

SALEM'S GREATEST TOY STORE--Second Floor
Children Mail your letters at the North Pole Mail Box--
The Contest closes Friday at 5 p. m.--Commencing the
Fourth Week of the Greatest Shoe Sale We've Ever
Recorded--Only Five More Shopping Days Before Christ-
mas--Store Open Evenings
All This Week--Grand Free
Offer by The Columbia
Grand Stock Company



Three splendid dolls and a beautiful unfinished kid purse with brass mountings, absolutely free at the Grand Opera House--Coupons issued on that night and form er occasions are good for the drawing-- Don't fail to attend.

Christmas Trees at 25 Cents Each
10 Per Cent Discount to Morning
Shoppers---Save on Your Gifts.

Men's Smoking Jackets and
House Coats, Values up to \$10
Now at One-Half Price

The Men's Clothing Section offers the entire line of fancy House Coats and Smoking Jackets at a price that will make such an important gift within reach of the most humble pocketbook. You can make no mistake in selecting one of these for a gift, for they are absolutely correct in every detail. Now

HALF PRICE

Holiday Umbrellas, Regular
\$7.50 and \$8.50 vals, sp'l \$4.39

The great demand for holiday umbrellas as gifts shows their popularity for such a purpose. The umbrella is another of those practical gifts. We are showing splendid lot of \$8.50 and \$7.50 values at..... \$4.39

Many Extra Fine Fur Values
Exist in Our Lines

The gift is unexcelled. Any woman, every woman--mother, sister or daughter--would accept a fur gift with delight if the selection was made from our qualities. Fox, Opossum and Coney Barrel Muffs, plain stoles in black lynx and opossum. Small neck pieces of river mink, ermine and sable squirrel. A large variety at a price reduction that's worth investigating. Values from \$3.50 to \$70 now.

LESS THAN ONE-THIRD

For Women

Gloves form a good, serviceable and appropriate gift. When you choose gift gloves, be guided by quality. Such gloves as DERBY, MONARCH, MASCOT, ESKAY, ETC. are reliable and make a perfect pleasing gift. We show them in all leading colors, including black and white.

PARCELS
CHECKED
FREE

H. W. & M. L. Meyers
INCORPORATED
GOOD GOODS

PARCELS
CHECKED
FREE

Read The Journal Ads carefully. Our advertisers are offering great bargains every day.

Christmas Footwear

For Men Women and Children

A big new stock of holiday slippers in all colors and styles at cost. We are not going to carry over a pair of these slippers, and in order to convert them into cash we will sell them at the following prices:

Men's Department

Men's tan vic kid slippers, regular \$1.25, now 95c. Men's black vic kid slippers, regular \$1.25, now 95c. Men's brown kid slippers \$1.75, now \$1.35. Men's black kid slippers, regular \$1.75, now \$1.35. All other styles at cost prices.

Women's Department

Women's black, brown and blue fur trimmed ullets, turn soles, regular \$1.50, now 95c. Women's blue, black, green ribbon trimmed felt Julietts, regular \$2.00, now \$1.45.

Children's Department

Children's red felt fur top Julietts at 90c the pair. Shop early and secure the best assortments.

YE BOOT SHOP

To accommodate evening shoppers we will be open evenings, commencing Wednesday.

CITY NEWS.

Weather Report--
 Showers tonight; probably clear tomorrow.

Santa Claus Xmas--
 Packages 15c at the Wonder Kandy Kitchen.

A Bargain--
 In five acres Ewald tract. See Derby and Willson, U. S. Bank bldg. 12-14-17

20 Per Cent Discount--
 On all fancy and odd pieces of china, from now until Christmas, at Buren & Hamilton's. 12-19-21

Fruits for Christmas--
 At moderate prices at J. M. Lawrence's grocery. Phone 311.

Satisfaction--
 Guaranteed if you order meats of Steusloff Bros. Prompt delivery. Phone 1528.

Accommodates Patrons--
 The O. & E. is now selling through tickets to all points East, without requiring exchange of tickets in Portland, as heretofore. This will be a great convenience to the patrons of the O. E.

A Large Class Initiated--
 Protection Lodge, No. 2, A. O. U. W., initiated a large class of candidates last night at their meeting. A bunch of applications was also received and acted upon for the next meeting.

Funeral Today--
 The funeral of Mrs. Dose, wife of Mr. Fred Dose, of Woodburn, Oregon, a prominent hop and potato buyer, was held at Portland today. Mrs. Dose committed suicide at the hospital in Portland.

When Selecting Xmas Gifts--
 A switch or curls are always acceptable. You will find them at the Elite Massage Parlors, Rooms 301-2-3 U. S. Bank building. 12-17-21

Beautiful Old Pieces--
 Of China and Royal Doulton at 29 per cent discount at Buren & Hamilton's. From now until Christmas. 12-19-21

W. T. Rigdon, Undertaker--
 New location, 252 North High, opposite city hall. Everything new and first class. 11-18-17-19-21

Select Your Stein--
 While our stock is complete, We have the old fashioned, Yokohama Crockery and Tea Co.

Festoons--
 We can supply you with these miniature electric lights for your Xmas trees, and do the wiring at a minimum cost. The Electric Fixture & Supply Co., 245 North Liberty street.

Save Yourself--
 For later years by using the latest inventions possible to obtain. We have the latest in the electric iron. Call and we will demonstrate it to you. Electric Fixture & Supply Co., 245 North Liberty street.

No Soot, No Odor--
 El Tosto, the latest in a bread toaster out; easy to operate; convenient to handle, and inexpensive. We have them. The Electric Fixture & Supply Co., 245 North Liberty street.

Cutlery, Cutlery--
 Silver cutlery, you can save money on by buying it at the Yokohama Crockery and Tea Co.

Old Iowa Friends--
 W. B. Ruth and family, of Ames, Iowa, and their son-in-law, Albert Leongren and family, have located in Salem. They are friends of our old friend, the editor of the Ames Intelligence, Col. Fred Conway, who was for many years city editor of the Best Moines Register. They are readers of The Journal and will look around for investments in homes and if they can find what suits, they will become permanent Oregonians.

Here 53 Years--
 Rev. P. S. Knight, in conversation with a Journal reporter this morning, stated that he came to Salem 53 years ago today. At that time the Capital City had a population of about 400, and there was no quarrel as to the kind of electric lights to be used. Every citizen who could afford it carried a lantern, and so was a light unto himself. It might be added that Mr. Knight has been an important factor in the upbuilding of Salem and her growth in population, as he has performed nearly 600 marriage ceremonies since coming here.

From This Date--
 The Marion will run breakfast (11) 9:30 and grills from 9:30 a. m. to 8:30 p. m., with sandwiches or cold lunch (1) 12, midnight, and allowance will be made on grill check for price of American plan meal, to those who prefer the grill. Bus fare will be reduced to 25c for round trip. H. W. Doolittle, Mgr. 12-12-17

THE TAX LEVY ON SCHOOL SITE ILLEGAL

That the levy of two and three-fourths mills at a taxpayers' meeting last week for the purchase of a site and erection upon it of a school house is illegal was the opinion of Attorney General Crawford late this afternoon, and that will be his opinion submitted in a written form to the board this evening, unless he should find some law or authority to change it. The opinion was given to a member of the board of directors and while the attorney general indicated that he had not yet reduced it to writing, he also indicated that when he did, it would be unchanged.

The board met last night at the high school building for the purpose of considering the legality of the levy, and opinions were read from Attorneys Bingham and Bayne. The former contended that the levy was illegal and the latter that it was legal and both cited law and decisions in support of their contentions. A motion was made that the board certify to the county clerk to a levy of four and three-fourths mills and that no certification be made to the two and three-fourths mills on the ground that it was illegal. Director Lafky opposed it and contended that if a portion was illegal, all was illegal, but his contention was frowned upon, and the board was about to take a vote on the subject when A. E. Lee, ex-member of the board, arose and addressed the meeting.

Mr. Lee suggested that the board was dealing with an important matter, and that before arriving at a decision upon it that it should seek the highest legal opinion obtainable--that it should go to the attorney-general. The suggestion was acted upon, and members of the board today called upon Attorney General Crawford, and requested his opinion. After an examination of the law, the attorney-general indicated that he considered the levy illegal, because the notice calling the taxpayers' meetings and designating its purpose had failed to say that a levy would be made for the purchase of a site and school house in East Salem. That the majority of the board will abide by the opinion of the attorney-general is certain, and it begins to look now as though the hopes of the people of East Salem for a school building are doomed to be crushed.

Pictures True Says Defense.

Washington, Dec. 20.--Pleas of not guilty were entered today by Mrs. Benjamin Knott, her husband and Alton Armstrong, under arrest for alleged blackmail, sworn to by Henry Rosenthal, a wealthy Washington business man. The trio will plead that there was no conspiracy to lure Rosenthal to Mrs. Knott's apartments in a fashionable hotel. Nine photographs, showing Rosenthal and Mrs. Knott in compromising positions, which Rosenthal says Knott and Armstrong wanted to sell to him for \$5000, the defense will attempt to prove were secured through a coincidence. The pictures were taken under a mercurial light with a hidden camera, which the defense will attempt to show had been arranged for experimental purposes of another sort.

Mrs. Knott, who, until she married, was a well-known Michigan girl, and who comes of a respectable family in Detroit, whispered to her husband continuously during their preliminary hearing today. Much interest is being taken in the case because of her connection with it. Her relatives have promised to aid her in securing her freedom if she will leave Knott.

Merry Xmas--
 Your Christmas will be long remembered if you get Libby's cut glass. None better. You get them at the Yokohama Crockery and Tea company.

Only 18 hunters were killed in New England during the recent open season for them.

House and 4 Lots
 \$550 will buy a small house and four good lots on 21st street. One of the best buys we have offered for a long time. Bechtel & Bynon, 347 State street.

Cottage Undertaking Parlors.
 Modern in every detail. Lady assistant. Corner Cottage and Chemeketa. Phone 724.

Oregon Coffee House
 134 N. Liberty Street.
 Light lunches at all hours, and the best 25c meals morning noon and night, served in the city. Give us a call and you will be a regular customer.
YOURS FOR A GOOD MEAL.

MONEY TO LOAN
 THOS. K. FORD
 Over Ladd and Bush Bank, Salem, Or.

Norwich Union
Fire Insurance Society.
 Frank Meredith, Resident Agent.
 Room 13 Bush Bank Bldg. Salem, Or.



The Largest Cheese Ever Seen in Salem

A Cheese that contains a day's milking from 602 Cows. Is now on exhibition at our store. It is one of the Famous MONARCH make.

The best cheese made in all America. We secured this enormous prize-winner at considerable trouble and expense, simply as an advertisement for our cheese department. We believe that if you will try a piece of this giant Monarch you will always ask for Monarch cheese hereafter.

\$10.00 Will Be Given in Prizes

With every order for one pound of cheese and over you will be allowed to guess on its weight. The one guessing nearest to the correct weight will receive a prize of \$5.00 worth of groceries; second prize, \$3.00, and third prize, \$2.00. The Monarch Blue Ribbon Cheese will be cut Saturday, December 31st, and delivered to our trade for New Year's Day.

Special, the very finest Eastern Hams, 20c per pound. Mixed Nuts, 20c; Special Oranges 35c per dozen.

Roth Grocery Co.
 Phone 1885-1886 410 State Street

NEW TODAY

FOR SALE-- Fine residence lot, excellent location, east front, snap if taken this week; \$10 down, balance \$5 per month. Homer H. Smith, 5 McCormack building. Phone 96. 12-16-17

FOR SALE-- One of the best bargains in Salem. 7-room dwelling, large lot to alley, 2 blocks from business center, on Liberty street; faces east; a small payment down, balance on easy payments. See Homer H. Smith, McCormack building. Phone 96 or 1023. 12-16-17

FOR SALE-- Ten-acre tract, close to car line; \$20 down, balance monthly payments. See Homer H. Smith, McCormack building. 12-16-17

WANTED-- List your property with us. Bogert and Son, Room 2, Ladd & Bush Bank Bldg. 12-19-17

FINE DRIVING HORSE-- And new buggy to trade as first payment on house and lot. Bechtel & Bynon, 347 State street.

Good Farm
 148 acres of good valley land, cleared but about 20 acres of timber which makes good pasture ground. Good buildings. This place must be sold and we are authorized to sell it at \$85 per acre. Surrounding property is held at from \$100 to \$150 per acre. This farm is on the Oregon Electric, not far from Salem, the land is rich, level and well drained. A fine farm at a low price. If you want a snap in farm property, see this place. BECHTEL & BYNON 347 State Street

Grand Opera House
 John F. Cordray, Mgr.
 Two nights beginning December 21.

The Columbia Grand Stock Co.
 PRESENTS

"Brown's in Town"
 Wednesday, December 21.

"The Shepherd of the Hills"
 (By Special Request)
 Thursday, December 22

NOTE--On these evenings the gifts from the Columbia Grand Stock Company will be given away. These presents are now on display in the windows of H. W. & M. L. Meyers, Buren & Hamilton and the Salem Woolen Mills Store. See them. Same popular prices, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c.

The Armstrong Nursery Company
 E. T. ARMSTRONG, Manager.

124 N. Liberty Street. Salem, Oregon
 Fine Nursery stock, Fruit, Nut and Ornamental Trees, Shrubs and Roses. We have no agents. Direct to planter. Phone 867.