one-half interest in the lease to the property and business known as the Fashion stable they having been induced to go into the business by Gooding who, they now allege, made false pretenses regarding his possession of that property. Mrs. R. E. Nichols vs. B. F. Drake is the title of a suit instituted in Department No. 1, Marion county circuit court in which plaintiff demands judgment against defendant for the sum of \$1,774.90 with interest thereon at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from the 7th day of Dec. 1897 until paid and for the further sum of \$150 attorney's fees and for the further sum of \$140.50 and interest thereon at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from Dec. 8, 1897. The sum of \$1,774.90 is alleged to be amount due on a promissory note for \$1,583.00 issued on May 25, 1894 by defendant to plaintiff. Of this amount but \$100 consisting of five shares of Salem Woolen Mill stock has been paid. The \$140.50 is alleged to be due for board furnished the defendant from March 6, 1897 to Dec. 6, 1897. Bowerman and McCourt are attorneys for the plaintiff. Horst & Lachmund have instituted a suit in Department No. 1, Marion county circuit court against Geo. W. H. and Frederick Schwab to obtain 20 halves of horse valued at \$450, or in case the same are not delivered to plaintiff judgment is demanded for \$450. The heirs are in possession of the defendants at Mt. Angel. Holmes & Kellogg are attorneys for the plaintiffs.

COUNTY COURT. The December term of the county court will be convened at the court house Wednesday. It is probable an order will be made authorizing the publication of the delinquent tax roll of 1896 but with this single exception there is nothing other than routine business awaiting the attention of the court. There is an unusual number of bills to be audited at this term. Persons having claims against the county should be careful and comply with the rules of the court and verify each bill before filing the same with the clerk. County Clerk Eichen reports constantly irregular and gross carelessness on the part of persons having claims against the county. Every month bills, not properly verified, are presented and incorrectly prepared, are filed with the clerk. When not prepared in accordance with the rules of the court, the bills are simply rejected. As a result of a delinquency in the settlement of their claims, persons holding the same are inclined to attach the same to the county, and as a result of blanks for making the bills are furnished by the county without extra cost, it appears as though it would be to the interest of the person having a claim against the county to see that it was properly made out and filed with the clerk on or before the Monday preceding the opening of the court. By complying with the court's rules, persons in filing claims will save the clerk a great deal of inconvenience. Each and every claim, as far as possible an early adjustment of their claim. EDUCATIONAL MEETING. County Superintendent G. W. Jones announces an educational meeting to be held at Silverton on Saturday the 11th, inst., under the auspices of the Silverton Teachers' Association. All teachers and patrons are urged to be present and assist in the exercises. The following program will be rendered: "Discussion"—"The Recitation."—County Superintendent G. W. Jones, leader. Life and Work of Irving—D. J. Steiner. Irving's Voyage—Prof. E. H. Anderson. Address—President P. L. Campbell, of Monmouth Normal School. "Lesson Plans"—Prof. E. H. Anderson.

Y. M. C. A. Bohemian Night. Don't forget the entertainment at the M. K. church for the support of the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday, December 8. The following program has been arranged: Frustrated Schumann Miss Lelo, violin; Miss May Tilson, piano. No. 1 Willoughby No. More... Donizetti Mrs. Carey Martin, soprano. Recitation on the selected Mr. Basil Wagner. The Last Hope... Gottschalk Prof. Edward Tilson, piano. Shepherd of Israel... Cardinal Quattre. Recitation... My Missing Spectacles Miss Musa Geer. The Wanderer... Schubert Prof. Heritage, baritone. Home, Sweet Home... By Request Miss Lelo Nicklin, violin. Polonaise Heroique... Leisat Prof. Fleck, piano. Admission 10 cents. Insane Asylum Report. Supt. Paine today filed with the state insane asylum board his report for the month of November. The report was accepted and approved. The financial report shows total expenses of the different departments for the month of November, 1897, \$2296.95. There were eleven patients discharged, five improved, four recovered and two not improved. Deaths 6, received 18. Number eloped for the month, four; returned escapes two. Number patients October 31, 1114; Number treated 1134; Number remaining November 30, 1118. Average number daily 1116.11-30. Number officers and employees 126. Indoor Base Ball at the Y. M. C. A. Tonight. Everybody is invited to attend a practice game at the gymnasium this evening after class. The team did some earnest work and are in condition to play a fine game. Admission free.

Mrs. WILLIAMS.—Frodo and organ studio over First National bank. 5-14. Chinook salmon belly at Steiner's market. CASTORIA. Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious. ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. Royal Baking Powder is sold in 5 lb. cans and 1 lb. tins. Sold by all grocers.

STATE SUPREME COURT. In State vs. Con. Kellier, in State vs. Charles Frieser and in Portland University vs. Multnomah county, petitions for rehearing overruled. James Lawrence vs. E. J. Lanning, et al; appeal from Linn county, affirmed. State vs. C. B. Estes, appeal from Clatsop county; motion to dismiss appeal overruled. In assignment of the Bank of Oregon, D. H. James vs. W. S. Thompson; appeal from Linn county, affirmed. Anna Finseth vs. City & Suburban Railway; appeal from Multnomah county, reversed and new trial ordered. S. Wickettor & Co. vs. Farmers & Merchants Insurance company; appeal from Linn county, reversed and new trial ordered. Ruben Trotsky vs. Farmers & Merchants Insurance Company; appeal from Linn county, reversed and new trial ordered. In the estate of E. J. Partridge; appeal from Multnomah county, affirmed.

NEW REPAIR SHOP.—Louis Kibbe has opened a shop in the Salem Gun store, where he is prepared to do all kinds of repairing, such as bicycles, light machinery, electrical appliances, etc. Satisfaction guaranteed. 30-14. Karl's Clover Root Tea is a pleasant laxative. Regulates the bowels, purifies the blood. Clear the complexion. Easy to make and pleasant to take. 25 cents a tin. D. J. Fry. To Cure a Cold in one day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. 10-14-6m.

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