

A Deeper Cut!

Boots and Shoes!

and the remainder will be run off almost regardless of prices.

NEW GOODS

already in store and being constantly ordered. A rare opportunity is offered all.

Salem Shoe Store

State street, next door to Ladd & Bush's bank.

Now Is Your Time

Christmas Gift Sale!

You need clothing, we need money. We have got our price down to a point that we defy competition.

G. W. JOHNSON & Co.

The Neatest and Largest

Art Silks, Figured Sateens, Silk Lace, Chenilles, Embroidery Silks,

Bankrupt Store, Corner State and Commercial sts., Salem, Or.

to remember in the purchase of hardware that quality should never be sacrificed for price.

A Good Point

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WOOLEN MILL STORE

299 Commercial st., Salem, Or.

LOGAN NOT GUILTY.

Such is the Verdict of the Jury.

SAYS MRS. LUETGERT IS ALIVE.

Probable Fate of Three Negroes for Murder.

DALLAS, Polk county, Dec. 11.—The interest in the trial of Allen Logan, at Dallas is intense, and the court room was crowded.

Logan appears very calm and smiled occasionally during the examination of the witnesses.

At the opening of the court, Drs. W. H. Byrd and R. Cartwright, of Salem, were called to the witness stand to testify regarding the fractures on Sylvester's skull, which was shown by Dr. Jones, the Lebanon physician.

Mrs. Sylvester was on the stand but her testimony was not of much importance. She said her husband was trying to make peace among a number of people who had engaged in a row when the fatal blow was struck by Logan.

The state rested the case and witnesses for the defense were then called. Drs. Butler, Ketchum and Babbett all agreed that the rents upon the skull of Sylvester, produced in court, could have been caused only by the use of some heavy instrument.

J. J. Whitney, of Albany, opened for the state and he was followed by J. K. Weatherford and W. S. McFadden, of Albany and Corvallis, respectively for the defendant.

The closing speech was by the Hon. Samuel L. Hayden, that keen young lawyer from Salem, who is serving the citizens of the third judicial district as district attorney in a most acceptable manner.

IS NOT A DEFAULTER.

Ex-Librarian Accounts Are Explained.

GOVERNMENT NOT FRAUDED.

Other Criminal News Gathered From All Sources.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—An investigation now being made by officials of the congressional library and officials of the postoffice department promises to throw a great deal of light upon the recently widely discussed shortage of the former librarian, Almsworth R. Spofford.

It will be remembered that an investigation by the treasury department about a year ago showed Librarian Spofford to be about \$30,000 short in his account.

While Mr. Spofford was in office, Mr. Metcalf, chief of the money order division, frequently notified the librarian that there were orders on hand which he would cash.

Since J. Russell Young has been placed in charge of the library, he and First Assistant-General Health have made a systematic search of the old library records, and tucked away in one place they have unearthed hundreds of old orders which the former librarian had put aside and apparently forgotten.

Many of the orders have expired by limitation, but they will all be paid by cashier's warrants on the treasury, and the money will be turned over to Mr. Spofford up in rectifying his own accounts.

Retribution SPOKANE, Dec. 11.—John P. McCoomb, at one time a prominent and trusted citizen of Seattle, died at 1 o'clock Thursday night in a little room in a lodging house in this city and was buried yesterday in a pauper's grave.

Eight years ago McCoomb was secretary of the relief committee which had charge of the supplies donated by other cities for the relief of the fire-sufferers of Seattle.

Roasted in a Smokestack SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Michael Purcell, a boiler-maker, was making some repairs inside the smokestack of the steamer Wellington, at the Folsom-street wharf, when the fires were carelessly stoked below him.

First Bowling Match The big six bowling matches for the winter were started at the Hillside club Friday night. The next big match comes off next Friday night.

UNION MEETING.—A union meeting of the various Young Peoples Societies of Christian Endeavor throughout the city will be held Sunday evening at 6:15 in the Congregational church.

MR. DRAKE ASSIGNS.—B. F. Drake today made an assignment, naming F. E. Rizer as assignee who filed a bond for \$3000 with W. F. Boothby and H. M. Branson as sureties.

Silver Bell Circle tonight. Prof. Tillson will play.

JUST RECEIVED.—Another new lot of artistic silver novelties for holiday gifts direct from New York by John G. Barr. See the display in their street jewelry store show window.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

Cure that Cough with Shiloh's Cure. The best Cough Cure. Relieves Croup promptly. One million bottles sold last year.

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

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Fiends.

WESSON, Miss, Dec. 11.—Full particulars of one of the most atrocious crimes ever recorded have just come to hand.

It was one of these negroes, who, on Wednesday, some time between noon and night crept up to Smith's house and most brutally assaulted Mrs. Smith, then brained her and, to hide his crime, tried to kill the children.

A posse was organized, and the negro was captured and taken to Monticello, in the county seat of Lawrence county, and was carried back to the scene of his crime, where he was fully identified by the little girl.

The accused negro is being tried before Justice Holmes. He has given testimony implicating two other negroes, Will Power and Andy Smith, who are in custody.

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Get Will Powell and Andrew Smith.

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 11.—W. J. Bryan arrived in the gate-way to the republic of Mexico, and immediately transferred to the special car on the Mexican National road, accompanied by several state officials which had been dispatched by President Diaz to meet him.

As soon as the Mexican side was reached the train was halted and a telegram from President Diaz welcoming Mr. Bryan was read.

Mr. Bryan was repeatedly referred to in the speeches which were solely made by Mexican citizens as "our great silver friend."

Mr. J. S. Cook, the Salem attorney was the recipient of a notarial commission today.

Chas. Transportation Company, F. W. Leadbetter, J. N. Day and H. M. Calk, all Portland incorporators—capital stock \$10,000, and object to do a general stock raising in the Columbia and Willamette rivers.

HEAR—Prof. Edward W. Tillson at State Insurance hall tonight.

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MURDERER LYNNED.

WESSON, Miss, Dec. 11.—Charles Jones, the negro who on Wednesday murdered Mrs. Brown Smith and her four children near this place, has been captured and lynched by an infuriated mob.

Part of Sam Maine's Remains.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—The human foot found on a truck beneath a Pullman car, is believed to be part of the remains of Sam Maine, of Princeton, Ia. The mangled remains of a man supposed to be Maine were found near Mexico, Mo., strewn along the tracks of the Alton.

The Petit Journal.

A Daily Paper for the Boys and Girls of Oregon.

Vol. 1. Salem, Dec. 11, 1897. No. 4

The P. J. has not 5000 circulation right to start with, as a Salem paper started out. But it has the largest circulation among the children of Oregon of any paper only 4 days old.

A young man brought a good item to this paper Friday about two boys upsetting a skiff, but he was too old to compete for the prize we offer of a fine book for the best item sent in this month by a boy or girl under 12.

If you are not going to be a gentleman in your conduct you better strike right out to become a highway robber. No use being anything half-ways bad.

The German emperor is not gaining in popularity, but the people have decided to put up with his highness, provided he don't write any more poetry.

It is reported that France, Germany, and Russia have agreed to cut great big slices of territory out of the Chinese Empire. Germany is to take the Shan Tung peninsula, Russia is to have Corea, and France the Island of Formosa.

We want all the boys and girls to go and hear the lecture, at the Reed tonight, on Cuba. Tell your parents you want our country to own Cuba and Hawaii, because then candy, coconuts, oranges and pineapples will not cost half what they do now.

To Fly the Yukon. New York, Dec. 11.—Lewis Norton of Elizabethport, N. J., is to build a sternwheel steambot of special design, for use on the Yukon river for the Philadelphia Exploration & Mining Company, which is about to send north an expedition under charge of Professor Angelo Heilprin, of Philadelphia. The party will have eight members, who expect to spend two years in Alaska.

The new boat will be 80 feet long over all, 15 feet beam, and 10 feet 10 inches in depth. She will be built in watertight sections, and entirely of steel six pounds to the square foot, up to the main deck. It is estimated that she will carry 35 tons in 18 inches draught of water. There will be two engines and one large boiler, fitted to burn either coal or wood. It is expected that the principal fuel will be driftwood picked up in transit. The engines will be expected to develop 60 horsepower.

The contract calls for the completion of the boat within 90 days, when she will be shipped across the continent by rail, or else sent around the Horn by one of the many steamers going to participate in the Klondike trade.

Her light draft will enable her crew to pull her upon the bank and transform her into a shore dwelling when overtaken by winter.

More Suits Instituted. In Department No. 1, Marion county circuit court, two suits have recently been instituted.

Richard Claxton seeks to obtain judgment against S. and Alice Spencer, for \$268 with interest at 8 per cent from Nov. 30, 1897, and \$30 as special attorney's fees.

Unless the city of Salem can give more employment to laborers and county taxes can be reduced it is useless to expect great improvements or advertise to bring more population here.

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