

COFFIN OPENED BY COURT

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 London, Dec. 30.—The grave at Highgate cemetery, which is alleged to be that of Thomas Charles Druce was opened this morning and found to contain the body of an aged and bearded man. The features were unrecognizable, but the fact that the coffin contained a body instead of a block of lead, as declared by the claimant of the title, George H. Druce, is looked upon as a fatal blow to his hopes of securing the estates and name. The perjury charge against Herbert Druce, who said he saw his father in his coffin 15 years before the fifth duke of Portland was generally supposed to have died, falls to the ground. The title of the bogus funeral, told by Robert Caldwell, of New York, is proven false and Herbert Druce states he will push the perjury charge against Caldwell. Caldwell is now under arrest in New York. The grave was opened under the protection of an electric lighted shed. Curiosity seekers were barred and only those concerned in the litigation were allowed to be present.

SALOON MEN WANT TO GO TO JAIL

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 Spokane, Wash., Dec. 30.—Two hundred and sixteen saloon keepers, arrested for Sunday law violation, appeared in court this morning to be surrendered by their bondsmen. Their appeal and writ of habeas corpus were dismissed by the superior court. The saloon men are ready to go to jail, expecting to overcrowd the city accommodations. The court postponed action until Friday.

Stocks Closing Strong

(United Press Leased Wire.)
 New York, Dec. 30.—Stocks opened strong, and under a moderate but steady demand, gradually advanced until, by the noon hour, the entire list showed substantial advances, Canadian Pacific being conspicuous with a gain of 3 1/2 points over Saturday. Reading 2 and United States Steel 1 1/2. Representatives of the steel companies, who are now in session, will probably follow the lead of the German steel companies, in the reduction of structural steel and beams.
 Money touched 30 per cent, and one broker reported from the floor that money was tighter than at any time in the past month. The afternoon session was dull and narrow, and trading was confined to half a dozen issues, all of the kind popular with the professional element. The closing was strong, and at the top figure. American locomotive directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend on the common stock, payable February 26.

Chemawa Defeats Spokane

In a hard-fought contest last Saturday afternoon, on the Chemawa field, the husky team of the Spokane Athletic Club went down to defeat before the Chemawa eleven with a score of 11 to 5.

S. H. S. Defeats Alumni of Y. M. C. A.

The Salem high school basketball team was victorious over the local Y. M. C. A. aggregation last Saturday evening in the Salem association gymnasium to the tune of 25 to 21.

The night came on, the good wife smiled
 To herself as she softly said,
 "Thank God, we're happy, healthy
 and bright,
 We all take Rocky Mountain Tea
 at night."
 —For sale at Dr. Stone's store.

Fewer People Pay Bills With Cash Now
 They pay by check, because it is the easiest way. The simplicity and convenience of a check account appeals to every one who knows its advantages. If you are not familiar with the details, we ask you to call at the bank, we'll be pleased to explain to you personally, and tell you how you will be benefited.

Salem State Bank

REPUBLICAN ALDERMEN WILL CAUCUS

With the disappearance of the last Democrat from the city council the 14 aldermen who will constitute the new city board of aldermen will meet tonight and select the officials who will serve the city under them for the ensuing year. Hence there will be no politics.

There will not be many changes unless the politicians form new combinations of material for trading.

The Fourteen Muldoons.

The new city council will be composed of the following gentlemen:

- First ward—Wm. Waldo, A. T. Moffitt.
- Second ward—J. L. Stockton, A. N. Moores.
- Third ward—Gideon Stoiz, W. H. Eldridge.
- Fourth ward—Walter Low and A. L. Fraser.
- Fifth ward—J. F. Goode, Enos Presnall.
- Sixth ward—I. Greenbaum, E. B. Millard.
- Seventh ward—H. S. Radcliff, N. D. Elliott.

The last named in each ward is the new member just elected. The first named are the hold-overs. Mr. Presnall, of the fifth, is in the East selling prizes, and until his return and qualification Mr. George B. Jacob will hold over.

Some good, quiet work has been done by a committee composed of Mr. Greenbaum, the mayor, City Recorder Moore, treasurer and city attorney in getting up a new set of books, copied largely after the methods adopted by the secretary of state, by which it will be possible to know at a glance the status of each fund, and that will keep an absolute check between the records of the recorder and treasurer. There will be no such thing as spending a thousand dollars expending the books, finding thousands of dollars discrepancies, and then never doing anything to collect the money alleged to be due the city in the future.

TEA

U S imports but little more in 1904 than in 1864. So much poor tea.

Your grocer returns your money if you don't like Schilling's Best; we pay him.

PERSONAL MENTION

S. Morgan has returned from an extended visit in the east.
 C. G. Adams, of Portland, is visiting in the city.

Clark Belknap went to Jefferson this morning on business.

F. G. Belknap left this morning for Corvallis for a short business trip.

The Misses Ada and Hallie Thomas who visited in this city, have returned to their home in Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Flake spent Sunday with friends in Albany.

C. H. Jones, of the Oregon Teachers' Monthly, spent Sunday in Turner with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rorden have gone to Pennsgrove, Cal., where they will visit relatives.

Mrs. W. H. Nelson is the guest of friends in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crawford have returned from a visit with relatives at Albany and Jefferson.

Charles Roberts, of Marion, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts, of this city.

R. W. Damon, who has been visiting his brother, A. O. Damon, of this city, has gone to Seattle before returning to his home in Clinton, Ia.

Fred Kurtz left this morning for Portland on business.

Miss Dora Wells went to Portland today, where she will be the guest of relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Muir, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bishop, of this city, left this morning for their home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dicklson have returned to their home in Raymond, Washington, after visiting in Salem and Albany.

Mrs. G. G. Gans and daughter left this morning for Portland, where they will visit.

A. S. Porter, after visiting in this city, has returned to his home in Wasco.

Mrs. A. H. Farrar left today for Portland, where she will probably locate.

J. McAllister, of McMinnville college, who has been visiting in the city, left this morning for his home.

Mrs. D. S. Meyer went to Portland this morning to visit.

County Commissioner Needham went to Woodburn this morning.

Mrs. M. L. Jones, of Jefferson, is visiting in the city.

Mrs. S. L. Knight left this morning for Portland for a two-month's visit.

Herbert W. Fawk, who has been

Don't Send Them Back

Is what the manufacturers said, when a fine line of toilet sets came too late for Christmas sales, so we'll sell the balance of our toilet sets at cost.

Big Reduction

On everything in our store. We will again give special attention to glasses. This is our specialty, and are experts in fitting most complicated cases. We do our own grinding, so there are no long waits for either new glasses or broken lenses which are to be duplicated.

CHAS. H. HINGES

Jeweler and Optician,
 123 Commercial Street.

visiting in Eugene, passed through the city this morning en route for his home in Portland. He formerly resided in this city, where he was a popular salesman in the E. L. Irvin shoe store. A present Mr. Fawk is employed in one of the leading shoe stores in Portland.

STRUCK OIL IN WHITMAN COUNTY.

Pine City, Wash., Dec. 30.—Oil has been struck here in wells bored by A. J. Smith, who formerly owned the flour mills at this place. There is considerable excitement of this part of Whitman county over the find the people are all talking of it and are prospecting. Mr. Smith, the original finder of the oil, is a wealthy man, and says he will use his money in prospecting.

If you want the family healthy, strong and active during the winter, give them Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. "I will surely make and keep the whole family well." 35c. Tea or Tablets. For sale at Dr. Stone's store.

"Here's a piece of pie I made myself."

"Dat's all right, lady. I'm so hungry I don't mind what I eat."—New York World.

Rheumatism.

When pains or irritation exist on any part of the body, the application of Ballard's Snow Liniment gives prompt relief. E. W. Sullivan, Prop. Sullivan House, El Reno, O. T., writes, June 6, 1902: "I take pleasure in recommending Ballard's Snow Liniment to all who are afflicted with rheumatism. It is the only remedy I have found that gives immediate relief." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by D. J. Fry.

COURTS STARTED UP MONDAY.

Judge Burnett met members of the bar at his rooms today at 1 o'clock to reach agreements by counsel for arguing motions prior to next Monday, when the regular term of his court sits at 9 a. m. The jury will be called at 1 p. m. There will be no grand jury, but a number of informations will be lodged by District Attorney McNary.

Judge Galloway will hold a term of court January 20.

"Dad's" New Popper—

L. A. Gier, more commonly known as "Dad," the proprietor of the boot-black parlors on State street, is happy this morning from the fact that his big \$2000 popper, which was ordered from the East, has arrived. It is finished in the colors of the rainbow, and is equipped with a tongue, so that ponies may be attached. "Dad's" ambition now is to make a tour of California with his popper next summer.

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 30.—The inspector of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, on whose Fernie branch a run occurred Saturday, has made the following statement:

"The authorities of the Canadian Bank of Commerce have been shown a dispatch from Fernie reflecting on the bank. The statements made are absolutely without truth or apparent foundation whatever, and all newspapers are warned that they were clearly made in Fernie with criminal and malicious intent."

Helping Pythian Knight.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 30.—John McGarry, an unemployed switchman, who was making his way to Portland, while riding on top of a Northern Pacific freight car last night at 6 o'clock, fell from the car to the ground, sustaining a severe scalp wound and fracturing three ribs. McGarry is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, of Proctor Knot, Minn. The injured man is out of funds, and an effort will be made to have local Knights of Pythias communicate with McGarry's lodge. He will remain in the hospital some time.

W. M. McAllister Improving—

W. B. McAllister, proprietor of the Pratum flour mills, who was taken ill with blood poison four weeks ago, is reported to be slowly improving. The poison was caused from a scratch on the thumb and quickly spread all over the body.

C. D. Gabrielson left this morning for Corvallis on business.

WILLAMETTE FALLING AT RAPID RATE

The Willamette river is again within its banks and fast becoming placid, after the worst rampage of the season. There has been very little damage reported resulting from the flood although small bridges are out in many places and the county roads in spots are disfigured by the grades being cut away.

The loggers and mill men have suffered little loss as most of their timber was secured before the high water came.

Some damage was reported to have been done by the flood washing out the track on the main line of the Southern Pacific near Springfield, but the grade was rapidly repaired.

The Chinese gardener on the island, who was compelled to vacate last year is said to have merely moved to the upper story of his dwelling during the high water this season.

Christmas Day in Corvallis.

A Corvallis exchange says that Christmas was not a day of flowers and sunshine in Corvallis. The winds that blew were not zephyrs, and they carried with them no perfume from blooming clover fields. The crickets did not chirrup at eventide, nor the robins trill a merry lay in the old apple tree. The swallows did not twitter in the sunshine, nor did the whip-poor-will make his high dive at the time when the stars were due to peep out. On the contrary the old cow had a hump in her back, and the old inhabitant had one in his'n. The winds moaned a graveyard moan-let as they whipped through leafless trees or the way-faring man's whiskers. It was one of the wettest days this dry town has seen in years. The downpour continued through the daylight hours, making a total rainfall of 1.90 inches. It raised the total for the month of December to 12.04 inches, making it a banner month for moisture.

Roseburg Left in Darkness.

Roseburg, Or., Dec. 26.—Roseburg was in darkness after 11 o'clock last night, the high water flooding the electric light plant and putting it out of commission. The plant is still inundated and it is probable that there will be no electric service for several days.

The water is at the highest stage it has reached this season. There was a heavy downpour all night and it is still raining today. It is feared that great damage will be done to the electric plant unless the water recedes soon.

BEGIN YOUR MEAL

with a dose of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters and see how much good it will do you. Besides sharpening the appetite and toning the stomach it will also prevent any after-dinner distress.

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

has also given complete satisfaction for 54 years in cases of Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Costiveness, Biliousness, Kidney Troubles, Female Ills, and Malaria. Try it today, also your druggist for free copy of the 1908 Almanac.

Working for Library—

The Salem Women's Club gave a very successful musical and card party on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Werner Bryner for the benefit of the Salem public library. Over \$60 was cleared, and part of this amount was used to purchase Bancroft's History.

Club Stable Sues La Branche—

W. W. Johnson, E. E. Gilman and W. G. Prunk, of the Club Stables, have filed a complaint in department No. 1 of the circuit court against Felix La Branche, asking for a judgment for \$500 for damages caused by the death of a mare, which the plaintiffs claim was owned by the defendant. The complaint sets forth that the animal was of the reasonable value of \$150 and was hired to the defendant on or about the first of November, 1907, owing to the exposure and overworking the mare died on or about the first of December. Besides the \$500 \$350 is asked for special damages due to not having the animal a hire.

Marriage Licenses—

The following marriage licenses were issued today: Leslie D. Collins, of Salem, aged 25, and Lois Johns, of Liberty, aged 17, W. K. Johns, witness. Bart Lavier, of Woodburn, aged 31, and Rosa Sater, of Hubbard, aged 21, John Blawie witness.

Governor Chamberlain has appointed as delegates to the 37th Farming Congress, to be held at Salt Lake January 23-24, the following:

Louis Scholl, Jr., D. D. Ford, E. Spike, Dr. F. M. Smith and I. N. Hotrine all of Echo.

This is the season when your blood needs purifying; if the blood is pure and healthy you'll be well. The most reliable blood remedy is Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Taking it does more good. 25c, Tea or Tablets. For sale at Dr. Stone's store.



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are now on sale. Don't fail to take advantage of the opportunity to get one of these suits or overcoats while the prices are the lowest.

Regular Prices \$10.00 to \$25.00
 Sale Prices \$6.25, \$9, \$11, \$15, \$18

A saving of from \$3.00 to \$7.00 on every purchase. Come while the stock is large and you can get the best selections.

Salem Woolen Mill Store