

"And Lastly!"

Winter is half over, spring and summer will soon be here, when we shall put upon the

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the largest, best and choicest lot of men's and women's summer shoes ever sacrificed in Salem.

Salem Shoe Store,

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

"We the people" that must be respected do ordain as follows: That any person or persons that would dare to offer for sale any clothing, either in men's, boy's or childrens, below our cut prices, shall be sentenced to hard labor at 25cents a day, that they may help to support themselves and those dependent upon them.

G.W. JOHNSON & CO.

120 STATE STREET.

AUCTION! Announcement Extraordinary

The Bankrupt stock-in-the-Murphy Block is to be sacrificed and yet saved to the public, the loss to the owners only, and those who attend the sales are the gainers.

Corner State and Commercial sts., Salem, S. FRIEDMAN, Auctioneer,

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. GRAY BROS Salem Or.

ORIENTAL MATTERS,

Interesting News from the Chinese Empire.

WILL THE U. S. TAKE A HAND?

Seizure of Hainan Island by the French Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The rapid movements of events in the far east continues to be the absorbing topic in diplomatic circles here, particularly at the embassies and legations of the powers which are all raring for the apparent struggle for Chinese territory.

At the same time, an eminent authority on international affairs has said that a situation might develop wherein the United States might be called upon to go much further than to protect American interests at the treaty ports in China.

Poland has established the precedent in international affairs, he said, and following that precedent, if China was to be absorbed, it was a question of which the United States, in common with all nations, must take full cognizance.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail confirms the reported seizure of Hainan island by the French fleet, and separates the Gulf of Tonquin from the China sea. It has an estimated area of 12,000 square miles and a population of a million Chinese exclusive of the wild tribes in the interior.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—According to a special dispatch from Shanghai, the British admiral has requisitioned the three "Empress" steamships belonging to the Canadian Pacific Railway company.

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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.

NO STARVATION IN SIGHT.

Canada Gets Fresh News From the Klondike.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 30.—The deputations of Klondike miners will be received by the ministers of customs on Wednesday, next. The delegation wired that they met Major Walsh and party encamped on Salmon river, where they will have to remain until next March. There is said to be no possibility of an advance before then.

Ohio Senatorial Fight. COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 30.—There was an influx of legislators and the scenes about the hotel lobbies indicated that the senatorial election was the absorbing question.

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FLAG PULLED DOWN

In Fear of Spanish Mob Violence.

FORCED TO LOWER OLD G'ORY

An American Captain's Humiliation in Barcelona.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser, from New Haven, Conn., says: Captain George L. Kelsey, of the slooper Wallace Ward, which has just arrived here from Barcelona, states that the American consul at that port fears mob violence, and is unable to keep the American flag upon Uncle Sam's vessels.

At first the stars and stripes floated proudly from the masthead, but the Spanish loiterers were attracted by it and gathered by the vessel, threatening violence. The American consul proposed burning the vessel, and he sent word to Captain Kelsey to haul down the flag.

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For a Union.

CORVALLIS, Dec. 30.—A call has been issued for a mass meeting to arrange for a union of the Bryan forces for next year's campaign.

Views of Palma. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Governor-General Blanco's acceptance of McKinley's request that American people be permitted to relieve the suffering of the concentrated in Cuba is tantamount to an acceptance of the offer of intervention by the United States in the conflict so long in progress between the people of Cuba and the Spanish government.

A Yambiller Stabbed. DAYTON, O., Dec. 30.—George Sager, 7, an old bachelor, living about 34 miles from here, near Weston Landing, was found dead within 50 feet of his house Tuesday morning, having been dead, it is believed, several days.

Long Sentence. COLFAX, Wash., Dec. 30.—Alfred Sykes, slayer of Marshal Conlee at Sprague, was today sentenced to 18 years in the penitentiary.

Bank Officers Arrested. EL RENO, O. T., Dec. 30.—Gustav Thelan, president of the Stock Exchange bank; Michael Eshoff, cashier; Charles A. Newman, assistant cashier, and Louis Eshoff, a member of the board of directors, have been arrested on a charge of receiving deposits when the bank was known to be insolvent.

"A Night in Bohemia." Local lovers of musical farce comedies will be afforded an evening of splendid enjoyment Saturday night, January 1, when that bright comedy "A Night in Bohemia" will be presented by a company of twelve performers each of whom each is a star in his or her line.

Postal Savings Bank. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The postal savings bank plan is not a popular one in New York banking circles.

Trouble Probable. DENVER, Dec. 30.—A special to the Times from Washington says: Indications are today stronger than they have been at any previous time of trouble between the administration and the silver advocates in the Republican party.

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JOURNAL "X-RAYS."

Men may talk "wind money," but the people prefer sound management of public affairs.

From a man who has no respectable standing in any party, the Mitchell proclamation for honest primaries in Portland savors bombast.

Geo. Goodhue has been doing brown Lane county poultry show he is still far behind, however, when it comes to discussing a chicken with T. T. Geer.

The purification of Oregon politics at the hands of Jim Lelan, Wilson Hume and their compatriots is what the people have long been waiting for.

Gov. Fletcher has engaged to deliver two lectures as follows: January 5, at Lebanon, "Tilting the Scales," January 6, at Sodusville, Common Sense, by a Fool.

Phil Metchan is no Cuban. He don't want the earth. Autonomy in office is good enough for him. All he asks is to make the laws for the conduct of the state treasury.

If a laborer works for the city he gets a deprecated warrant for his pay, but when Attorney Bingham does a little financial job for the city, he helps himself to \$145 in gold coin and then turns over the balance to the city.

First get rid of the sugar trust and other trusts and monopolies. Next give us free interchange of products with Cuba and Hawaii until we can build up our own best sugar industry sufficiently. Sugar is dearer than in England.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, of Plymouth church, Greater New York, said, in a sermon recently delivered: "I do not see why an agnostic cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. I do not think God will fall to know him because he has failed to know God."

By all means, summer fellow Wilson avenue. But for heaven's sake don't intelligently and comprehensively beautify it. Somebody might be induced to come to Salem to live if it was made a beautiful city.

Master Tommy Potter, who has returned with the superintendent, misses the Okla. sunshine and bracing air, but is enjoying himself immensely with his playmates—Chewawaw American.

Of course Tommy don't miss his mama who is down in Oklahoma with the other baby.

The mayor has been persistent to "improve" Wilson avenue. He brought it up sixteen times in the council. At the last session Tom Holman, who enjoys the Mayor's confidence entirely, moved that the street commissioner be empowered to "improve" Wilson Avenue. All then voted no, including Tom Holman.

But the mayor is still imbued with a desire to "improve." Now the street commissioner is going ahead to "improve" Wilson Avenue. Hasn't there been about enough outrages committed on that avenue?

The twenty-ninth anniversary edition of the St. Paul Dispatch came to this office in sections. One mail got stalled in the mountains and the second part had to be shipped over the Rockies on the next train.

The third section—a double-header in four colors—came along the following week. It has finally all arrived and we are reading two columns a day at spare moments like the old lady read her Bible. It will take us nearly six months at this rate. And the only sin we have to lay this up to is that we once knew Col. Jim Keatley in the Iowa legislature.

Suicide. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—John Bergman, accused a policeman on Third avenue with "Here, copper, take this bullet to the morgue," and sent a corpse through his own brain and fell dead at the officer's feet, he is said to have been formerly a wealthy resident of Chicago.

It is said Bergman lost his money in speculation on the board of trade of Chicago, after which he came here. He took to drink and in spite of the aid which relatives extended him, reached the depths of poverty. In his room was the following:

"Give my body to some college or hospital, so it will be of some use. It was not while I was alive. No work, all kinds of trouble, and gaud; that's too much."

PLACE WANTED. By a No. 1. cook. Will do general housework. Address P. JOURNAL office.

The Royal is the highest grade baking powder known. Actual tests show it goes one-third farther than any other brand.

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