



SANTA ENTERTAINS COMMUNITY CROWD

TREATS KIDDIES WITH NUTS AND CANDIES

MUSIC IS BIG FEATURE

SPECIAL CHORUS AND RECORDS ENTERTAIN RECORD CROWD AT HALL.

(By U. L. Tide.)

With the large community hall packed to capacity on lower floor and gallery, the citizens of Vale and stood attentive to the program of music that preceded the coming of old Santa himself, with sweets and apples in abundance to satisfy the Yuletide appetite of all.

Rev. A. B. Weaver, of the Methodist church, called the gathering to attention, at 8 o'clock, and started the program by calling upon the "Jolly Five," Vale's local orchestra. The task of entertainment was taken up by music, reading and recitation in turn, each number seeming to bring the Christmas spirit nearer until it became almost audible. A rumor started, and fairly flew from mouth to mouth, Santa Claus himself was about to arrive. Small feet would not keep still, when with a jingle of bells, a gust of snow laden wind ushered in the stomping old Nick himself, his whiskers full white against the rosy cheek and merry eye. He took his station before the holiday decorated trees, and reaching into their tinsel branches produced a bag of candy and nuts and a big red apple for every one who had been a good boy or girl for the past year.

The program was as follows: Music, Jolly Five Orchestra. Chorus, led by M. N. Fegty, Miss Hazel Dohy, organist. Reading, "An Old Fashioned Christmas," by Theodore Forcier. Music, by Jolly Five Orchestra. Recitation, Marjorie Sterling. Violin Solo, by Mr. W. D. Kinder, accompanied by Mrs. Kinder. Anthem, by Selected Choir. Music, by Jolly Five Orchestra. Santa Claus. Rev. A. B. Weaver, Introdutor.

PARSONAGE IS RAIDED

GOOD CHEER AND LOTS OF FUN BREAK INTO HOME OF A. B. WEAVER.

On Sunday evening while Rev. A. B. Weaver and family were at the Methodist church attending the Christmas program the parsonage was broken into. The entrance was not discovered until after the services and the pastor had returned to his home to find the floor of the front room covered with groceries, canned fruits, vegetables and other eatables. As the "parson" stood transfixed with surprise a large company of the members and friends of his congregation fled into the room to add their Christmas greetings. For one time the preacher's gift of repartee left him, and the visitors had all the "say." The occasion was a most complete and very delightful surprise to the pastor and his family, and was a happy beginning of the good cheer that the people of Vale are enjoying this Christmas season.

WOMAN CHANGES STORY AND MURDER CHARGE DISMISSED

As a result of revelations made by Helen Leary of Portland, in which she branded as false her earlier story of the murder of a 15-year-old girl by Cash Weir, and the subsequent disposal of the body in the river by the old man and his son Earl, murder charges against the two were dismissed in police court on motion of John M. Mowry, deputy district attorney. Young Weir was given his liberty but the father and the woman were held on a minor charge.

BUTCHER ARRESTED FOR KICKING "KICKING" WOMEN

Within a week James Horn, a Chicago butcher, has twice been fined for kicking women customers who "kicked" on the weight of meat he had sold them. "All these women think I am cheating them in weight," said Horn, who added that he did not remember having kicked Mrs. Augusta Wheaton and his memory cost him a fine of \$20 and costs.

Six days ago Horn was fined \$10 on complaint of Mrs. Agnes Truth who said that Horn had kicked her.

Songsters Sing Christmas Carols.

Following the custom of Merry Ol' England, an unknown chorus sang Christmas carols at the hospital and before many of the Vale residences on Christmas even. The mysterious and much applauded singers, about 25 in number (rumor has it that it was a combination of the Community and Methodist choruses) covered the city. Singing at least one song before all of the homes in which some one sick was living.

JURY PANEL IS DRAWN

FARMERS ARE IN BIG MAJORITY ON LIST—WOMEN'S NAMES APPEAR.

With a jury list running, upon which the farmers are in a five to one majority, it is a foregone conclusion that the prisoners will be tried before a farmer jury at the January term of the circuit court, the coming year. This year's list has only two women jurors, a contractor, a carpenter and a real estate agent, all of the rest being either farmers or stockmen.

The list is as follows: D. L. Miller, farmer, Parma; James Molley, stockman, Rockville; Geo. A. Russell, farmer, Parma; F. B. Scott, farmer, Vale; J. W. McEwen, stockman, Riverside; Levi Wilson, stockman, Westfall; Holmes D. Glaver, farmer, Jordan Valley; Henry Wakerlig, stockman, Westfall; Kenneth A. Herrett, farmer, Vale; Jas. A. Doty, contractor, Ontario; Thos. Welch, farmer, Parma; Mary Glenn, bookkeeper, Vale; Wm. B. Naption, farmer, Ontario; A. B. Cain, farmer, Ontario; E. J. Beam, farmer, Ironside; John H. Forbes, farmer, Ontario; Lela H. Oakes, housewife, Ontario; Thos. W. Claggett, farmer, Ontario; John Martin, farmer, Ontario; Oliver Mayfield, farmer, Payette; D. B. Purcell, carpenter, Ontario; C. E. Secoy, farmer, Ontario; C. F. Wise, farmer, Ironside; Wm. F. Schultz, farmer, Parma; Seymour Ross, farmer, Ontario; Jonas L. Brown, farmer, Payette; P. M. Boals, farmer, Payette; S. A. Lofton, farmer, Ironside; W. B. Hoxie, real estate agent, Nyssa; Fred Currey, farmer, Juntura; Ernest Bush, farmer, Westfall.

Word of Christine Jensen.

Friends here will be glad to learn of the progress of Miss Christine Jensen, who is now chief clerk of the land office at Waterville, Wash. Miss Jensen received her first land office training here in Vale under the supervision of Thos. Jones during the war, filling the position occupied by Edward Kimball, who was away in the service. Mr. Jones is rather proud of his former pupil and is highly pleased at the reports of her success.

FIRE BUGS AT ASTORIA

ARRESTS WILL FOLLOW CLEWS FOUND BY STATE FIRE MARSHAL.

Astoria, Ore.—Investigation by deputies from the state fire marshal's office, investigating the fire which wiped out the business district of Astoria December 8, has resulted in finding that the fire was of incendiary origin, it was announced Thursday. It was said clews had been found which would lead to arrests.

Early on the morning of the fire E. N. Bissing, field superintendent of the Astoria water department, was awakened, and when he was informed of the seriousness of the conflagration, he went to his telephone to order the cutting off of the water service from all of the residence districts, in order to allow a concentration of the water pressure in the fire-stricken area. He found his telephone wires cut, so his efforts to connect with the water department were futile.

Bissing thereupon discovered that his house had been entered and the telephone wires severed in his dwelling. He found an open window through which entry had been made, and other clews which may lead to the arrest of the man who cut the connections.

Christmas Dinner—Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Cole entertained at dinner on Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Batchelder and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hutchinson. After dinner cards and dancing were enjoyed.

Ladies' Aid Met—Members of the Methodist Ladies' Aid were the guests of Mrs. M. N. Fegty on Thursday afternoon of the week.

ASSESSMENT DOWN MILAGE IS HIGHER

LEVIES FOR COUNTY SHOW HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR

SCHOOL TAXES HIGHER

DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION ALSO TOTALS MORE THAN BEFORE.

As predicted in The Enterprise some weeks past, the total county milage for next year is higher than this year, according to the levies which have just been compiled by the county court. The total county levy, outside of incorporated cities, will be 26.5 mills. This includes state, general county, sinking fund, market roads, general school, high school tuition and general road tax. Last year the total milage of these taxes was 23.3. These milages are in detail:

State tax	10.9
General county	3.6
Sinking fund	1.2
Library fund	3
Market road	10.9
General school	2.8
High school tuition	1.1
General road	4.7

In the incorporated cities of the county the milage for city purposes will be as follows: Ontario, 25.1; Vale, 36.4; Nyssa, 16-1, and Jordan Valley, 19.4.

The county court has re-designated the separate road districts of the county for next year and the general road tax will be divided, 70 per cent to the districts according to law, and the remaining 30 per cent to be expended by the county. These road districts are Nos. 1 to 21, inclusive, and five incorporated cities which are road districts within themselves, Ontario, Vale, Nyssa, Jordan Valley, and Juntura.

Special school levies generally are up a little in milage although there has been a decided cut in the two principal districts of the county, Vale and Ontario. The Vale school tax will be computed on a milage of 23.5 and the Ontario tax on a milage of 20. Nyssa's special school tax took a gigantic jump to 25.4 mills for next year. The entire special school district levies are as follows:

Districts Nos. 1-17-1; 2-5-7; 3-35; 4-9-8; 5-3-9; 6-10-7; 8-20; 9 none; 10-3-9; 11-4; 12-8-5; 13-4-8; 14-20-3; 15-23-5; 16-21; 17-12; 18-13-1; 23-10-8; 24-2-2; 25-25-4; 27-4-5; 28-7-8; 29-6-4; 30-7-9; 31-6-8.
32-5-1; 33-5; 36-5; 39-9; 40-10-5; 43-5-7; 45-4; 46-12-2; 47-14; 48-5; 49-1; 50-5; 51-6-8; 52-5; 53-7-8; 54-8; 55-6-7; 57-4-8; 58-13-3; 60-6-1; 61-11-1; 62-15; 62-5; 64-3-9; 66-4-2; 67-4-7; 68-16-7; 69-4-1; 70-3-7.
71-17-1; 73-5; 77-22-8; 78-12; 79-10; 80-5; 81-48-9; 82-16-5; 83-34-1.

Union high school No. 1, 7.2.

The total irrigation and drainage district taxes to be collected by the county this year are higher than they were last year. These special taxes are in reality maintenance expenses raised by the members of their district and cannot be, strictly speaking, taxes. The only thing the county has to do with them is to collect and turn over to the respective districts. The total irrigation assessments is \$145,384.33 and the drainage assessments, \$37,779.79.

HAVE JOINT INSTALLATION

EASTERN STAR AND MASONIC LODGE INSTALL OFFICERS WEDNESDAY EVENING.

A joint installation of the Eastern Star and the Masonic lodges was held at their hall Wednesday evening. The officers installed are for the Eastern Star, Mrs. A. E. McGilfray, worthy matron; H. E. Young, worthy patron; Mrs. R. D. Lytle, associate matron; Mrs. John Boswell, secretary; Mrs. Lloyd Riches, treasurer; Helen Mueller, conductress. The officers for the Masons are, Ross Soward, W. M.; Joe Guilleman, S. W.; Oscar Daley, J. W.; Harry Tamblin, secretary, and John P. Houston, treasurer.

After the installation a social hour was enjoyed during which the following program was given: A violin solo, W. D. Kinder; a talk on Masonry, Rev. A. B. Weaver; a piano solo, Miss Erna Hope.

Maurine Jones Returns—Miss Maurine Jones, who spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Jones, returned to Boise Monday evening. Other guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jones were Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Staples of Ontario.

EDITORIAL

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

I have been criticised by a few, so I hear, for my editorial in last week's issue regarding Governor-elect Walter Pierce's attitude towards state guarantee of irrigation bond interest. I expected that. In fact, it pleases me to hear it. It shows that I—speaking in the vernacular—got under the hides of some, at least. In other words, I told the truth, because it is invariably the truth that hurts.

In last week's issue of the Oregon Voter, C. C. Chapman wrote to the same effect that I did. Mr. Chapman is recognized as a valuable statistician of state affairs. It is significant that he is on the side of the irrigation districts in this matter, as he has been against them in others which he honestly thought were wrong. Here is what Mr. Chapman says:

If Governor-elect Walter Pierce carries out his announced intention of relieving the State of Oregon from the obligation of guaranteeing interest on irrigation bonds issued under the state irrigation law, he will be striking a serious blow at the marketability of these securities. Without a compensating provision of some sort on the part of the State, giving, through some other method, a substantial sale value to this type of security, development of arid land through irrigation will be rendered extremely difficult.

Up to July 1, 1922, the State had paid interest to the amount of \$734,020 on irrigation bonds whose interest had been guaranteed by the State. On that date \$247,575 remained unpaid. Since that date several small new issues and additional issues of existing projects have been guaranteed. There had been, therefore, up to July, 1922, total of \$981,595 assumed by the State through the issuance and obligation to issue "district interest certificates," through which the State extends its credit to the irrigation districts. It is this load to which Governor-elect Pierce refers when he is quoted as objecting to "the terrific burden of guaranteeing irrigation district bonds."

Irrigation bonds totaling \$6,296,500 are now enjoying this State guarantee of interest. Of this total all but \$875,000 are guaranteed for at least two and one-half years from July, 1922. In other words, the agricultural development of the districts involved is not deemed sufficiently advanced to entirely insure the payment of interest on the bonded per acre debt through taxation.

Serious retardation to the development of this watered land will result from interference with this guarantee, unless other adequate protection is provided holders of irrigation bonds.

The editors of Malheur county are "lambasted" by Mr. Taxpayer in a letter to The Oregonian, for their efforts to repeal the coyote bounty law. Although I have not told any yarns to Johnny Kelly about "coyote farms," nor have I called the furtive brutes the friends of the farmer, I will have to take part of the blame because I have been trying to save the taxpayers of Malheur county the many thousands of dollars this bounty costs them.

This letter has a subtle humor that sounds strangely familiar. Inasmuch as its writer did not care for The Oregonian to reveal his identity, I will not voice my suspicions.

At the tail-end of this caustic epistle Mr. Taxpayer makes a good suggestion. He urges that the law be amended so that when a bounty is paid the pelt becomes the property of the county and state to either sell or destroy.

Such an amendment would please all parties. It would leave the bounty on, as the western counties want. And it would relieve the heavy bounty payments during the cold months in Eastern Oregon, as the coyote pelts are worth many times the amount of the bounty.

Maybe the people of Vale did not notice the care and dispatch with which Postmaster McElroy handled the Christmas mail. They are used to it. But a comparison with some other offices I have had dealings with leaves me with pride for my home town.

Juntura Visitor—W. P. Allen, prominent man of Juntura, spent several days in Vale this week. While here Mr. Allen was a guest of the Drexel hotel.

Will Return Today—Miss Crystal Stacey, who has been visiting her parents in Vale is expecting to return to Boise this afternoon.

Spends Christmas With Sister—Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hotchkiss spent Christmas with Mr. Hotchkiss's sister, Mrs. Guy Johnson, a few miles out of Vale.

CHRISTMAS BRINGS SAME SANTA CLAUS

JUVENILE GRATIFICATION IS CAUGHT BY ADULTS

DAWN BRINGS TOTS OUT

SANTA CLAUS PROVES ROYAL SPORT AND VISITS HIGH AND LOW ALIKE.

(By U. L. Tide.)

When Christmas dawned on Vale Monday morning and the faint light grew so strong that it pushed back the last bit of grey darkness back over the hill, the juvenile welcome to the best day of them all, was heard issuing from homes on every hand, for the local folk arose with a spontaneity that belied external force, forgetting to rub drowsy eyes and dourly call for breakfast. For St. Nicholas had been about his business and even the barest hearts were filled with happiness upon that day when man buries trouble so deep that nothing else remains but joy and good fellowship.

What can cold logic say to us on this morning when we are younger than the tickled, smiling tot? What mere fact can enter when we arise and feel the glow that makes the world just all our friends? The merry miracle is wrought and we are content. A perfect paradise would be but a world wherein one lived a Christmas morning on each and every day.

NYSSA INVITES VALE

FIREMEN TO BE GUESTS AT ANNUAL BALL OF NEAR BY DEPARTMENT.

Members of the Vale fire department have been extended a cordial invitation to be the guests of the Nyssa firefighters at their annual ball. The affair will be at the old opera house in Nyssa on the evening of January 1. Dancing will begin at 9 o'clock. Everything will be free to the firemen from Vale, so the invitation asserts. A number of people are planning to attend from this city.

Because of this invitation and the fact also that next Monday a New Years day the regular monthly meeting of the Vale department will be held on Tuesday night, January 2. Every member is reminded of the fun at the last meeting and urged to be present.

KNIGHTS ELECT OFFICERS

CHARLES BATCHELDER WILL HEAD PYTHIANS OF VALE NEXT YEAR.

Charles L. Batchelder was elected chancellor commander of Advance Lodge No. 105, Knights of Pythias, at the annual election held on Thursday evening. Mr. Batchelder is secretary-manager of the Warm Springs Irrigation district. He has taken an active interest in the affairs of the lodge for some time.

Other officers elected are as follows: Al Munson, vice chancellor; Earl Neely, prelate; J. F. Miller, master of work; George W. Hayes, keeper of records and seal; Thos. B. Nordale, master of finance and exchequer; John Davis, master at arms; Leslie Pruitt, inside guard; George Steel, outside guard.

Inasmuch as the first annual meeting of the city council falls upon next Thursday evening and several members of the lodge will be at that meeting, the annual public installation of the Knights will be held Thursday evening, January 11. Entertainment and refreshments will be served and a cordial invitation has been extended to all Knights and their families and friends.

Light refreshments were served after lodge Thursday evening and the members played cards until a late hour.

Ladies' Aid Meeting—The Ladies' Aid of the Christian church met at the church Friday afternoon and closed the year's business and elected officers for the coming year. Refreshments were served after business hours.

Makes Trip to Ontario—Mrs. R. D. Lytle and Mrs. C. C. Burrow made a brief visit in Ontario the last of the week, returning to Vale on Friday.

For Christmas—Mr. and Mrs. J. Kircher entertained Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Forcier and son for Christmas.

Oregon Mist With Temperate Mercury.

Vale and vicinity have been experiencing the famous "Oregon mist" weather of the west—ern part of the state, the latter part of the week, with the thermometer a stranger to freezing-temperature. An "Oregon mist" simply means in good old Anglo-Saxon, that Oregon mist both sunshine and rain, but with such a close call that she seemed almost to have a combination of both.

ARTHUR GLAYPOOL DIES

BORN IN CROOK COUNTY AND RAISED IN MALHEUR AND HARNEY.

Arthur Claypool who passed away in Vale, Oregon, on the 24th day of December 1922, was born near what is now the post office of Sisters in Crook County, Oregon, on the 26, day of February 1882, he was reared in Crook, Harney and Malheur counties of pioneer parents, not only of that part of Eastern Oregon, his parents being pioneers of the western part of the state as well.

He leaves surviving him a wife, Mary C. Claypool, and minor daughter, Esther Geraldine Claypool, a mother Fannie J. Claypool, two sisters, Edith and Belle Hayes, both of Burns, one nephew Delbert Hayes, and three nieces, Ilda, Lulu and Ruby Hayes, also of Burns.

Arthur was a member of Advance Lodge No. 105, Knights of Pythias of Vale, by which Lodge the body was given a Pythian burial.

During the greater part of his life Arthur was engaged in the stock business, in Harney and Malheur counties, being a typical pioneer stock man, but on account of his health failing him he gave up this occupation some two years ago.

Besides his immediate relatives leaves a wide circle of friends and fraternal brothers to mourn his demise.

Relatives of Arthur who lived at a distance who attended the funeral were; John McGivern, the Misses Ann and Margaret McGivern, Thos. McGivern, and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clemo, all of Ontario, Mrs. J. V. Claypool and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Claypool of Westfall, Miss Ilda Haye and Mrs. Belle Haes of Burns.

WOLVES EAT THREE MEN

HUNTERS KILL 16 BRUTES BEFORE BEING OVERCOME BY LIVING PACK.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 17.—A great roving band of hungry timber wolves has devoured three men, according to meager reports sitting in today from the snow-covered trails of the Sturgeon river country. These reports told of a losing battle fought by two Indians after a white trapper had been downed and killed.

Last Saturday an elderly trapper left his cabin in the woods 70 miles north of Ignace to muck down to the settlement for his Christmas mail. He arrived in safety. There was no mail, however, and the old man said he would come back Christmas morning. At noon he had not arrived. The postmaster sent two Indians to follow the trail until they found him.

About two miles from the settlement the Indians found a spot pounded down in the snow and crimson hued. Bits of dog harness torn to shreds were scattered about. In the midst of them the Indians found human bones. They hastened back to report their discovery.

The lure of the bounty on wolves, however, urged the Indians to take the trail again, with extra ammunition. They sped behind their dog team into the woods as the villagers waved goodbye. They did not return.

Yesterday a new searching party departed. They found another patch trodden in the snow about two miles beyond the first.

The two guns the Indians had carried were lying there and scattered about were bones, bits of clothing and empty shells.

The carcasses of 16 wolves lay stretched in a circle about the trampled patch of snow.

Motor to Nampa—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Young and family motored to Nampa to spend the Christmas days with Mrs. Young's mother at that place.

Will Return Sunday—Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ford will return Sunday from Portland, where they have been during the Christmas week.

Back for School—Miss Thelma Herren, who has been visiting her mother in Rye valley during the past two weeks, will return to Vale Sunday.

WARMSPRINGS WATER SURPLUS MAY SELL

WARMSPRINGS DISTRICT IS HOPEFUL OF AID

PROGRESS REPORTED

TELEGRAM OF REPRESENTATIVE SINNOTT CONTAINS ADVICE OF DAVIS.

The Oregon congressional delegation at their meeting with Director Davis of the United States Reclamation Service in Washington, D. C., in regard to the Warm Springs Irrigation District, found him favorable to the handling of the project by the government. It will be necessary, according to Director Davis, for the land proposed to be watered by the surplus water of the Warm Springs District to be covered by a soil survey, and the report of the preliminary survey has been thoroughly gone over by this office, which is all that can be done until receipt of the detailed report.

Representative N. J. Sinnott wired the directors of the district to the effect that as soon as the necessary detail had been attended to, Director Davis would be in a position to make recommendations that congress make the proper appropriations to carry on and complete the work of the district and to take over and handle the surplus water in the irrigation of the lands now outside of the present boundaries of the Warm Springs.

J. B. Bond, manager of the Boise Project, is now working up the final report of the complete project for the use of the Warm Springs Irrigation District surplus water, which he will have ready in a short time, from the data obtained by Engineer C. W. Hogue, who is in direct charge of the work and who directed the necessary surveys, which were made in September and October of this year.

If the director of the United States Reclamation Service has already ordered the chief engineer at Denver, Colo., to make the necessary soil survey of the lands contiguous to the Warm Springs District upon which the surplus water will be used, the actual land survey should be made the coming spring, and the data obtained made into a completed report which would be ready for the director of the service shortly thereafter, according to C. L. Batchelder, secretary-manager of the Warm Springs District. This would make it possible for Director Davis to make his recommendations to congress during the coming year.

FIRST PRIZE IN DESIGN

MERLE BOSWELL TAKES FIRST IN DESIGN AND RECEIVES HONORABLE MENTION.

Word has just been received that Miss Merle Boswell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Boswell, was awarded first prize in design in the recent judging of the work of freshmen students in the arts department at the University of Oregon. Miss Boswell was also one of the three students in the department who received honorable mention in general arts.

Christmas Visitors—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell and daughter, Miss Gwendolyn, and W. W. Simmonds, all of Emmet, spent Christmas with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Simmonds.

FILM MAN'S AUTO WRECKED BY BOMB

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.—The automobile of John Danz, who operates several Seattle motion picture houses, was wrecked by a bomb that was thrown into it while it was standing empty in front of his home tonight.

Mr. Danz attributed the explosion to labor controversies he has had recently. The explosion created consternation among diners in homes near the Danz residence, which is in a leading residence district. Children and pedestrians were on the street, but it is said that none was nearer than half a block and nobody was hurt. Mr. Danz had been in his home 30 minutes when he and his family were startled by the explosion.

Police started an investigation.

Expected Monday—Mrs. Allen Wilcox and daughter Francis are expected Monday from Boise, where they have been during their Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Georgia Farrans of Juntura was in Vale Thursday.