

**JOLLY OLD...
SANTA CLAUS
....IS HERE**

GATES OF TOYLAND ARE SWINGING WIDE OPEN

Half of our store has been transformed into Toyland. Toys, Toys everywhere. Such Wonderful Toys as you never saw before—Many that Santa Claus never saw before. Marvelous new things to make the little eyes snap and sparkle, things that every mother desires her boys and girls to have, that no father can pass by who has little ones at home to jump expectantly when he comes.

**Bring the Children
Welcome alike to Parents & Children
Come Early**

Every Toy is New and Fresh. To all we say make your selections early.

Morse Department Store
Where Everybody Likes to Trade

DAVIS IS ARRESTED

Sheriff Linville Left Last Night to Bring Him Back.

HE SOLD SEWING MACHINES

Sold Machines to Several Parties and Pocketed the Proceeds and Turned in Worthless Contracts to the Company.

Sheriff Linville left last night for Spokane to bring back W. H. Davis indicted for embezzlement in Clatsop county. Davis was employed by Ross, Higgins & Co., upon recommendation from the White Sewing Machine Co., to represent that company in Clatsop county. He was a smooth individual, as well as a rascal. While he was in the employ, or rather under the supervision of Ross, Higgins & Co., he took a large number of orders for the machines. As soon as the orders were turned in he received his commission. When the monthly collections were made Davis skipped out. Several people were importuned to pay for their machines, but as they had not purchased any, they refused payment, and when their contracts were shown to them, they were pronounced forgeries. This led to an investigation and the matter was placed in the hands of Sheriff Linville, who has been working on the case ever since last May, and finally succeeded in locating Davis. Davis turned in a number of contracts for sewing machines on long-time payments, and was paid his commission by Ross, Higgins & Co., who represented the company, supposing, of course, that the contracts were genuine. After Davis skipped out, an investigation was made, and it was discovered that he was an embezzler and had got into the company between \$400 and \$500. Being highly recommended to Ross, Higgins & Co., they placed implicit confidence in him, with the result as herein stated. Sheriff Linville is expected to return with his prisoner so that he can be arraigned at this term of court. The penalty prescribed by the laws of Oregon for such men is not severe enough.

Now is **YOUR OPPORTUNITY** To Please Your Friends

By Buying Christmas Presents at **HERMAN WISE'S**

What WISE'S Customers Say:
"It's a Pleasure to Trade with Herman Wise."
Hats, Smoking Jackets, Umbrellas with separate handles, for Ladies and Men, Fancy Vests

What OPPORTUNITY Customers Say:
Master of human destinies am I; Fame, Love and Fortune on my footsteps wait; Cities and fields I walk; I penetrate Deserts and seas remote, and passing by Hovel and mart and palace, soon or late I knock unbidden once at every gate. If sleeping, wake; feasting rise before I turn away. It is the hour of Fate, And they who follow me reach every state Mortals desire, and conquer every foe Save death; but those who doubt or hesitate, Condemned to failure, penury and woe, Seek me in vain, and uselessly implore; I answer not, and I return no more. —Sen. J. J. Ingalls.

What WISE'S Customers Say:
"The Most Useful Xmas Presents at Herman Wise's."
Ties, Sox, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, Suit Cases, Overcoats & Suits For Men & Boys.

PERSONAL MENTION.

W. H. Lewis of Seaside is in the city on business.
Sam Olsen of Chiloek is in the city on business.
A. A. Cook of Portland was in the city yesterday.
W. G. Prescott of Jewell was in the city yesterday.
R. J. Owen went to Portland yesterday on business.
Howell Lewis of Fern Hill was in the city yesterday.
J. F. Cottrill of Warrenton was in the city yesterday.
Will Madison was a passenger down from Portland yesterday.
E. P. Noonan and wife were over from McGowans yesterday.
R. S. Smith went to San Francisco yesterday on legal business.
Dr. Estes went to Westport yesterday on professional business.
S. S. Gordon returned from a business trip to Portland last evening.
Charles E. DuBols of Seaside was in the city yesterday on business.
Joseph T. Healey of Grays River was in the city yesterday on business.
P. E. Peterson of the Mirror saloon was out of town yesterday on business.
Court Reporter C. E. Runyon is in the city in attendance on the circuit court.
E. N. and E. S. Zeller of Seaside were in the city in attendance on the circuit court.
Miss Grace McDonald of Wyoming is in the city, the guest of the Missetta Board.
W. J. Cook was in Rockland, Ill., yesterday and is expected to arrive in Portland Thursday.
Hans Nyman, who has been in Tillamook the past three months, has returned to Astoria.
John McCue and wife left for Portland last evening to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. A. A. Cook.

Henry C. Binder emerged from the hospital yesterday somewhat the worse for wear, but his many friends will be glad to know of his convalescence. Mr. Binder is now at his home here.
Samuel Elmore and family left yesterday morning for California, where Mrs. Elmore and daughters will spend the winter. Mr. Elmore will return after the holidays. It is probable that they will make California their home in the future.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker House.
C. W. Sterling, City.
H. M. Peck, Seattle.
G. E. Summers, Ft. Columbia.
Ray E. Griffith, Ft. Columbia.
A. Olson, Deep River.
W. Daly, Portland.
R. L. Herren, Portland.
Wm. Romaely, Portland.
Thos Winstrop, U. S. S. Perry.
Frank Burdette, Portland.
D. H. Clark, Portland.

The Palace Turkish baths are a source of delight to the patrons who frequent the establishment—courteous treatment and your comfort guarded. Lady attendants furnished for lady patrons by appointment. These baths are especially recommended by the leading physicians of the city and respectfully solicit your patronage. Turkish baths and bed \$1.00. Russian bath 50 cents.

There is no complaint about business at the Star saloon. Good goods and courteous treatment will draw trade to any first-class saloon. That's what makes business good at the Star. The best is none too good for our customers.

There is only one place in Astoria that carries the genuine Old Georgia Moonshine, corn whisky. P. E. Peterson of the Mirror, has received a consignment direct from the distillery.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Many Cases Quickly Handled at Yesterday's Session.

Yesterday's session of the circuit court was marked by the quick transaction of a large bunch of business, for it was the first of the routine of the term, and the corporation business was first taken up.

The submission of the settlements by attorneys terminated most of the actions with a clerk's entry.

The routine was as follows:
In the case of Sead You vs. Silde One was settled and dismissed. Silde One had apparently slid quite far enough.

There were four confirmations of sale by local corporations against individuals.

In the case of American Lumber & Material Co., Berlin Machine Works, Grafton, Knight & Co., Allis Chalmers & Co., vs. Seaside S. & L. Co., an entry of settlement and dismissal was made and the case closed.

The case of the O. R. & N. against the same for an injunction was set for Wednesday's hearings.

The case of A. B. Hager vs. Heiston et al was continued to the February term.

In the matter of the application of Johanna C. Owens to requiter title, F. Spittle was appointed examiner.

The case of Williams Bros. vs. M. J. Kinney was settled out of court and

dismissed.
In the case of Greening & Co. vs. Korte, an order of sale was made for the property attached.

PLATT FIGURING.

Not Believed New York Governor Has a Majority.

New York, Dec. 19.—Senator Platt has called a conference of the Republicans to take measures for the reelection of Senator Depew, and more than 50 invitations have been issued. When asked if he would invite O'Dell, Platt replied: "Certainly not, the governor is backing the other man." Platt says O'Dell has not a majority. Governor Black said tonight he did not care to make a statement yet of his attitude.

Sessions Resumed.

London, Dec. 19.—Representatives of the board of trade who are inquiring into the North sea incident, resumed sessions today. Individual claims were presented.

I carry one of the largest and cleanest retail stocks of drugs in the state and I am in business for YOUR health. Charles Rogers, druggist.

The Occident tonsorial parlors and bath facilities are equalled by none. Everything modern and up to date. See Peterson.

Herman Wise
THE RELIABLE CLOTHIER

The Palace Cafe

The Best Restaurant
Regular Meals, 25 Cents
Sunday Dinners a Specialty
Everything the Market Affords
Palace Catering Company

Smoke the New Size LA IMPERIAL CIGAR
ALL HAVANA. (No imitation goes with us.)
Save the Bands
And get the diamond in Seymour's window, or the \$20 gold piece or a fine suit of clothes.
J. V. BURNS,

Our selection of Christmas presents affords you a sufficiently wide range of articles to make presents to all your friends and relatives:

We have for Men:

Shoes, Slippers, Socks, Suspenders, Ties, Hats, Shirts, Umbrellas, Suits, Necktie Boxes, Brushes, Etc.

We have for Ladies:

Waists, Silk Petticoats, Furs, Fancy Collars, Handkerchiefs, Slippers, Albums, Jewel Cases, Card Cases, Glove Boxes, Manicure Sets, Photo Boxes, Etc.

Things That Will Please Everybody:

Vases, Ink Stands, Fancy Baskets, Clocks, Candle Holders, Pictures, Center Pieces in Battenburg, Cheney, Embroidery, Etc. Statuary, Books, Etc.

We have for the Children---A complete line of toys of every description. Don't put off till tomorrow what you can do today. Shop now when the stock is full and remember that you can always buy cheaper at

THE BEE HIVE