

Merry Christmas

AND

Happy New Year

This has been a year kind to us not only in volume of trade, but in many encouraging words spoken in behalf of our efforts in bettering the furniture conditions of this locality. We appreciate good will and shall take advantage of every opportunity to promote it in our business. Notwithstanding the excellent results of this year's business, we are planning for greater and better service in the coming year.

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The Journal publishers propose to give their subscribers the benefit of a great cut in subscription price for the coming year. Instead of making a special sale day on which to receive yearly subscriptions by mail at \$3.00, we now offer to receive subscription for 1905, if paid at any time during the remainder of the old year at the \$3.00 rate. All subscriptions must be paid up for all of the current year and for the full year of 1905 in order to get the benefit of this rate. Call at any time and get your special rate, but remember that this does not count after the first of January. Under the special cut rate you can get your daily for 1905 by mail at \$3.00, or by carrier at \$5.00, thus saving one dollar on the regular price.

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SCHOOL BOARD REFORM

Bills Are Contracted Without Direct Authority

Records Show Bills Allowed Without any O.K. but Auditing Committee

There is some dissatisfaction among members of the school board at the way bills come into them without endorsement by any committee or person directly authorized by the board to make purchases. There is a purchasing or supply committee, but very rarely does their name appear on bills that are presented. The bills come, and before they can be paid have to be approved by the auditing committee, composed of Dr. Byrd and A. O. Condit. Following are some of the bills as they come in and O. K.'d by the different persons who knew of the facts, and then endorsed by the auditing committee. In no case are the bills sworn to, and in very few cases are they vouched for by the purchasing or supply committee of the school board. The first named is the claimant, the second by whom O. K.'d, with the amount:

Patton Bros.—L. R. Traver, \$15.42.
A. H. Damon—G. A. Nye, \$2.50.
J. C. Marsh—L. R. Traver, \$8.
C. H. Jones, A. O. Condit, \$39.
John Hughes, \$61.91.
D. J. Fry—L. R. Traver, \$20.25.
John Maurer—W. M. Smith, 25c.
Wade & Co.—Traver and McPeck, \$2.35.
W. I. Staley (no O. K.), \$22.50.
G. W. Putnam—L. R. Traver, \$12.20.
James G. Heltzell—C. D. Purdy, \$2.35.
A. B. Wood & Son—James Fisher, \$7.40.
A. B. Wood & Son—C. D. Purdy, \$3.75.
A. B. Wood & Son—C. Unruh, \$3.
A. B. Wood & Son—McPeck, \$3.
Palace Pharmacy—L. R. Traver, \$30.10.
Bernardi & Dunsford, \$16.30.
Otis Kennon, \$615.45.

The last named bills are under a contract with the school board, and the John Hughes bill was an open account running over a large part of the past year, no item O. K.'d by any one. Dr. Byrd, at the last meeting of the school board, objected to paying some of these bills, but there was some explanation offered in each case. Such a system is open to abuse. It is proposed that all supplies be purchased at wholesale and in large lots, so as to save the discounts. The purchasing committee for the school district should be required to advertise for bids and purchase for all of the schools instead of turning over the purchases to employees of the board of education.

Ready for Winter Maneuvers.

Washington, Dec. 28.—From today, which is the date set for its assembling at Hampton Roads, the ships of the North Atlantic squadron are to have a busy time of it until the middle of May. The five months will be spent in the usual winter maneuvers in the Caribbean and in target practice. Next week the fleet will be inspected at Hampton Roads by Secretary Moody and Admiral Dewey. One week later the North Atlantic fleet will proceed to Culebra and will be met there by the European and South Atlantic squadrons. The search problem and other exercises will begin about February 7 and continue for two weeks, when the fleet will start for Guantanamo. From the end of March until about the middle of May the fleet will engage in target practice off the Florida coast.

Prince Fushimi Sails.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Prince Sadanara Fushimi, who came to this country a month ago as the special envoy of the emperor of Japan, sailed for home today on the Pacific Mail steamer Mongolia. The prince takes home with him more than 100 trunks, which are largely filled with the fruits of his shopping expeditions in New York, Chicago and other cities which he visited.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c at J. C. Perry's Drug Store.



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Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Biliousness, or Constipation. It always cures.

Hostetter's Illustrated Almanac for 1905 is now at your drug store for free distribution. It contains much instructive reading, statistics, jokes, etc. Get a copy today, also try the Bitters for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Biliousness, or Constipation. It always cures.

HELL AT LOW PRICE

London, Dec. 28.—Hell was sold at auction, at Tuxford Hall, near Retford, Nottingham, a few days ago. It was not the hades of Dante, but a smaller shell constructed by one R. S. Wilson, which went under the hammer. Wilson was an eccentric man of considerable wealth and when he died recently he left his country seat literally crammed with relics and curios of all sorts. By all odds the most remarkable feature was the model hell, which Wilson made with his own hands. This consisted of a deep, wide hole called the "inferno" into which Wilson for eighteen years had cast images of many sorts, which he termed demons.

Prominent among these inmates of perdition were king alcohol, the tobacco fiend, the hypocrite and time-server, the religious lawyer and the man who called hell to a square inch where he was converted, the chattering charwoman and the president of the Primrose league.

"The woman with the proud look and lying tongue" was portrayed as be-guiling the "young man whose heart is void of understanding."

The Phoenix park murderers—"Joe Brady" and "Skin the Goat"—with President Kruger and the far party, formed the principal figures in the population of the bottommost parts of hell. In addition there was a varied assortment of less notorious demons, such as ordinary liars, thieves, murderers, and other undesirable persons.

The entrance to hell was underneath an arch built of roughly-hewn stones, on the left hand side of which was a colossal statue of Satan heavily bound with fetters. He was portrayed looking upwards towards the tail of the weathercock surmounting the spire of a local church. He was holding a skull, representing death, in his hands, and bore a hideous grin on his face.

Hell was sold for \$12.50. A man named Ford acquired the infernal property, with all its satanic host, for this small sum. The stone figure of the devil was knocked down for \$7.50.

HOME ENDORSEMENT.

Hundreds of Salem Citizens Can Tell You All About It.

Home endorsement, the public expression of Salem people, should be evidence beyond dispute for every Salem reader. Surely the experience of friends and neighbors, cheerfully given by them will carry more weight than the utterances of strangers residing far-away places. Read the following:

Mrs. Needham, wife of W. S. Needham, painter, residing at the corner of Pouth street and Jefferson avenue, North Salem, says: "Like almost all painters my husband, has been troubled with his kidneys for years. The exposure, the reaching and stooping, combined with the turpentine and materials in the paint, all tending to put the kidneys out of order. His back often ached badly a night when he came home from work, and when he caught cold it always aggravated the trouble. He read an advertisement about Doan's Kidney Pills, and procured a box at Dr. Stone's drug store, and used them. They did good work by helping him at once, and he continued their use until relief was obtained."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Change in Firm.

J. G. Reigleman and W. F. R. Smith have formed a partnership, and will conduct a general blacksmithing and wood working business at 100 Chemeketa street, Mr. Smith having purchased the interest of G. Schultz.

Mr. Reigleman has been at the present stand for seven years, while Mr. Smith is well-known, having been in the shops in this city for the past 17 years. They invite their friends to call on them.

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E. W. Hazard, Cashier

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Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Frank M. Brown and U. J. Lehman, constituting the firm of Brown & Lehman, of Salem, Or., is hereby dissolved by mutual consent of the parties, Frank M. Brown to assume all liabilities, and collect all accounts due the aforesaid firm.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, December 13, 1904.

FRANK M. BROWN,
U. J. LEHMAN.

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