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GARDEN VALLEY IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY HAD ENJOYABLE MEETING

A pleasant and interesting afternoon was enjoyed by all the members of the Garden Valley Improvement Society on last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Jack Parrott, it being the last meeting of the year and everyone present had a delightful time. New officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President, Mrs. Hugh Ritchie; vice president, Mrs. J. J. Tondoy; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Fred Parrott.

A committee was appointed to assist in the work of establishing a voting precinct in Garden Valley, and various other items of interest discussed in the meeting.

A vote of thanks was tendered our retiring president, Mrs. W. B. Hone. Her work in the club as a leader for the past two years has been highly commendable.

The meeting, everyone's interest was centered on a beautifully decorated Xmas tree, each guest finding a present on same, with a number attached corresponding to one drawn.

A dainty three-course luncheon was served during the afternoon by Mrs. Parrott and Mrs. Hanna, consisting of salad, sandwiches, candy and coffee.

Miss Helen L. Hyle was the guest for the afternoon.

The next meeting will be Jan. 3, at Mrs. W. L. Martin's, when Mrs. Niday will help entertain.

Richard H. H. Street, of Yoncalla is spending a few days in Roseburg, conferring with Superintendent O. C. Brown regarding school matters in his district and preparing his reports.

Don't you need weather strips at your doors? We have it. Check it.

TO MAKE A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

No \$2.00 that you can spend in Christmas-present giving will go further than a subscription for The Youth's Companion. Look over your long list and see how few things you are certain to be as eagerly treasured during every one of the fifty-two weeks of 1918. Acquaintance with it soon ripens into lasting friendship, for it has that rare and priceless quality among periodicals,—character,—and the character of the Youth's Companion has made fast friends for it all round the world.

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THE YOUTH'S COMPANION
Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass.

New subscriptions received at this office.

No Evening Shopping—Practically all of the dry goods stores in the city will close as usual at 6 p. m. during the Christmas shopping period. It has been the custom to keep the stores open at this season until about 8 p. m., but according to announcement made late yesterday by Secretary E. C. Benson, of the Merchants' Association, the stores will be closed at the ordinary time this year.

Ushing is Good—Jack Hammond had fine success fishing at Winchester yesterday. He caught six beautiful steelheads, one of which weighed 16 1/2 pounds, and 24 lb. salmon trout. The steelhead gave him a battle, as he was armed with only a light trout rod.

AMERICAN NEGRO IN ARMY ABROAD

BLACK FELLOWS FROM UNITED STATES HAVING WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES IN FRANCE—MAKING THEMSELVES USEFUL AND OPTIMISTIC.

"SCENERY" ENROUTE IS "ROTTEN"

Bewail a Great Scarcity of Chickens in the French Backyards—Aversion to Ocean Trip is Over-riding.

Though they bewail the lack of chickens in the backyards of the French—and on their menu—the members of a regiment of American negro stevedores in France have danced and sung their way into the hearts of the French population in the port where they are stationed. Warm-heartedly they are always planning a show for the benefit of a fund for the French wounded.

Telling of their work and play and thoughts, Howard Kahn, in an article sent to the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A., speaks of them as the "War's Minstrel Show." In spite of their strange surroundings, he says, they carry on their work as usual. They shuffle the same dances, and sing the same plantation melodies as at home.

They have no use for the Senegalese—"French niggers," they call them—because they wear monkey caps, have rings in their ears, and don't talk sense. The native wit and constant good humor of these stevedores have made them a joy and delight to the officers and men who come in contact with them. Moreover, they are living up to the best traditions of the American negro.

Writing from a port in France, Mr. Kahn says:

"It's against the rules to mention names when you write about enlisted men of the American Expeditionary Forces, but even the hardest-hearted censor will admit that no military secret is divulged in the interview with Mr. Sylvester Bogus Johnson, of Nashville, Tennessee, a member of a regiment of negro stevedores.

"Mr. Johnson was standing on the dock looking over an expanse of salt water such as he had never seen at Nashville. He started the conversation without any preamble from me.

"Man, Man," he said, "Christoph Columbus snah must of had some guts!"

"You don't like the ocean, then?"

"Not me, boss, I've pale from mah trip yet. I've been an American all mah life. But unless this here Atlantic ocean trowes orah and somebody builds a railroad back to Tennessee, I've a European to be Parlez-vous, français?"

"No sah, stevedore," he replied.

"What's your particular objection to the ocean?"

"The scenery is rotten," Sylvester explained. "And I couldn't keep nothing in my stomach except a little over-sea."

"Get plenty to eat here?"

"Yes, sah. Uncle Sam feed us all right. But chicken, is mighty scarce. I ain't had no chicken since I landed. I ain't even seen no chicken walking around nobody's back yard."

"Have you made many friends over here?"

"Boss, these French niggers ain't no good. I saw one today with rings in his ears. I asks him to a cigar. He and his jes' walks away. I don't wish him any somethin' but I didn't have no meanin'." They wear little red monkey hats and they is just plain ignorant."



EARL WILLIAMS IN THE STOLEN TREATY AT THE MAJESTIC THEATER TOMORROW.

PROPAGATING FOOD FISHES.

The year's work in fish culture in the United States was attended with conspicuous success. The output of the hatcheries was larger than in any previous year, and for the first time passed the five billion mark. There were operated 55 regularly established hatcheries, 19 sub-hatcheries, and 74 egg-collecting stations. Increased efficiency and the larger volume of work reduced the unit cost of operations to the lowest point so far attained, namely, \$114 per million fish produced and planted, this amount covering all overhead charges, including salaries of administrative and clerical forces in Washington.

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Private M. P. Conroy, 165th U. S. Infantry, "rolling his own" with "Bull" Durham.

ROBERT MORAN TAKES POST AT \$1 A YEAR

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 20.—Robert Moran, pioneer Seattle shipbuilder, has been appointed state director of the United States public service, and within a few days will undertake the task of yard indexing the skilled labor of Washington for the purpose of assisting industries engaged in war work to secure trained workmen. Mr. Moran's salary will be \$1 a year.

A FRIEND IN NEED

A friend in need is a friend indeed, and how you can tell is to accommodate him in time of his need, and then a little later ask him for it back in return. And that is what I have done—is to give credit to many a man and now I am going to ask them in return to come and buy their little tin full not later than December 25—this month, as that is the time that I need the "mon" to pay my honest bills, and all of my friends that will come to this call will be marked "true blue," and all that fail to answer this call will be crossed as being, for their friendship is one-sided, and he is liable to take the bankrupt law that his wife may wear \$1.75 stockings, and that is something rotten. Now, kind friends, that call is to you all that owe this man, O. J. Jarvis, and see about it not later than the 25th of the present month.

D. J. JARVIS
The Kid is "True Blue."
I have loaned your call, D. J. Jarvis, and here's where I "come through," the you stand by me, my soul, when I surely needed you. Last week I purchased from you a "Needle sold show." So now just quit "try, ERKIN." For I've proved myself "true blue." Your friend,
MERRILL HASTINGS

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS.

The Roseburg Fruit Co. will buy turkeys and pay cash—live or dress—4. Photo #3.

RED CROSS CHRISTMAS NOTICE.

Help the Red Cross by buying Red Cross Christmas seals. The Day Scouts of Roseburg are busy selling these seals. They have started a thorough canvass of the city and should be helped and highly appreciated on their interest and endeavor.

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donated to the various state fish commissions for hatching and planting under local auspices.

The distribution of the hatchery output by special fish cars and detached messengers required 128,717 miles of railroad travel by rail and 645,721 miles of railroad travel by messengers carrying fish in baggage cars. The fish were distributed to waters in every state and Alaska.

Three cases in the justice court in which the Douglas Creditors' Association was plaintiff, and in which C. C. Long, Willie Wallace and Mrs. L. E. Whitney were the defendants, were settled and dismissed Thursday before Justice I. B. Riddle. In such case the claims involved a number of assigned accounts.

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