



Grand Xmas



SHOPPING OPPORTUNITY

We've opened the way now for you to give Father, Brother, Husband, or Son a present that he will long remember. Don't throw your money away on trash when he wears wearables. You surely can find something today to fit your purse. Great sacrifice of men's and boys' clothing and furnishings at lowest possible prices. Anticipate and give your Xmas gifts early. No reserve. Blues, blacks, slims and stouts included. No reserve.

Suits, Overcoats & Topcoats

Exclusive Stores' \$35.00 Suits—	
Our Regular Price \$30.00; now	\$17.50
Exclusive Stores' \$30.00 Suits—	
Our Regular Price \$25.00; now	\$15.50
Exclusive Stores' \$25.00 Suits—	
Our Regular Price \$20.00; now	\$14.50
Exclusive Stores' \$20.00 Suits—	
Our Regular Price \$15.00; now	\$13.50
Exclusive Stores' \$18.00 Suits—	
Our Regular Price \$15.00; now	\$12.50
Exclusive Stores' \$15.00 Suits—	
Our Regular Price \$12.00; now	\$9.50

Extra Trousers

Exclusive Stores' \$6.00 Trousers—	
Our Regular Price \$5.00; now	\$4.50
Exclusive Stores' \$5.00 Trousers—	
Our Regular Price \$4.50; now	\$3.75
Exclusive Stores' \$4.00 Trousers—	
Our Regular Price \$3.50; now	\$3.00
Exclusive Stores' \$3.50 Trousers—	
Our Regular Price \$3.00; now	\$2.70
Exclusive Stores' \$3.00 Trousers—	
Our Regular Price \$2.50; now	\$2.30
Exclusive Stores' \$2.50 Trousers—	
Our Regular Price \$2.00; now	\$1.75

Underwear

Exclusive Stores' \$3.00 Underwear—	
Our Regular Price \$2.50; now	\$2.25
Exclusive Stores' \$2.50 Underwear—	
Our Regular Price \$2.00; now	\$1.75
Exclusive Stores' \$2.00 Underwear—	
Our Regular Price \$1.75; now	\$1.50
Exclusive Stores' \$1.50 Underwear—	
Our Regular Price \$1.25; now	\$1.10
Exclusive Stores' \$1.00 Underwear—	
Our Regular Price 90c; now	80c
Exclusive Stores' 75c Underwear—	
Our Regular Price 60c; now	50c

Special Fur Bargains

We have opened our Annual Fur Sale and it comes just at an opportune time when you are selecting Xmas gifts. This consists of every Fur in the house—no reserve—Opossum, Foxes, Minks, Russian Minks, Japanese Minks, Genuine Minks, Children's Sets, Etc.

All Reduced

Boys and Girls, Attention!

To Every Boy and Girl under twelve Years old we are going to offer prizes as follows.

Boys' First Prize
Boys' Second Prize
Boys' Third Prize

Girls' First Prize
Girls' Second Prize
Girls' Third Prize

To every Boy and Girl under twelve years old we are going to offer prizes as follows: For the best letter written to Santa Claus, telling him what they want for Xmas, here is what will count: Not over sixty words, spelling, neatness, composition, penmanship, punctuation, etc., written in ink and addressed to Santa Claus, care of Meyers' Store, to be mailed in large mail box on second floor, near elevator. Bring the letters in early.

TOY LAND

(Second Floor)

The Largest and Best assortment in Salem to be found from Foreign and Domestic toys are not of the cheap kind. All kinds to make the children happy. Buy early. We will carefully pack and deliver your purchases away from your home when you say so. No charge.

Toy Land
(Second Floor)

Heminway's Spool Silk, all colors, 100 yards to the Spool, now 5 ct.

CITY NEWS

Weather Forecast—Fair tonight and Sunday, continued cold.

When in Portland—Visit Hall's restaurant, 330 Washington street. e-o-d

W. T. Rigdon, Undertaker—Always progressive, up-to-date Full equipment, largest stock. 10-21-eod-tf.

Gilson's Place—Eleven barber chairs. Hand Painted China—Mrs. Junk's window at Capital Drug Store, corner Liberty and State streets. eod-3t

Three reasons for buying Cleveland's Baking Powder: Superior Quality (Pure Cream of Tartar). Neatest Package (Screw top can). Best Price (3 lbs. \$1; 5 lbs. \$1.65).

For Stove Wood—And coal call 198, Vogel Lumber Company.

If He Wants—A pipe, box of cigars, cigarette case, cigar case or anything in the smoker's article line, we carry the most complete in Salem. Henry Wiprut & Co., corner State and Commercial streets.

Mrs. Johnson—Says the secret of good coffee is very simple—buy Folger's Golden Gate whole roast, and have it ground—no too fine.

New Salem Booklet—A Journal reporter, in making his rounds today, stepped into Patton's Post Card Hall, and was shown by Miss Chapman, who has charge of the house of picture postals, a neat booklet, containing 12 handsome views of Salem's best scenery—which readily sells at 25 cents. They should be sent to every Eastern friend this Christmas.

New Houses—Always for sale. Vogel Lumber Company.

The Housewife—Who cannot find time to do her shopping personally, finds the J. M. Lawrence grocery a satisfactory place to trade. Phone 311.

Particular—Buyers can always find what they want in the meat line at Steusloff's Sanitary Market. Phone orders are selected carefully. Phone 321.

Substantial Christmas Presents—In silverware at sale prices; in watches at sale prices; in cut glass at sale prices; in clocks at sale prices Hinges' jewelry store, only place where there is a real sale.

Shafer, the Harness Man—Now is the time to get your heavy draft and plow harness. Best stock in town.

Everybody Goes—To Hinges' big sale, for they truly get their money's worth. Only jewelry store on Commercial street.

Class Pins, 10c Up—Fobs, 25c up; belt buckles, 50c up; Hat pins, 25c up, at the big jewelry sale of Charles H. Hinges; only jewelry store on Commercial street.

Philomath Creamery—Butter for the good table. Ask your grocer.

Think of Hinges—And Christmas shopping is easy. Big reductions, big stock, big sale. Only jewelry store on Commercial street.

Johnson & Stege—Is the place to get your suit pressed and cleaned. Next door to Journal.

Overindulgence—Three John Does were registered at the Hotel de Gibson this morning to answer on the charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct and keeping unusually late hours. The three merry imbibers were picked up after 12 o'clock in a very groggy condition by the night officers, who were forced to use them somewhat roughly, owing to their strong desire to remain on the streets, the rest of the night.

New Corporations.

Terminal Dock and Warehouse company; principal office, Portland; capital stock, \$250,000; incorporators, I. C. Sanford, G. L. Campbell and A. Cohn.

Ducey-Stinchfield Lumber Co.; principal office, Portland; capital stock, \$150,000; incorporators, John F. Ducey, James G. Ducey, William L. Ducey and Chas. Stinchfield, Jr.

H. O. Peck Automobile Wheel Co. principal office, Portland; capital stock, \$100,000; incorporators, G. Peck, H. O. Peck, J. G. Nichols, W. E. Jones, C. G. Meyer and H. B. Ramft.

The Albany Condensed Milk company; principal office, Albany; capital stock, \$50,000; incorporators, H. G. Fisher, Henry Lyons and H. M. Palmer.

JIM CHUNG LEAVES THE CAPITAL CITY

Jim Chung, one of Salem's most popular and well-known Chinamen, is to leave his friends, relatives and happy fireside in his little 5x6 room in the Chinese palace on High and Ferry streets, and take up his future abode in Portland. Jim has been taken with the wanderlust during the late years, and on several occasions has journeyed off to foreign parts such as Sablimity, Albany and many other far-distant lands, but owing to the fact that his business hours are becoming shorter and less valuable of late in Salem, Jim has decided to dispose of his holdings in this city, where he has lived for a good many centuries, and open a first-class window cleaning shop in Portland. Jim has no large family to support, and is a prominent Chinese club member, but his this city and Portland, and he will undoubtedly work up a good trade in the metropolis. In informing his Salem friends of his intended departure, Jim said: "Me lossom vevly fine fens in Salem, by-em-by come back, look, see."

RIVER IS THE LOWEST IN YEARS

The gauge on the O. C. T. Co's dock on the Willamette river here shows the river to be standing at 1.7 feet, the lowest this stream has been during the month of December for four years, according to the official record, kept by M. P. Baldwin, local agent for the transportation company. In December, 1905, the river stood at 1.5 feet, this being the lowest gauge reached for over 23 years. The Willamette has been receding in volume during the past few years, but the alarming extent of the low water this year cannot be accounted for only through the scarcity of rain. The years heretofore are recorded with many heavy rainfalls, and these, in connection with the snow water coming from the mountains regularly held the river steady at a good gauge. The rainfall this year, so far, has been unusually light, and only upon two occasions were there any large amount of rain recorded by the bureau.

Breeze Gibson, the well-known Polk county resident and pioneer of 56 years' residence in Oregon, stated this afternoon that the Willamette is getting to be the "queerest acting puddle in the country," and unless rain prevails soon, he expects to walk across the old Willamette on its bed.

Railroad Offers Reward—The O. R. & N. R. R. Co. are now sending out posters offering a reward for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who held up one of their trains near Portland. The company has set the price for capture at \$1500.

HERRIN SAYS ESPEE NEVER INTERFERES

Harriman Representative States Railroad Does Not Oppose Will of People At Legislature — Race Track Measure.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19.—Harriman interests in California will not defend racing at the coming session of the state legislature, according to a statement made today by William P. Herrin, general counsel for the Southern Pacific railroad and Harriman's political "boss" in this state. Herrin corroborated a statement to the same effect recently made by Walter Parker, general tax agent for the Southern Pacific and chief of the Espee's machine" in Southern California.

Declaring that he spoke authoritatively for the Harriman interests, Herrin said: "We will leave everything to the representatives that the people have elected, and will bring no influence to bear on any subject whatsoever."

Asked if the railroad wouldn't support the racing interests against the anti-race track gambling bill, he said: "No, the passage of such a bill might mean the loss of money to us, but we will let the legislature decide for itself whether or not such an action is wanted by the people."

"Isn't this a new departure for the Southern Pacific?" he was asked.

"Haven't they always brought influence, nor resorted to any lobbying?" Herrin answered with a smile: "There will be no lobbying, no influence used, no programming. It is up to the people through their elected lawmakers."

ACCUSED

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There was not a sound in the court room for several minutes, save the sobs of the witness. Resuming, he said: "Suddenly I heard a gunshot, and I saw a hole in Rankin's coat. I made a dash for the lake, a few yards away, and jumped as far as I could. I stayed under water until my breath gave out. As Providence would have it, I came up on the other side of a log. I had already come to the surface when the shooting began. They

were firing at my log. I thought they never would stop."

Colonel Taylor then related how he waited until the night riders had departed, thinking he had been killed. The stars guided him in his escape into Lake county, where he knew he was safe. The witness related his experience in reaching a house, where he received food, drink and protection. Colonel Taylor said that the leader of the night riders bore every resemblance to Garrett Johnson, who is charged with murder.

PACKY MCFARLAND BUT A MERE CHILD

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 19.—No one looking at Packy McFarland, the fighting pride of the Chicago stockyards, would believe that he is a mere infant, but that is the claim made by himself and attorneys in the suit against him which is pending today before the justice's court.

A year ago, when Packy was a younger child than he represents himself to be at present, he is alleged to have promised to pay the Twentieth Century Press Clipping Bureau \$57.81 for a collection of newspaper accounts of the battle of the "infant." Packy says he's a mere child of 19, and not to be held responsible for any agreement he may have made. In fact Packy is so young that his attorney, William Cunnea, has been appointed his guardian.

Judge Crowe took the plea of the sturdy youngster under advisement, and will announce his decision in the matter on January 6.

EARTHQUAKE CAUSE OF NEGROES' DEATH

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—It is believed that a slight earthquake, felt here at 1:25 this morning, is responsible for the critical condition of two negroes, who are near death at the Emergency Hospital. The two negroes were found almost dead from inhaling gas, when the door of their room, at a house near the Presidio, today was forced open. It was found that a tube connecting a small gas heater with a jet had been disconnected, and it is believed that this must have been done by the quake, which shook the house.

Other persons felt the tremor, and it appears to have been more sharp in that neighborhood than elsewhere. No other damage was reported. One of the negroes was identified as William Matterberry, a cook, but the other is unknown.

Weekly Bank Statement—New York, Dec. 19.—The statement of the associated banks today shows the following changes: Reserve on all deposits, \$6,889,925.

Reserve on all deposits, United States deposits, \$616,225. Loans, decrease, \$21,500,000. Specific, decrease, \$17,115,000. Legal tender increase, \$10,000,000. Deposits, decrease, \$20,000,000. Circulation, increase, \$10,000,000. Total loans \$1,215,000,000. The surplus of the banks is \$583,575, as against a deficit of 751,000 last year, and a surplus of \$3,280,900 two years ago.

SMITH.—At the home of Mrs. Smith in Tacoma, Wash., Friday, Dec. 17, 1908, Mrs. M. Smith. The body will be taken from Tacoma and buried in the Fellows' cemetery here. Services will be held at the grave.

BORN.—This morning at 4 o'clock to the wife of Eugene Bell, in South Commercial street, a four-pound girl.

Mr. Bell is a popular resident on the Salem street car, and his friends extend their congratulations.

Norwich Union Fire Insurance Company. Frank Meredith, Resident Office with Wm. Brown & Co., 29, Commercial street.

MONEY TO LOAN. THOS. K. FORD. Over Ladd & Bush's Bank.

NEW TODAY. For rent—A new 5-room house finished. Call at 1111 Fifth street. For rent—3-room house, new goods for sale. Second street, Salem.