

Grand Opera House

JOHN F. CORDRAY, Manager. MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 Eugene Cowles. America's greatest basso. Ten years principal basso

BOSTONIANS

Three years joint star Alice Neilson Company. Will appear in grand operatic concert, supported by his own company.

NOTE:—The famous duet, Marc and Valentine, from the opera Huguenots, will be sung in costume. Prices, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00. The musical event of the season. Seats on sale at box office at 9 a. m.

HOTEL WILLAMETTE.

- E. D. Resaler, Monmouth. G. T. Seal, Philadelphia. Jno. D. Daly, Corvallis. C. H. Ball, Portland. J. R. Young, Seio. J. R. Shaver, Oregon City. Roy Harvey, Tacoma. Chas. Nash, Salem. F. Woodworth, Portland. W. A. Drowne, mgr. Paul Gilmore Company. J. S. Bush, San Francisco. C. A. Rhombust, Portland.

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Unitarian Sunday School Entertainment.

The Unitarian Sunday School will hold its Christmas entertainment in the lecture room of the church at 7 o'clock this evening. A little play, "Santa Claus at Home" will be given by the scholars, and a Xmas tree has been provided, from which presents will be distributed. Members and friends of the church are cordially invited to be present.

Branson & Ragan Have just received a large supply of Chase & Sanborn's celebrated coffee. Guaranteed to be the best on the market. Send in your orders.

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Practical Presents.... For Women and Children Here is some wonderful Underpricing for this week only.

300 Pieces Of the very finest, newest novelty all pure silk RIBBONS In the new plaids, Roman striped and double faced satin, varying in width from 3 to 7 inches. Worth from 50c to 75c this week's special for 25c

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If you would like to secure some of these splendid bargains in ribbons come early in the week before the assortment is broken, because they will surely sell fast.

Notwithstanding we have added several sales people to our already efficient corps of willing workers this week's selling will be large and we would suggest that you come in the forenoon to avoid the afternoon rush.

The Leader 274 Commercial St.

HOLIDAY MAIL FOR EVERYBODY

Salem Post Office Force Was Swamped

Several Substitute Carriers Required

The amount of mail that passed through the Salem postoffice during the past week was the largest holiday mail known for the last 10 years. In addition to the regular office force, three substitute carriers were pressed into service to aid in the distribution, which was not completed until last night.

This congestion of mail in the local office was not occasioned alone by the holidays. Train service, by reason of the storms in the East, has been irregular for the preceding week, and the product of six days' ordinary delivery was delivered at Salem on Christmas eve. Some of the carriers were on their respective routes yesterday from 7 a. m. until late last evening, but all of the mail, both Eastern and local, has been distributed, and the local office is again up in its work, and the carriers are not hoping for a repetition of the same conditions in the very near future.

This phenomenal increase in the volume of the mail is evidence of an increased business and larger degree of prosperity everywhere. Local merchants give expression to the fact that their holiday trade this year was the largest they have experienced in the history of their respective business houses. Truly an era of improved commercial conditions is being gradually unfolded.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Central Congregational, Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. Nall Howell.

Lutheran, East State street. Holy Xmas day. Rev. Adolph Eberle, pastor. Festival service at 11 a. m. Everybody welcome.

Like a Comet This famous remedy does for the stomach what which it is unable to do for itself, even if but slightly disordered or overburdened. Kodol supplies the natural juices of digestion and does the work of the stomach, relaxing the nervous tension, while the inflamed muscles and membranes of the organ are allowed to rest and heal. It cures indigestion, flatulence, palpitation of the heart, nervous dyspepsia and all stomach troubles by cleansing, purifying and strengthening the glands, membranes of the stomach and digestive organs. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure Year Dealer Can Supply You. Bottles only \$1.00 Size holding 2 1/2 times the trial size, which sells for 50c. Prepared by E. C. DEWITT & CO., CHICAGO.

HORSES SHIPPED TO SEATTLE

Salem Firm Sells Animals at \$175 Each

Foreign Markets Demand American Horseflesh

J. B. Canney, wholesale dealer in horses at Seattle, today shipped from Salem to Seattle one car of 16 head of horses and two mules. The shipment was one of the largest of the kind ever made from this point, and represented about \$2800. The purchase was made of Skipton Bros., of this city, who had collected the animals from the farmers of the surrounding country. The shipment included only heavy draft animals, and the horses are intended for use in the lumber camps on the Sound. The animals averaged Skipton Bros. about \$175 per head. Horses of this kind are becoming scarce in this section, and command big prices. Several other carloads have already been shipped to Seattle from this point.

In discussing the demand for American horseflesh in foreign markets, an exchange has the following: That American horseflesh is rapidly growing in favor in foreign markets statistics proved. Within the last six years Great Britain alone has spent \$35,000,000 in the United States in the purchase of horses, independent of the many millions she spent for mules. Last year not less than 75,000 horses were shipped from this country to England.

Exportation Light Before 1895. Until 1895 the exportation of horses from the United States was not an important item, but since then it has grown into something enormous, and Great Britain is only one of the many foreign countries whose recognition of the superiority of American horseflesh is attested by large purchases.

Boer War Demand. During the last six years American shipments of horses to other countries have been as follows: South Africa, 37,465; Canada, 5438; Cuba, 4436; British Columbia, 1578; China, 3317; Philippines, 1573; Japan, 1535; British West Indies, 190, and others scattering.

Germany, France, Russia and Austria are likewise included among the number of foreign purchasers of American horseflesh, but they have just begun to make purchases, and have only invested, up to the present time, in trotting stock.

The Boer war stimulated the American horse market to a great degree of activity. The Spanish war caused a flurry, and the supply today is shorter in the West than it has been since 1875. Farmers quit raising horses when the hard times of 1894 came on. In 1895 over 10,000 head of horses were driven out of Oregon to Colorado, Oklahoma and Indian Territory, in search of sheep feed and more range. Today the large bands are dwindled down to one-fourth their original size. The price is up, and the supply is down. Good brood mares in Oregon are worth almost as much today as they were before railroads were built into Oregon.

The Pony Craze. The pony has come back into popularity. The demand for small saddle stock, not necessarily Shetlands, is brisk in the cities of the East and Middle states, and pony raising has bright prospects ahead of it. In the West, where feed is cheap, and range is plentiful, this industry can be successfully carried on.

NOT DUE TO CLIMATE

Catarrh is Found Everywhere.

Catarrh is at home anywhere and everywhere. While more common in cold, changeable climates, it is by no means confined to them, but is prevalent in every state and territory in the union.

The common definition of catarrh is a chronic cold in the head, which if long neglected often destroys the sense of smell and hearing; but there are many other forms of the disease, even more obstinate and dangerous.

Catarrh of the throat and bronchial tubes as well as catarrh of the stomach and liver are almost as common as nasal catarrh and generally more difficult to cure.

Catarrh is undoubtedly a blood disease and can only be successfully eradicated by an internal treatment. Sprays, washes and powders are useless as far as reaching the real seat of the disease is concerned.

Dr. McVerney advises catarrh sufferers to use a new preparation, sold by druggists, called Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, because actual analysis has shown these tablets to contain antiseptic qualities of the highest value and being an internal remedy, pleasant to the taste, and harmless, can be used as freely as required, as well for children as for adults.

An attorney and public speaker, who had been a catarrh sufferer for years, says:

"Every fall I would catch a cold which would settle in my head and throat and hang on all winter long and every winter it seemed to get a little worse. I was continually clearing my throat and my voice became affected to such an extent as to interfere with my public speaking.

I tried troches and cheap cough cures and sometimes got relief, but only for a short time, until this winter when I learned of the new catarrh cure Stuart's Catarrh Tablets through a newspaper advertisement. Two fifty cent boxes which I bought at my druggist, cleansed my head and throat in fine shape and to guard against a return of my old troubles I keep a box of the tablets on hand and whenever I catch a little cold I take a tablet or two and ward off any serious developments."

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets deserves to head the list as a household remedy, to check and break up coughs and colds, because unlike many other catarrh and cough cures these tablets contain no opiate, cocaine or any injurious drug.

WHAT TIME PROVES. This thing of being sick and looking for a cure in a mighty serious business. People are not given to joking even at the first symptom of the approach of the grim destroyer. They do not want to be the subjects of experiment, but want medicine that has a test of years behind it. A medicine that has been made and used for 20 years gives assurance of its worth, and can be taken with a faith that they have the very best cure the world affords. All this can be said about Dr. Gunn's Improved Liver Pills as a remedy for sick-headache, dyspepsia and indigestion, it begins right at the source of the trouble and removes the cause. We will send a sample box of these pills free, or a full box on receipt of 25c. Sold by all druggists for 25c per box, or address Dr. Gunn, Philadelphia, Pa. For sale at Dr. Stone's Drug Stores, 2

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NEW YEARS GIFTS

There's a host of pretty things here to remember those who were overlooked Christmas.

FOR THE LADIES:

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FOR THE GENTLEMEN:

- Gloves, Neckwear, Fancy Suspenders, Umbrellas, Quilted Mufflers, Fine Sweaters

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RAMBLER AGENTS.

Bicycle Dealers—Repairers and Sundry Buyers Take Notice.

Our fighting ammunition for 1903—Rambler bicycles, \$40.00 worth of sundries, G. & J., Hartford and all other makes of tires, three traveling men, and over \$50,000 worth of stock, all paid for, and still paying cash for goods purchased.

Each year some of our competitors start new falsehoods, such as "on wheels," "busted," "selling out," "lost wheel," and each year we come out on top. We still lead in the running, and will cross the tape a winner, as usual. Take no stock in such stories circulated to "head us off."

Read our New Year announcement. Don't stock up for 1903 with wheels, sundries, tires or anything until you see what we have to offer.

If you have made money by dealing with us in the past, we will give you a chance to make more in the future. We will make you a profit on our experience.

Watch our smoke for 1905. FRED T. MERRILL CYCLE CO., INC. Portland, Spokane, Tacoma, Seattle.

Free Public Lecture.

Prof. Griffith, the celebrated phonologist, of Portland, will give a free illustrated lecture on phonology and its relations to human advancement at Salvation Army hall Monday night, December 29th, at 8 p. m. Parents and teachers are requested to attend this opening lecture. Children examined at the close. 12-27-31\*

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CREDITORS SALE OF SHOES

Tomorrow all the latest styles of shoes for men and women, originally sold for \$3.50 a pair will be sold at \$1.85. These shoes are some of the finest makes including all the latest styles such as Walkovers, Orthopedics, Sorosis, Ultras and all up-to-date lasts, yet \$1.85 will buy a pair at the Creditors Sale of Shoes, corner State and Commercial St. Salem, Oregon.

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