

# An Elysium For Christmas Choosers

The choosing of Christmas gifts is December's most important occupation. It can hardly be begun too early; for there is a world of satisfaction in making your selections well in advance of Yuletide and thereby being enabled to look on at all the nervous flutter and bustle of the last two weeks before Christmas with the serene consciousness that your Christmas preparations are all completed.

Barr's is this season an elysium for Christmas choosers, or, at least, for those Christmas choosers who are looking, not for penny presents, but for something especially nice. The attractiveness and fascination of fine Silverware and Cut Glass and articles of personal Jewelry is undeniable. Any gift chosen from our stock is likely to prove a lifelong pleasure to its recipient. And we have never shown at any previous Christmas anything like so fine a show of beautiful wares as just now deck our cases. It would be a sad mistake if you made out your list of Christmas gifts without first visiting the Barr Store.

Corner State and Liberty Streets, Salem.



## Local Events in the Social Realm

### PERSONALS.

Jos. Harris went to Woodburn this morning on business.

County Assessor Lembke was a passenger for Woodburn this morning on business.

I. G. Knotts, of Albany, was a Salem business visitor last evening, returning home this forenoon.

H. Hirschberg, of Independence, was a Salem visitor last evening, leaving for Portland this morning.

H. L. Stephenson, a Portland commission merchant, was a Salem visitor yesterday and today, visiting among the hop dealers.

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman is in the city, and will speak in the M. E. church tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody invited, for this service is for everybody.

Archbishop Christie, of Portland, was a Salem visitor yesterday afternoon, leaving for his home this morning, accompanied by Rev. E. P. Murphy, rector of St. Joseph's Catholic church.

J. W. Young and his guest, A. Rubendall, a new-comer here, left last evening for Medford, where Mr. Rubendall will look for a location. He is a druggist, and desires to locate in Oregon.

Hans O. Wahlberg, of Portland, one of Oregon's old-time hop dealers, spent the past few days in Salem, visiting old friends. Mr. Wahlberg formerly lived in this city, where he did an extensive business in hops. His headquarters are now in Portland.

Dr. Clayton L. Ransom, a graduate of the Salem Medical School, who has practiced the past summer with his father at Turner, has gone to Klamath Falls, where he will open the practice of his profession. He is

an able young man, and his many friends wish him all manner of success in his new field.

G. Y. Harry, of Portland, was a Salem visitor last evening.

Judge J. H. Scott returned this morning from a visit to Portland.

Dr. W. T. Williamson came up from his home in Portland this morning.

Mrs. C. E. Wolverton left this morning for a few days visit in Albany.

I. L. Patterson came up from Portland this morning for a few days' stay.

D. H. Wyant left this morning for his home in Mehama, after a few days' stay in Salem.

### South Salem Personals.

D. C. Minto returned Monday from a visit to Portland.

Mrs. W. P. Babcock and little daughter, who have spent the past week visiting friends and attending Ben Hur, arrived home yesterday.

Miss Ella Shipp returned home last night from a short visit to Portland.

Kinney Miller and Reynolds Ohmart, delegates to the Y. M. C. A. at Forest Grove, from Willamette University, have returned home.

Miss Clara Bray, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Warner, for the past three weeks, returned to her home in Portland this morning.

R. A. Conn, of Portland, was a visitor in South Salem yesterday.

### Bryan as a Predictor.

Paris, Dec. 9.—Bryan left Paris today for Berna. Interviewed today, he predicts Roosevelt's nomination and defeat.

Schilling's Best tea is of middling prices; five kinds. Four coffees the same.

As your grocer's, moneyback.

## ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT

### Last State Encampment at Reduced Figures

### Indian War Veteran Claims Stacked up Against the State for Future Payment

Adjutant-General Finzer, of the Oregon National Guard, came up this morning to attend to official business at the capitol, and to consult with the officers regarding matters affecting the militia. He reports that this year's encampment cost considerably less than did the one for the preceding year, when the number of men was a little larger than this year. Last year's encampment cost the state \$20,750.36, while that just closed had a total expense, including the unpaid bills and the transportation, which is paid by the war department at Washington, of \$18,875.86. This expense was on account of the several organizations as shown below:

Third Infantry	\$10,514.33
Separate battalion	2,712.79
Artillery	1,772.95
Cavalry	1,340.69
Transportation (paid by the United States)	2,110.33
Bills not presented	415.07

This makes the total cost of the encampment, to come out of the military fund of the state, \$16,765.53, a decrease over last year of \$3,984.83.

General Finzer stated that he had checked up the Indian War Veterans' claims against the state, finding a total of \$142,859.33 in claims, on which account the state has paid an even

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## Patton's Book Store.

\$100,000, and he had in hand suspended claims aggregating \$650.

Speaking of the condition of the militia, the adjutant-general said that the troops were never in better condition, from a military standpoint, than now, quoting from the report of the regular army inspector, that the "organization, armament and discipline of the Oregon National Guard is much nearer along the regular army lines than ever before in the history of the state." The condition of the military fund of the state is also in a very satisfactory condition.

### Concerning Salmon.

The board of fish commissioners met last evening in regular monthly meeting, when Master Fish Warden VanDusen filed his report regarding the operation of the hatcheries in the several districts. He shows that in November the take of salmon eggs was enormous, in spite of the extremely bad weather prevailing for most of the month. He also reports two convictions for the violation of the fisheries laws, and the collection of fines from the convicted parties. On November 6th, Frank Cox pleaded guilty at Pendleton, and was fined \$50, and on November 8th, John Machade pleaded guilty to a violation at Astoria, and also paid a fine of \$50. The disbursements of the department from the several hatchery funds were \$6352.87, and the receipts from all sources were \$189, received on account of the following:

District No. 1, licenses	\$ 17.00
District No. 1, fines	65.00
District No. 2, licenses	107.00

Total .....

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### Early Morning Excursion.

John F. Swank, an inmate of the asylum, escaped this morning, coming down town, and, appearing at the city hall, complained that he was being deprived of his liberty, when he wished to go home. Asked as to when he was discharged, he said he had simply gone away before breakfast, when no one was looking. He was at once locked up, and the asylum notified, and later Captain Dilloy came down after the unfortunate, returning him to the institution. Swank is not a dangerous patient.

It is a pleasure for me to recommend Dr. Wright's painless method of extraction. Had a very badly decayed tooth extracted and say that it positively did not hurt me.

FELIX MUSEY,  
Salem, Oregon.

### THE CHEERFUL BUYER.

Holiday Shopping Reduced to a Fine Art.

A well-to-do farmer came into Salem the other day, and started out to do his shopping for the Christmas season. He wanted some neat, tasty gifts to relatives, and some to friends abroad. He felt a trifle uneasy because of his lack of knowledge about qualities, as well as what was in good taste, but, after sizing up some dealers, he decided to submit the case to one in whom he had confidence, and when through was one of the happiest buyers of the season. He bought a fine gold watch for a nephew, and four rings, including one good diamond, besides two ladies' watches. His packages were all completed and shipped by the next day, and he admitted that he had saved a liberal sum on his purchases. That's the agreeable kind of trading that pleases most people, and it's the keynote of our success in fitting out patrons. They secure the benefit of good selections, good judgment as to styles and quality, and buy cheaper than they can by going to the larger towns. Our stock is not the largest, but we are able to please the most exacting customers. Call and see C. H. Hinges, next door to Bush's bank.

### As Seen in Albany.

Harry loved Theresa and Theresa felt the same way. But her ma objected. Result, crash! Two young mined hearts. So Theresa adopts the stage, and Harry goes to Corvallis and becomes a millionaire tramp. After while they meet at Ridgeville, Ind., the home of Dr. John Stanley, a

# Holiday Overcoat Sale

Today we inaugurate a special sale in our Overcoat Department

Decided reductions have been made on a dozen or more lines, including long full-out coats, short top coats, and some of medium length. Of these scores of coats, all but five are

## This Season's Sweetest Productions

Note How We've Carved the Prices:

\$23.50 Overcoats reduced to \$18.50	\$15.00 Top Coats reduced to \$12.50
20.00 Top coats reduced to 18.50	14.00 Overcoats reduced to 10.00
20.00 Overcoats reduced to 15.00	13.00 Overcoats reduced to 10.00
15.00 Overcoats reduced to 12.50	9.00 Overcoats reduced to 6.80

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An Overcoat would make a fine family present for father or brother. Talk it over with the folks and see if they wouldn't like to join with you in such a gift. Come to us for Practical Xmas Presents for men. We are leaders in our line.



can Bible Society for the Northwest, and during most of that time he lived here, removing to Seattle but recently. The deceased lady leaves a husband and several daughters and a large circle of warm and loving friends to mourn her death.

Lecture at Corvallis.  
Miss Minna Frickey, for five years instructor in German and French at Willamette University, spoke at the M. E. church Sunday morning on "Christ Our Passover." She continued her talk on the book of Revelation last night. The forward movement continues each night this week. The books of Jude and Hebrew will also be taken up.—Corvallis Gazette.

Notice.  
Having retired from the firm of Damon Bros., I take this occasion to thank the trading public for their generous patronage during the last 12 years, and bespeak a continuance of same with the new firm of Damon & Fawk. Very respectfully,  
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## Salem Abstract and Land Co.

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The Anti-Saloon League.  
Washington, Dec. 9.—The eighth annual convention of the Anti-Saloon League opened here this morning. Hundreds of delegates from all portions of America are present.

## Hot! Hot! Hot!

—DRINKS—  
Chocolate, Beef Bouillon, Tomato Bouillon, Vigerol.

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## Christmas Jewelry

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