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You need clothing, we need money. We have got our price down to a point that we defy competition. Don't matter whether it is a "bankrupt store" racket store or any other kind of a store, they are not in it with us. We are the people and are located at 120 State street.

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Men's Wool Underwear

Extra good value. Buy now, for at the prices we are offering them they will not remain with us long. See them! See them!

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From 10c a pair up to the finest satin embroidered largest and best assortment in the city.

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From the good durable wool hat for 50c each up to the finest fur. Remember our three specials.

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A Good Point

to remember in the purchase of hardware, 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.

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Salem, Or.

GUS WACHLIN GUILTY

Verdict of Murder in the First Degree.

WILL BE SENTENCED SATURDAY

The Jury Were Out But Six Hours --Other News.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 13.—At 4 o'clock Saturday the jury in the case of Gus Wachlin, charged with the murder of John D. Ledrick, returned a verdict of guilty as charged in the indictment. The jury retired at 10 o'clock, and in just six hours the verdict, which means hanging, was handed into court, and the jury discharged. A number of citizens remained on, expecting the jury to come in before morning, and were in the court room at the time the verdict was read.

Wachlin was ordered by the court to stand while the verdict was being read. With his hand resting on the back of a chair, his jaws quivering, he awaited the final announcement. When it came his head dropped, his jaws became set, his face pale, and the violent look at the jury showed the state of his feelings.

The first ballot taken by the jury after retiring was as to guilt or innocence, without regard to degree, the 12 votes being cast for guilt. The second and third ballot are understood to have been eight for guilty as charged, and four for murder in the second degree. On the fourth ballot, the jury voted unanimously. A fifth ballot was taken to make sure, with the same result. The jury was reported to have discussed the chain of circumstantial evidence thoroughly, and to have contrasted it with that against Durrant.

The court has set Saturday, December 18, as the time for passing sentence. The defense will then move for a new trial, it being claimed that new evidence has been found. Should an appeal be taken, there is little doubt that the verdict will be affirmed.

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 am glad you are still giving away the famous book "The Lost Shackle, or Seven Years With the Indians," on the purchase of \$2, or selling it for 25c postpaid. Every one ought to read it.

SANTA CLAUS.

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.

as the court, in passing upon questions of law raised during the trial, gave the defendant the benefit of all doubts, preferring if there were any errors, that they be on the side of the defense.

Negro ex-Convict Shot. HANNIBAL, Mo., Dec. 12.—Bill Underwood, a negro recently released from the penitentiary, called at the home of Christian Pabst, a farmer living four miles southwest of here, and demanded money. Pabst refused and Underwood drew a revolver and made him lay down on the floor. He then pressed the revolver against Mrs. Pabst's temple, and commanded her to bind her husband's arms and feet with twine. The woman obeyed. The brute then took her into another room and assaulted her.

In the morning she eluded him and ran to the house of her brother-in-law, Louis Pabst, a mile distant. Louis returned with a shotgun. Underwood met and disarmed him, and made him walk into the room where his brother, Christian, still lay bound. Louis suddenly made a bound for Underwood, and after a scuffle, secured the gun, and a moment later the riddled corpse of the negro was stretched on the floor.

Mrs. Pabst may die.

May Be Lynched.

ALBUQUERQUE, Dec. 11.—A serious affray occurred at Seligman, Ariz., wherein Charles Taylor was killed by Bill Fott. The latter claims that he was authorized by a constable to arrest Carter, and when the latter resisted, he shot him dead.

Carter was very popular, and had a number of friends, who are threatening to lynch Fott. Trouble is almost hourly expected, and the sheriff of Yavapai county has collected a large posse to protect the body of Fott from violence at all hazards.

Convicted.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 13.—David Davidson, the Randsburg wife murderer, has been convicted of murder in the first degree, with the penalty of life imprisonment. He is said to be the son of a prominent St. Louis physician. The defense was insanity, and during the trial Davidson appeared oblivious to his surroundings, but experts declared that he was shamming.

Arrested.

ANTIGO, Wis., Dec. 13.—L. E. Buckman, cashier of the defunct Antigo bank, was arrested on a charge of embezzlement. His shortage will reach \$13,000.

Officer and Prisoner Shot.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Policeman William J. Coghlan, who was charged with attempting to place under arrest, was both fatally shot. Coghlan had a warrant for the police. He and another officer attempted to serve it. They were resisted, and in the melee Coghlan's revolver was discharged, the ball taking effect above his head. Coghlan's partner overpowered the police, and started for a patrol box. On the way, the prisoner broke away. In the struggle over the officer's pistol, he was discharged, and the prisoner received the ball in exactly the same place he had shot Coghlan. Both men will die.

Girl Poisoners.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—W. E. Athey, a street-car conductor, and Gibson were detailed to investigate. Athey said that a young woman named Antoinette Bares had confessed to him that she was guilty of poisoning several people in Salt Lake City where she resided with a hair dresser and resided with a Mrs. Hahn at 633 Main street. She is an Australian, aged 23, and is sometimes known as the "Red Umbrella" case. To Detective Gibson she declared having made the statements attributed to her by Athey.

Governor Would Not Interfere.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 13.—Governor Stephens, in reply to Rev. L. E. Ewing, of Liberty, Mo., who presented a numerous signed petition asking a postponement of the execution of William Carr, the child murderer, said he could not interfere unless a stay of execution was asked by the trial judge and prosecuting attorney. "We thought it best," said Mr. Ewing, "to inform Carr that there is no hope for him; that he had best prepare to meet his God on December 17."

Preparations for the execution are proceeding, and it is not believed that the court officials will intervene.

Collision in a Tunnel.

WALKERSBURG, Pa., Dec. 13.—A heavy freight train crashed into a train empty coal cars in the Vossburg tunnel of the Lehigh Valley railroad, blocking the tunnel completely. The wreck took fire and burned furiously all day. Engineer John Thomas and his fireman J. D. Egan were terribly hurt. The other trainmen escaped injury, but they had the greatest difficulty in making their escape from the tunnel, crawling for 800 feet.

Murdered His Aged Father.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 13.—Patrick McKenna, an aged man, and his son, John, aged 36, while at the supper table last evening, quarreled. The father threw a knife at the son, and the latter struck the old man with a chair, inflicting injuries which caused death in a few minutes. The man has been arrested.

Execution.

MATAMORAS, Mexico, Dec. 13.—Pantaleon and Victoriano Guillen, were shot in the jailyard this morning for the murder of Dr. Manuel Carpio. Five policemen were in the firing plank, and neither man was killed by the first discharge.

Embezzlement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Eugene A. Cushman, foreman in the streetcleaning department of this city, was arrested charged with embezzling \$25,000 from persons in Nebraska.

MRS. M'KINLEY DEAD

The Date Has Been Set For the Funeral.

THE BURIAL AT WESTLAWN

The Cabinet Officials Will Attend the Funeral.

CANTON, O., Dec. 13.—From reports received, it is expected that Secretary Bliss, of the interior department; Secretary of War Alger, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Attorney-General McKenna, his wife and daughters, Postmaster-General Cary and Secretary to the President, Porter of the Pennsylvania lines to attend the funeral services of Mother McKinley. The services will be held in the First M. E. church, of this city, at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Interment will follow in Westlawn cemetery, and Tuesday evening President McKinley and wife and the official from Washington who attend to funeral will leave for the capital, reaching there about noon Wednesday.

These are the arrangements so far completed since the death of Mother McKinley. It was at first thought by the family that the services should be of a more private nature, held at the old homestead. It was learned, through the pastor of Mrs. McKinley's church and members of the congregation, as well as from other friends, that the number of friends who desired to pay their last tribute of respect to the beloved woman by attending the obsequies could not be accommodated with such arrangements and church services were decided upon.

Rev. Dr. Manchester, the pastor of the church, announced that it is his desire to extend an invitation to all the ministers of all the churches of the city, of which there are about 100, to participate in the services.

Pallbearers have been selected from among the older members of the church, and for years have been close neighbors of the deceased.

According to the Oregonian, a very ugly state of affairs exists in Portland.

The gold-standard oracle charges that the Penney administration is licensing all manner of crime, vice and corruption in order to raise a campaign fund for next year's election. The Morning Tribune declares that these charges are not only ill-founded but are made for political effect. The Tribune also says that an indignation meeting is threatened on the part of the business community to protest against the aspersions made by the Oregonian upon the good name of the city. It is well said that truth is to be found at the bottom of a well.

Ancient ladies law class at Willamette university, who go to hear lectures from Judge Moore, Wolcott and Sean, and "Till" Ford, and "Bill" Kaiser before the Blackstone club, were reminded of a story:

Once in a Great City, in which only Good People were admitted, sat the gate-keeper, a wire old man, whom for convenience we will call St. Peter. A young came a lawyer, who said, "Peter may I come in?" "No," said the good old man, "no lawyers can never enter here."

He of the green bag turned sorrowfully away and sat down by the wayside to await further developments. Just down the road, tripping along with a little red umbrella, came a head, came a female disciple of Blackstone, wearing a smile intended to vanquish all arguments and act as a password to the beautiful city. Of course St. Peter let her in. The poor man on the outside straightway headed for the gate again, and demanded of St. Peter that he should show cause. "You just let that woman in and she's a lawyer from Ann Arbor."

"Oh," said St. Peter with a tired smile, "the woman is not a lawyer, she only thinks herself one." And he tapped the lawyer over the head with a big key and bade him begone.

Shot From Behind.

AMITE CITY, La., Dec. 13.—Another assassination, the second in a week, was placed to the record of Tangipahia parish. This evening, in the full glare of the hotel lights, S. B. Mullen, a stranger, was shot to death. He was standing on the hotel gallery, and the assassin shot him from behind. There were two shot fired, one of which penetrated the brain. Immediately, a large crowd gathered, and the greatest excitement prevailed. Sheriff Edwards was notified, and organized a posse.

As soon as the moon rises bloodhounds will take up the trail of the guilty parties. Why Mullen was shot is as yet a mystery. He was an entire stranger here, and could hardly have had any connection with any of the murders heretofore. Some people are under the impression that the man had enemies at his home, who followed him here and murdered him. Others are of the opinion that the man was a detective, and had come up here to work up some case.

NOTICE.—An informal meeting will be held on Tuesday evening Dec. 14th at the Cottage Hotel Mr. J. W. White of Illinois and others will speak on Woodcraft. All Woodmen of the city and their friends are invited to be present.

CASTORIA.

Don't forget Prof. Scobies dime musical tomorrow night at the Unitarian church secure your seats and be early.

NEW REPAIR SHOP.—Louis Kibele 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, 30-1

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JOURNAL "X-RAYS"

Out of the ninety members of the last legislature, two have died—physically.

There is a scarcity of high principle and an abundance of low personality in Portland politics.

If truth is to be found at the bottom of wells, we are surprised more people don't go after it, as the majority of wells at Salem are shallow surface-water affairs.

Oregon Mining Journal: The friends of the president will have some difficulty in reconciling this recommendation with the assurance given in his letter of acceptance that "it," the Republican party "will keep in circulation" all of the silver and paper money which is now used in the currency of the country."

Philistine Magazine: No language should be burdened with the letter "h." The Greeks showed the sound of the aspirate by a simple mark. Even now, Englishmen use or omit the sound of this letter at will. They call it "hach," and speak of a "orse" or "hass," as the notion strikes them, or as their grandfathers taught. The letter "hach" must go.

Jacksonville Times: If there was any necessity to confirm the faith of the masses in William J. Bryan, it is furnished in the fact that every gold-standard orator in the country is at his heels, trying in all ways to belittle him and destroy confidence in his ability and integrity. But their efforts are fruitless. The people will know their gallant leader, and they will not look in vain for him to pilot the cause of free silver and reform to victory in 1900.

Portland stirred Senator McBride up to work for Alaska. We hope it will soon be in order for him to work for Oregon.—La Grande Daily Populist. Observer. Mr. McBride does not work for Oregon. No state in the union will be better cared for by its senator than Oregon will be by McBride. We don't like the way "his friends" made him senator over Dolph (all unbeknownst to himself), nor the way he has allied himself with Mitchell, nor the way he unloads all his relatives on the public in the name of Republican civil service reform; but the fact that it is composed largely of self-appointed leaders, and it is better calculated to disrupt than to unite the reform forces of the state, and that all who want to it from patriotic motives are being misled.

Into one harmonious whole Mayor Penney pretends to want to unite those elements that at about election supported Mr. Bryan, and array it against all comers under the gold standard. But he insists, at the instance of Mr. Jones, national chairman of the Democratic party, that this be done in the name and under the leadership of the Democratic party (of which he assumes to be the head and front in Oregon). In support of this position, he claims that the Democratic party has abandoned its false gods, and, therefore, there is no logical excuse for the further existence of the People's party, either state or national.

There can be no united action with the People's party under the banner of the Democratic party and its terms of capitulation, nor under the leadership of Mr. Cooper's so-called "Union" party.

We recommend that our precinct clubs and county conventions consider those elements that at about election supported Mr. Bryan, and array it against all comers under the gold standard. But he insists, at the instance of Mr. Jones, national chairman of the Democratic party, that this be done in the name and under the leadership of the Democratic party (of which he assumes to be the head and front in Oregon). In support of this position, he claims that the Democratic party has abandoned its false gods, and, therefore, there is no logical excuse for the further existence of the People's party, either state or national.

By order of the state executive committee of the People's Party of Oregon.

JOHN C. YOUNG, Chairman.

W. S. U'REN, Secretary.

Portland, Dec. 11, 1897.

FOREIGN NEWS

A Berlin dispatch says that during the month of November, 68 socialist editors were sentenced on the charge of lese-majeste, or for insulting officials.

A Paris dispatch says: Mr. Remihier, judge of instruction, who had charge of the pan American scandal investigation, committed suicide in a sudden attack of insanity by throwing himself from a window.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death in the case of Walter Croft, the English pugilist, who died on Tuesday morning from injuries received during a contest with Jimmy Barry, of Chicago, at the National Sporting club in London.

In remarks made recently by Emperor William he said, in connection with the Hays case, "this American meddlesome policy must cease, or we will be obliged to teach them manners," and he pointedly referred to the necessity of a joint naval war against the United States.

The Berlin butchers and meat dealers have passed a resolution requesting the government to reopen the frontier to meat imports, and severely restrict the traffic in American meat. They say 28,000,000 marks' worth was imported in 1896 at prices which they cannot compete with.

The German-Chinese difficulty is practically settled, and according to Peking advices the Germans refuse the occupancy of Kao Chou bay. The governor of Shan Tung province has been removed from office, but will not be any further degraded. No monopoly of mines and railroads is conceded Germany, but that country is given preference. Finally, the area surrounding Kao Chou bay is set apart exclusively for Germany.

London advices show that all forces of General Sir William Lockhart, the British commander on the Indian frontier, have been withdrawn to the Bara valley for the winter. Thus the largest and best-equipped force ever assembled in India has failed, and the whole work will have to be repeated in the spring. About 1400 officers and men were either killed or wounded, 3,000,000 rupees spent in loss, and British prestige weakened on the frontier.

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THE POP COMMITTEE

Issues a Call for a State Convention.

BASED ON THE BRYAN VOTES.

Recommend That Plans of Union Be Discussed.

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—An important meeting of the executive branch of the people's party state central committee was held Saturday at the Hotel Perkins. Those present were John Young, chairman of the state committee; W. S. U'Ren, of Clackamas; Dr. Ernest Barton, of Yamhill; and A. P. Nelson, of Multnomah; Frank Williams, of Ashland; L. H. McMahon, of Salem; and G. A. Finch, of Oregon City, were also present, advising with the committee.

The main purpose of the meeting was to set the time for the holding of a state convention next spring, and, after a full discussion, the following address was prepared and furnished the press for publication:

"The state convention of the people's party of Oregon is hereby called to meet at Portland, Wednesday, March 23, 1898, at 1 o'clock p. m. The appointment of delegates from each county in the state convention is assumed to be the duty of one delegate for each 400 votes, or major fraction thereof, cast for Bryan and Watson at the presidential election held in 1896.

"The state executive committee of the people's party of Oregon believed it to be for the best interests of all concerned that the following statement be now made, to the end that those of all political affiliations who have the welfare of the state at heart may not be misled in their future political action.

"A careful investigation of the alleged 'Union' party will reveal the fact that it is composed largely of self-appointed leaders, and it is better calculated to disrupt than to unite the reform forces of the state, and that all who want to it from patriotic motives are being misled.

During a conversation between a young lady and young man of Eugene, says the Register, the lady was heard saying: "I am now working in the photo gallery, come down and I will take your picture. I will pay no attention to nature but will make it real nice."

William Boesch's brewery salon in Pendleton was burglarized last Wednesday night, and an attempt made to blow open a safe that contained \$200, but the safe was not alright enough to keep the gases of the gunpowder exploded from escaping. The money in the safe was well blackened by the gases, but the burglar got nothing but \$1 that he took from the cash register.

The JOURNAL stated in a news item a few days ago that: "Friday is set for the hearing of the charge of malfeasance, against the chief of police of Eugene. The principle witness could not give testimony owing to severe illness, so the case was postponed." It should have said Corvallis instead of Eugene. We stand corrected.

The other day H. Hount, of Hood river, saw a fine buck deer coming leisurely down the road towards his house. Young Bishop, living across the street, saw the deer about the same time. The latter got his 22 rifle and fired at the deer, hitting him behind the ear, and he dropped. Mr. Hount climbed the fence, and just as the deer was about to rise, got out his jack-knife and cut the deer's throat.

The Rail Road.

GILROY, Cal., Dec. 13.—The local northbound passenger train, running between Hollister and Gilroy, was wrecked at a point about four miles south of Gilroy, about 1 p. m. The train, which was in charge of G. W. Clark, a veteran conductor, had slowed up to pass over the long trestle spanning the Pajaro river and had just begun to make good headway when the engine jumped the track and on embankment about 15 feet high and toppled over on its side into the bottom of the ditch. Engineer S. J. Lynch and Fireman Madison Rockefeller remained at their posts and were thrown violently to the ground.

The engineer was not hurt, but Rockefeller sustained severe injuries. He was taken to San Francisco. He will probably recover. No passengers were injured. The accident is attributed to spreading of the rails.

Call for County Warrants.

Notice is here given that I have funds on hand to pay all warrants presented prior to January 13, 1897 and interest will cease on the same from the date of this notice.

Dated Dec. 10, 1897.

G. L. Brown,

12 10 1 wd & w County Treasurer.

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