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Daintily clad are those who wear "SOROSIS." The New Shoe for Women.

Big Blanket Sale!

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See those special lines and prices at the

WOOLEN MILL STORE.

Santa Claus' Letter

To the Fair Store:

NORTH POLK, Dec. 1898.

To THE FAIR STORE, 274 Commercial street, Salem, Or.

DEAR SIR:—I have been a little delayed on account of the cold weather, but my reindeers are in fine shape and will travel fast to gather up Christmas toys and presents for everybody, and as I have already made arrangements to have my headquarters at THE FAIRSTORE, I know that you are well supplied with beautiful things for children and older people. You must have a very complete stock, for I have been advised that you are the largest shipper of holiday goods in Western Oregon outside of Portland. I believe you received 22 large cases at one time, and 44 cases of holiday goods altogether this fall, and I know that any one buying Christmas toys in such large quantities as you do will be able to sell every thing very cheap, and I know that I can please all the good girls and boys and older people, too, with your nice goods.

Yours for Christmas toys and everything

SANTA CLAUS.

THE FAIR.

O. P. DABNEY Prop.

274 Commercial Street.

PERSONAL.

Frank, Lowell is in Portland on a business trip.

Hon. T. T. Geer went to Aurora this afternoon.

S. L. Moorehead, chief clerk of the senate is in the city.

F. J. Barr is in Woodburn on a short business visit.

Mrs. H. A. Dearborn has returned from a visit with her daughter Mrs. Mc Cully of Portland.

Mrs. Lena Haas is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Geo. D. Haltman, of Portland, for a short time.

Mrs. Russel Catlin and family, left this afternoon for a visit at Mrs. Catlin's old home in Burlington, Kansas.

Miss Alice Conner has returned from a visit with friends at Corvallis.

Mrs. M. R. Tasker is visiting her daughter in Woodburn.

Special services in memory of Hal Hibbard will be held at the Methodist church Sunday evening. A programme appropriate to the occasion has been prepared and the old schoolmates and friends of the departed soldier will be in attendance.

Music rolls by the hundreds at Will's music store.

WHEAT MARKET.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—May 06; cash 2 red 69.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17. May 1.18 cash 1.18.

PEACE TREATY

To Be Delivered December 24th.

Pinar del Rio Was Ravaged By Spaniards.

General Davis Issues a Sensible Proclamation.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng. Dec. 17.—To interviews, who besieged the American peace commissioners today, before they sailed for New York, they said they could not discuss the terms of the treaty of peace with Spain. Whitelaw Reid and Judge Day were much interested in the interview from the Manila correspondent of the Associated Press with Admiral Dewey, but they would discuss neither that matter nor the protest of Aguinaldo, the representative of Aguinaldo and the Philippine insurgent leader. Judge Day said the treaty of peace would probably be delivered to President McKinley on December 24, but added: It was impossible to say whether it would be presented to the present senate, or to that which comes in office on March next. This the judge added, is a matter which the president will have to decide.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The terrible state of affairs existing in the western province of Cuba is shown by this report to the war department from General Davis:

"PINAR DEL RIO, Dec. 14.—Adjutant-General, Washington: Arrived here last night. The troops are comfortably encamped, and have all the required supplies. We have been received with the greatest enthusiasm and rejoicing. The civil governor left the province when the Spanish troops retired. The alcalde called and tendered his services. A small Cuban force is in the town as police, and good order prevails everywhere. I shall raise the flag tomorrow in the presence of the troops and citizens. The treasury is empty, and the only means of replenishing it is a system of taxation almost to the verge of confiscation. There are no custom-houses in this province. The country is one of great fertility and beauty, but is ravaged almost to destruction. I am assured by responsible citizens and foreigners that one-half the former population has been killed and starved to death. Colonel Seyburn, with two battalions, is at Guanajay. He is ordered to occupy Mariel with a detachment. There is no sickness among the troops. "DAVIS."

General Davis, the American commander Pinar del Rio, has issued a proclamation saying that President McKinley has directed him to assure the inhabitants of security on their lives and property as long as they were orderly. General Davis further declares that fair taxes will be levied, and that no favoritism will be shown. In conclusion, general Davis says: "Inhabitants of Pinar del Rio—I have come as a friend to help you in all which may contribute to the prosperity of this great country, or its general welfare. There is very little I am obliged to do with your co-operation, but with your help I am sure of complete success. The trochias and farts will be turned into homes, and machetes will be used for labor only. Your sacrifices and heroic acts have been already rewarded. The past be-

Always Au Fait

We have just received a large shipment of Cut Glass—something for the holidays au fait.

Jewelry Manufacturing

We are now prepared to do all kinds of fancy engraving and jewelry manufacturing on short notice, at reasonable rates.

Holiday Goods

New goods arriving every day. Stock larger than ever.

S.W. Thompson & Co.

221 COMMERCIAL STREET.

longs to the history of the century; think of your future peace and prosperity. This must be your aspiration."

MURPHY AND HARVEY.

Are the Officers Accused of Having Abused and Maltreated Amos Stone.

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—United States Judge Bellinger this morning overruled the demurrers to the indictments of Captain E. L. Murphy and Mate George Harvey, of the American ship George Stetson, accusing them of inhumanly abusing Amos Stone, one of their crew, on the passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The demurrers were of the stereotyped class, merely stating that the indictments failed to set forth facts sufficient to constitute a crime.

On motion of United States District Attorney John H. Hall, the trials of the defendants were set for January 6, 1899.

Murphy and Harvey were arrested immediately after the arrival of their ship in this port last February, and examined before a United States commissioner. They were released on bonds to appear before the United States grand jury. Their trials, though, could not earlier be proceeded with, because they were pursuing their seafaring vocation until recently: Their victim, Stone, has all this time been in the asylum, at Salem from the effects of the brutality to which he had been subjected. But now he is said to have entirely recovered his mental and physical health.

Work of a Fiend.

GRANT'S PASS Dec. 17.—What looks like an attempt at murder occurred at the home of A. H. Carson in this city Sunday night. Mr. Carson had retired, when, as the fire was getting low, Mrs. Carson got a stick of wood from the woodshed and put it on the bed of live coals. Soon after an explosion sufficiently strong to throw a stick of wood out of the fireplace occurred. An examination of the wood showed that a large hole had been bored in it and a stick of giant powder inserted. The fire had caused the cap to explode, but as the powder had been frozen, it had not thawed enough to ignite. There is no definite clue to the perpetrator of the deed, but, as Mr. Carson has been engaged in considerable litigation over rates he thinks he has a good idea who did the work.

SEA GALES

Two Vessels Collide and Twenty Persons Drown.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Dec. 17.—The steamer Piermont has been in collision with the British steamer Illos, in the North sea under conditions not explained. The Illos foundered, and the Piermont is badly damaged. It is believed twenty persons drowned.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The steamer Thinsvalia passed Dunnet Head today signalled she had on board the crew of the British steamer Golvine, which foundered at sea December 11.

New glass ball piano and organ stools, a suitable Christmas present, at Will's music store.

DOWN SOUTH

Hearty Reception to McKinley.

General Merritt On the Philippines.

He Says the Germans Were Not Quite Friendly.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

SAVANNAH, Ga. Dec. 17.—The presidential party arrived at Savannah this morning. The program for the day included a trip down the Savannah river, reception and banquet at night, when president and members of the cabinet will speak.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The House passed a bill granting the right of way through the San Francisco forest reserve to the Seignaw southern railway of Arizona. Payne of New York called up the bill extending the laws of the United States relating to merchant navigation and merchant seamen to the Hawaiian islands; McInnes sought to have the bill amended to also extend the Hawaii provisions of the act of February, 1885, prohibiting the importation of contract labor, but Payne moved the previous question. Then Payne rather than prolong the controversy withdrew the bill. House then went into committee of the whole on the Indian appropriation bill.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Gen. Wesley Merritt, who came from Europe last night, will resume command of the department of the East. "It is some time since I left the Philippines," said Merritt, "and all that I can say about the situation when I left there is contained in the official reports which I made to the government and the peace commission. The climate of the Philippines is not by any means as it is said to be. I met number of Europeans there who have been in the country 14 years and they seemed to thrive and had no serious complaints to make about the climate. The Germans acted a little queer when I got there first. They were kind of meddlesome in matters which they should have let alone. German officers made me no official calls until Manila had fallen and then their visit was not what might be termed friendly. "I think it will take 30,000 soldiers to hold the islands. There are many Spaniards in the islands that want to remain there. With 15,000 United States and 15,000 divided between Filipinos and Spanish, I feel sure the islands could be governed properly. I did not meet Aguinaldo but I am sat-

isfied he is a very shrewd man. I did not recognize the insurgents, fearing complications."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Brigadier General Sheridan is assigned to temporary command of the department of the lakes.

GOMEZ DEAD

Also One of the Rothchilds Passes Beyond.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

MADRID, Dec. 17.—The report has just been received from Havana that General Maximo Gomez is dead.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Baron Ferdinand James de Rothschild, member of parliament, is dead.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. Dec. 17.—Henry A. Chapin, the multi-millionaire mine-owner and richest man of Michigan, died last night.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The funeral for Calvin S. Brice took place today at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church after which the body was taken to Lima, Ohio.

GOLD FIND

Causes a Town to Spring Up Over Night.

By Associated Press to the Journal.

CANON CITY, Col. Dec. 18.—The discovery of gold five miles southwest of this city, caused a new town to spring up in the night. Half the able-bodied men at this city have gone to the place and over a thousand claims are already staked.

Burned to Death.

TACOMA, Wash. Dec. 17.—Matilda Fox, 4 years old, daughter of Frank Fox, a reservation dairyman, was burned to death as a result of her clothing catching fire while playing in front of an open fireplace.

A Protest.

ED JOURNAL.—A couple of young widows are making themselves very conspicuous about the halls and closets in the Opera house with the coons the groups "and" evenings. If there is any more of it their names will be published.

MARION CIRCUIT COURT.

Sheriff F. W. Derby had three big sheriff sales this morning, all of which were bid in by the state. The claim of W. P. Lord et al, comprising the state board for the sale of public and school lands, against Edgar Grimm et al was bid in by the state for \$2,949.76.

The claim of the State Board against J. W. Batchelor et al was sold to the state for \$1,339.25, and the claim of the state of Oregon vs. Alice Snider was given to the state for the sum of \$1,503.12. These were all foreclosures on mortgages held against the defendants by the state.

In the matter of the estate of E. J. Chambers, a petition was filed by Mrs. M. A. Chambers, wife of the deceased, asking that she be appointed administratrix of the estate. The petition was granted, her bond filed, and letters of administration ordered to issue. H. W. Savages, I. N. Wagner and Henry Smith were appointed appraisers of the estate.

A petition was filed in the probate court by John Hughes, administrator of this estate of Seth R. Hammer, deceased, asking for an order to sell personal property of the estate in order to pay claims against it. The petitioner was allowed by Judge Terrell and the order made.

A petition was filed in the J. B. Hoffman estate for an order changing the name on the records of the estate from Hoffman to Hoffman, as there was an error in the records in that regard. The petition was granted and the alteration ordered made.

A marriage license was issued to R. W. Curl and Bertha N. Shultz, County Recorder Roland making the usual affidavit.

The following deeds were filed in the recorder's office.

O. A. Noyes and wife to Henry H. and Luella B. McAllister, 27 acres, 188 r 1 w, 864.

Capital Lumbering Co., of Salem, to Michael Ward, lot 4, block 23, Highland addition to Salem, 1000.

Chas Scott, assignee of Oregon Land Co., to Hans Jansen, the east half of lot No. 8, in Sunnyside No. 8, and also lot No. 17 in Sunnyside No. 8, 81.

Suicide.

NEW WHATCOM, Wash., Dec. 17.—A. Sibley, agent of the Sumas, Seattle & International railroad, committed suicide by shooting himself. Dependancy is assigned as the cause.

Holiday Slippers

For men and women: neat shoes for men, women and children, at lowest racket prices. Our ladies' hand turned Vici at \$2.75, or dainty Gabye well at 2.45, make fine Christmas presents. Wigwags' Bazaar, 307 Commercial street.

Dr. Miller's Horse Plaster No. 1 at all drug stores.

A MONOPOLY BROKEN

A Board of Five to Select School Text-Books.

Other Changes in the School Laws to Be Recommended to the Legislature.

There was no difficulty about closing up the work of the legislative committee on revision of school laws at Portland. Such changes as were made in what had previously been agreed on occasioned no debate to speak of, and were generally adopted without opposition. Chairman Daly carried his point with reference to the method of selecting text books, and the report and bill will provide that the books be selected by a board of five competent men, to be appointed by the governor, and not to be officially connected with the public school system of the state. Representative Young, of Clatsop county, was the only member of the committee to dissent, and he intimated that he would introduce in the legislature a bill covering the same matter in a different way.

Chairman Daly's provision for giving that duty to a board of five, to be appointed by the governor, was criticized as unlikely to bring the relief promised. If the selection of text-books under the present arrangement be subject to objection on the ground that improper influences are likely to prevail with the county superintendents and state superintendent, it was argued that the same improper influence could be applied to the governor's board of five even more easily. Senator Daly said the governor's board would be composed of men of high character, and that it was specified in the bill that those men should not hold any official relations with the public school system. As the matter now stands, he said, the whole text-book question in Oregon is practically in the hands of one concern, and teachers and school officers and others under its influence would be glad to be freed, but could not be without a radical change in the plan of selecting the books. Unless some such change as is embodied in this bill is introduced, he said, the state would pay the same unwholy tribute for six years to come at least. But, admitting the liability of the governor's board in some cases to fall under improper influence, Senator Daly maintained that that argument would not lie in the present instance. The governor has already been elected, and he bears no taint of schoolbook jobbing. He would appoint a board that would be above suspicion. And by this means the state school system, he said, would be rescued from the influence of text book publishers, that is anything but a benefit to the schools. As to the objection that persons not connected with the public school system would not be qualified to make a judicious selection of books, Senator Daly said they would be qualified to compare the merits of the books submitted for consideration, and they might be measurably guided by the testimony and advice of others in and out of the schools. And then, he said, the need of having a good business arrangement with the publishing houses

would also weigh in the matter, and competent, broad-gauged men of affairs would be altogether more likely to do better for the interests of the children and the taxpayers of the state than is done under the present plan.

Senators Daly and Mulkey both championed the board of five to select text books. It is the plan under which Washington and Idaho get public school text books at 20 to 30 per cent cheaper than Oregon, and get better books.

If the report of this committee is carried out, and there is no doubt, if the legislature is not corrupted, that this will be a great victory over the present monopoly by which some inferior books are forced upon the people at high prices.

Senators Daly and Mulkey and the rest of the committee deserve great praise for withstanding the efforts made to prevent this reform. They have rendered the people a great service (that has long been needed in Oregon.

Explosion at Lusty.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 17.—An explosion of 50 pounds of gunpowder, kept in stock, demolished the store of Kay & Son, at Lusty, 20 miles southeast of here. Portions of the walls were blown out, the roof fell and much damage was done, the extent of which is not yet known. Eight persons were in the building, but all escaped, only one being slightly injured. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

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Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

promptly relieves the cough, stops the tickling in the throat, and induces quiet and refreshing sleep. 1/2 Size 1/2 Price.

Holiday Attractions

THIS WEEK—3 great specials with medleys of merit, and prices that please.

Dress Goods, Capes and Jackets, Ribbons

- Colored and Black Dress Goods
At special prices, make Xmas gifts doubly attractive.
Capes and Jackets
Reduced to close the line; you know what that means, a saying of one-third.
Ribbons—Special
Plain and fancy. What could be more pleasing? Our lines are very complete and at greatly altered prices.
Men's Clothing
\$7.45 special. Thirty of our best \$9 and \$10 suits at the above price. Greatest values ever offered.
Boys' Clothing
30 per cent reduction sale. A great saving for that Xmas gift.

JOSEPH MEYERS & SONS, SALEM'S GREATEST STORE.