

OVER THE CAPITAL CITY.

Complete Recital of the Daily Doings Compiled From Various Sources.

Happenings Over the City and News From the Country Roundabout.

Salem, Tillamook and Astoria.

Regarding the construction of a line of rail from Salem to the sea, the CAPITAL JOURNAL in a recent issue said: "The time is ripe for something to be done. Let the opportunity not pass unheeded. Now is the time to act."

The Tillamook Headlight remarks: "That is the proper way for progressive people to talk, and Tillamook is ready to shake hands and go to work with any company who will use the proper energy and display the proper tact looking to the furtherance of the scheme. Why Astoria should go to sleep upon the eve of achieving a victory is more than mortal can comprehend, but it seems her dictate is 'thus far and no farther.' But if Salem will lend aid to the project her future will be assured, and after it is too late Astoria will wake up to find that Rip Van Winkle recognizes, not even his 'dog Snyder.' Tillamook wants this road, Salem needs it in her line of business, and Astoria could make herself the banner shipping port of the North Pacific. If Astoria wishes to give it the cold shoulder let Salem come right along to Tillamook, and we will afford and record her all privileges any sea port town on the coast can give, besides working hand in hand and heart to heart with those who are ready to further an enterprise in which there is incalculable wealth for both termini. Go in, friend Salem, and you will find Tillamook always ready to meet you half way."

Youthful Sinners.

Saturday afternoon the penitentiary received an addition of four to its number. They were mere boys and came from the metropolis. They were George Hanlon and Willie Brown, the youthful highwaymen, to serve two years and one year respectively; Hugh Boyle, to serve three years for stealing a box of tea; A. J. Ratschke, to serve one year for attempting to pass a fraudulent check. The two first named are mere children, aged about thirteen and weighing less than one hundred pounds each. What could speak more forcibly for the establishment of a reform school than this? It is of almost weekly occurrence that this receptacle for the criminals of the state must receive one or more boys. They are not yet lost to the world. A few years in an industrial school or house of correction might make good men of them.

Something Very Fine.

Salem is soon to have one of the most complete write-ups the capital city has ever enjoyed. When we say the West Shore is devoting its January number chiefly to Salem, it goes without saying that the illustrations and subject matter will be something superb. The West Shore has a happy faculty of never undertaking any task that it cannot carry out to the letter. It has been a long time since Salem had a satisfactory illustrated article, but the present one promises to cover all past deficiencies. It will be a marvel. Those who wish a really meritorious work, will do well to negotiate for extra copies which may be sent to friends in the East.

A Clause About Santa Claus' Claws.

The "Mad about town" tells the Albany Democrat that "there is, after all, some difference between the holiday season with snow and drifts and piercing winds as an element, the program in the East, and the holiday season of Oregon with mud and a mild atmosphere in the lead. Santa Claus simply puts on his big boots, takes off his furs, using a gossamer, gets a boat wagon and sails ahead, and we enjoy him just as much and have just as big a tumble with the kind hearted old fellow who loves Webfoot children and knickerbockers just the same, and do believe he carries a bigger pack here and that it takes more gunnysacks for stockings."

Coming Back.

Word reaches us from Pleasantville, Ind., from one of Salem's well remembered dentists, Dr. Jennings, who has been traveling east for several months in the interest of his profession. He tells us that Salem "is the place" and that he will be back to Oregon's genial clime by January or February. He comes back prepared to open a better and more extensive place of business than he has ever had before.

The Unitarian Church.

As the congregations and interest continue to increase in the services conducted by Prof. Rork in the hall over the CAPITAL JOURNAL office, thoughts turn and indications point to the organization at no distant day of a church. At present the Unitarian society is the only organization, but it is thought a church will be built before many months, as many persons of wealth and influence are being attracted to the halls of this society.

Beginning with next Sunday evening the pastor, Prof. Rork, will inaugurate the discussion of a series. With succeeding Sundays he will take for his subjects respectively, Creation, Immortality, Adam in Eden, Adam Out of Eden, and the New Birth.

A Very Mild Winter.

To-morrow is Christmas. While our telegraphic columns announce great storms of snow and wind in the east and north, Oregon advices are that light frosts, sufficient to form a delicate sheeting of ice over still water, are prevalent. Her green and growing grasses are basking under a genial sun. Not one flake of snow has yet fallen. In the Willamette valley roses are still blooming out of doors, and the hardy strawberry is blossoming. Last night was the coldest night we have had this winter, and yet the thermometer registered but a few degrees below the freezing point.

Some Fine Specimens.

Harry Thomas, who is largely interested in some mining claims upon the Santiam, is exhibiting some fine specimens of gold taken from a pan. He seems to think the future of that region as a mining district is bright. The gold is of good quality and a careful estimate places the number of colors to the pan at from a hundred to a hundred and fifty. The next few years will be full of interest for those who have interests on the Santiam.

A Holiday All Around.

As to-morrow is Christmas, the day of all others upon which to rejoice and be glad, there will be no issue of the CAPITAL JOURNAL. To-day we give our readers a paper brim full of good reading and to-morrow our force will celebrate. Wednesday evening the JOURNAL will be out as usual. In the meantime we wish our readers all a merry Christmas.

Not on the Bills.

A special feature in the celebration of New Year's day is a total eclipse of the sun. Therefore get your smoked glass ready and prepare to play peek-a-boo. The eclipse will be almost total here and if there be no clouds it will be a sight worth seeing. It will begin about noon and about two o'clock it will be almost total, when it will gradually pass off about five o'clock p. m.

A Legislator Passes.

Hon. R. V. Short, representative from Clackamas county, is traveling over the state on the O. R. & N. Co.'s lines on a free pass presented by the company.—Woodburn Independent.

Wheat Going Down.

At Albany the wheat market is demoralized, that cereal bringing only 70 cents there, with no sales. It continues at 75 cents here, but transactions are slow.

Another Purchase.

Saturday the A. Giesy farm of 167 acres near Aurora was sold by Hughes, Bellingier & Co. to parties from the east. The consideration was \$3,000.

Christmas Gifts.

With the written consent of her parents a marriage license was today issued to R. L. Wimer, aged 25, and Miss Minnie Jones, aged 16.

How to Boom Your Town.

Write about it. Talk about it. Keep your sidewalks in good repair.

Always cheer up the men that go in for improvements. Your portion of the cost will be nothing that is not right.

Don't kick at any proposed improvement because it is not at your own door or for fear that your taxes are raised fifty cents.

Encourage strangers by making them feel welcome and at home and when they want to buy property don't ask them twice as much as you would a resident.

Highland, Clackamas Co. Or., Mar. 31. I have suffered with a disease of the kidneys for 6 or 7 years and for the last two months have been laid up with a pain in my back. A friend sent me a sample of the Oregon Kidney Tea, and having used it one week I can do a good day's work. I have derived more benefit from it than all the medicines I have ever taken. J. Q. NEWBELL. Sold by D. W. Mathews & Co.

LOCAL SUMMARY.

—Cook's hotel opened to the public yesterday.

—Boats now run on the Willamette from Harrisburg down.

—Painless dental operations at Dr. T. C. Smith, 92 State street. tf.

—The school for the blind has taken an adjournment until after the holidays.

—Regular meeting of W. C. T. U., Tuesday, Christmas day, at 2:30 p. m., at their hall.

—Sheriff Croisan is at Albany today taking in the sights of that metropolitan burg.

—The Albany Democrat says Corvallis is entitled to the Agricultural college, whoever runs it.

—The place to buy your Holiday Goods is at the Capitol Adventure Company, opera house corner. tf.

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—One town or the other is to be disappointed, as Moody is advertised for both Eugene and Salem January 3rd.

—For choice groceries and fine Salem evaporated fruits, and general groceries pay a visit to Martin & Cox. tf.

—The place to buy your Holiday Presents Cheap is at the Jewelry Store of John G. Barr, 108 State St., Salem. 3d-1w.

—For holiday candles, nuts, cigars, notions, etc, go and see what Speight & Souder, Court street, offer you. Prices low. 1 m d w

—Follow the crowd and you will turn up at Squire Farrar's, where groceries are pure and cheap. Join the procession. tf.

—Diversity in farming and due attention to the fruit and dairy interests of Oregon will make it a rich and prosperous state.

—We have a climate and a soil equal to any in the land, and let us learn how to make more out of them than has been done in the past.

—Alfred Wheeler is a candidate for the Albany postoffice and a petition is being circulated in his interest. There are several others who would like to have it.

—Be sure and call at Wm. Sargent's and examine his stock of Christmas goods before purchasing elsewhere. He has a nice line of goods. Commercial street. 4-d.

—The Telegram says that if Salem experiences as much advantage from the introduction of street cars as has East Portland, the capital will receive a stimulating impulse.

—Notice.—All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to Rotan & Whitney will oblige by calling and settling their accounts within the next thirty days. 1-w.

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—You'll regret too late that you did not have your friend or relative visit Sperry the Artist and have a perfect likeness taken. Heed the moral—go now before it is forever too late. For fine work Sperry, the artist, knows no superior. tf

—St. John asks the question, "Are you for the saloon or the home?" The answer given is, "you bet your life." But when you are asked where you can get the best goods and price on tea, coffee, groceries, etc., the answer is, at Squire Farrar's. tf.

—The finest line of Holiday Goods ever brought to Salem, consisting of Library Lamps, China Tea Sets, Vases, Cups and Saucers, Box-wagons, Dolls by the hundreds, Doll-wagons, etc., can be found at John G. Wright's. Prices are at bed rock and goods first-class. tf.

—For fine work you should go to Cherrington's, the artist. If you are looking for something nice for the holidays, go and see him. His work is the finest. Time is fleeting and Christmas is near. Be sure and give him time to finish your work up nicely. The accepted time to have your "picture struck" is now. tf

—A startling yell was heard this morning on the corner of High and Court streets that chilled the blood. But investigation proves that it was only the boarders cheering the clean and palatable fare of the new "Home Restaurant" and its proprietor E. M. Law. Board \$3 per week. tf.

—A visit to the gallery of Catterlin, the artist, demonstrates the axiom that good work always finds a ready sale and good goods a firm market. He is rushed with work and continues to turn out the best, always giving complete satisfaction. He is agent for Prof. Krumbeln's oil paintings. Give him a call and get a perfect likeness. tf.

—Supreme court has taken an adjournment until January 15th.

—A fine new stock of groceries, drugs, etc., is that of Roth & Greenbaum in the opera building.

—The News says the latest aspirant for the position of United States Marshal is Hon. J. D. Lee, of Dallas, Polk county.

—On to-morrow afternoon the nuptials of Dave Ashbaugh and Miss Stella Torrey will be celebrated in this city.

—Hanging lamps, choice groceries, candles, and many nice things, and cheap too, may be found at L. S. Winter's. tf.

—Recorder Strickler this morning sentenced R. H. Warren and George Brown each to four days in the cooler. Drunkenness was the charge.

—Three of the family of Louis Seguin at Woodburn are lying very low with typhoid fever, but with more hopes of recovery the past few days.

—Those who desire to pay their subscription to the CAPITAL JOURNAL in wood can be accommodated. Bring along your fuel and a receipt will give you. We pay the market price.

—Among those recently commissioned as notaries public are: C. H. Wilshire, Lakeview; S. E. Griffiths, Arlington; W. H. Messick, Portland; P. J. Packard, Ft. Stevens; N. C. Dale, Mist.

—Every boy will be presented with a top and every girl with a story book. This applies to all who make purchases at George F. Smith's great Auction House during the Holidays. Be sure and remember this. tf.

—On Saturday night the Alka-Hesperian society was engaged in the discussion of the question, "Resolved, That the pardoning power of the president and of the governors of the several states be abolished." The debate was full of interest. Victory perched on the negative side.

—That we go from home to hear the news is demonstrated by the following from a Dallas paper: "A note from West Salem says that Mrs. Fred Loose fell one day last week and broke her leg; that little Lena Shindler was burned at Highland Tuesday, and that Miss Anna Loose, Mrs. Finley and the Winslow family have the diphtheria.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Points of Personal Mention and Notes of News.

The joint societies have arranged a program and intend to give a joint meeting at the end of the present term.

Prof. Van Scoy, after wishing the students a pleasant vacation, announced that school would begin again on Wednesday Jan. 2nd.

Many of the students have left for their homes to spend holidays. Those whose homes are too distant to pay them a visit will remain and entertain themselves as best they can.

C. E. Robbins, recently from Canada, and F. C. Buzzell of New Hampshire, entered school Monday. These with other distant representatives speak well for the reputation of the University.

Prof. John M. Peebles came up from Jacksonville Saturday and will spend holidays visiting friends in Salem. He reports his school as keeping even pace with the prosperity of Southern Oregon.

It is rumored, and we think on sufficient ground, that T. P. Boyd and Miss Mattie Russell, both old time students, will be married about New Year at Ashland. And thus they go. Who will be the next?

Company A are taking steps to become Co. D of the Oregon National Guard. The company are better drilled than many of the State's companies, and it is hoped they may be successful in their efforts.

J. W. Rousen went to Silverton Tuesday to be present at the wedding of J. S. Van Winkle who was married to Miss Lida Hayes. Mr. Van Winkle is a graduate of the academy of the class of '88, and has many friends around the University who wish him a warm congratulation.

The Philodorian held an interesting meeting Friday evening in their hall. Several visitors and a number of ladies of the Philodorian were present. The question was debated: Resolved, "That in order to accomplish the greatest results in practical life, not more than five years should be spent in college." The discussion was opened on the affirmative by L. F. Beiknap; on the negative by J. T. Mathews, and was decided in favor of the negative.

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