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ROSEBURG, OREGON, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1924.

THE HOMECOMING STUDENTS.

When the boys and girls come home for the holidays from schools and colleges, they are an object of much adoration from admiring relatives. Many of the home folks are worrying for fear they are studying too hard, but that is probably the least of things that should excite alarm.

Some people may entertain the idea that retail meat dealers are making a good deal of money. If so they should read a recent U. S. department of agriculture survey, which indicates that the average retailer makes a net profit of only one and seven tenths cents out of each dollar that the consumer pays.

Uneasiness is caused in Europe, because the allied commission that has been investigating German armament, found that Germany has more soldiers than is allowed by the treaty, and that factories are secretly making arms.

According to Dr. Gratz, editor of the Epworth Herald, as he remarked in an address to the Epworth League, the faults of the younger generation are due more to unspanked parents than to unspanked children.

There will be general satisfaction that the United States government has agreed to take part in a conference to be held next spring at Geneva, to consider control of the traffic in arms.

PRUNE PICKIN'S

BY BERT G. BATES

GOOD EVENING FOLKS— This is the last bath night Till Xmas

Good job of it.

DUMBELL DORA THINKS A round robin is a fat bird.

The Eureka, Calif., hi team will meet the locals here Tuesday and we hope the visitors haven't the hoof and mouth disease.

With the snow driftin' down in little gobs today we wonder why the poets don't bombard this sanctum with effusions concernin' the whiteness of the flakes.

As usual the weather is unusual.

The U. S. basketball fellers at most took the aluminum into camp yesterday eve and we'll still be able to lick 'em blindfolded.

We'll be glad when it warms up and conversations turn to something more interestin' than the weather.

Many an Umpqua Chief blanket is now a permanent fixture on the bedstead.

Have you done your Xmas botch?

We wish Xmas would hurry up and get over so we could chuck the tree in the furnace for fuel.

When we hear about folks tellin' about 44 degrees below and such we feel kinder glad we live where no thermometers are cracked by droppin' mercury.

One thing nice about the chilliness is the rosy knees the janas are wearin'.

Mebbe we're all wrong but nevertheless we can't see the use of embroider'n' flowers on teddies.

Santa Claus is wearin' his whiskers a la Valentino this year accordin' to fashion reports.

Gas masks are very appropriate to give with Xmas stogies.

The night cop must feel like buildin' a bon fire on the corner of Cass and Jackson these nights.

Well by gum, I finally got the dern pump thawed out.

For all kinds of floor coverings try Powell's.

PRUNE CROP IS GIVEN BOOST

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of every-year crops. At present there are approximately 4,000 acres in Douglas county given over to prune culture.

"A few statistics make plain that the prune is to Douglas county, Oregon: Taking the last year's crops as the basis of an average, this county has produced each year about 8,500,000 pounds of dried prunes—approximately a fifth of the entire output of the northwest.

This year the first green prunes (green in this instance meaning ripe, but not dried) were shipped from Douglas county to eastern markets, a total of eighty carloads being marketed and netting the growers a good profit.

The records for the years 1914 to 1922 inclusive show that 1,557 full carloads of dried prunes were shipped out of Douglas county during that period. The figure does not include the less-than-carload shipments nor the fruit shipped by express.

"Another recent development of the Douglas county prune industry has to do with canning; the Douglas product has been found excellently suited to this purpose, and this year green prunes were packed by the Umpqua Valley Canning Company.

"A point of special interest to this company in the prune industry has to do with the utilization of electric current in curing the fruit. A photograph accompanying these notes shows an interior Smith's premises at Winstan, where a 25 H. P. motor is used to view of the dehydrator of Clay operate a fan which distributes the hot air through tunnels, approximately 100 feet in length. Fuel oil is burned to generate the required heat. The total capacity of this plant, as demonstrated last season, is 8,000 pounds per 24

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

The Heinicke Kindergarten and Dramatic Art department under the direction of Miss Nolan extends a cordial invitation to their Christmas program Saturday evening 7:30 sharp at the Conservatory. Songs, games and the one act play, "Home Made Santa Claus" will be presented by the little folks.

hours. In this plant last season 250,000 pounds of prunes were cured, and sold for 6 cents per pound to packing houses in Roseburg.

"Mr. Smith states that this dehydrator is operated at about half the cost of one burning cord wood, with an increase in capacity of a little better than 50 per cent.

"Reproduced on the inside pages of this issue of The Volt are to be found camera notes on that outstanding fruit industry of Douglas county devoted to the raising of better breakfasts, to the pleasing of palates and promotion of good health."

In addition to the above article there appears a write-up of Yreka's new hotel, The Yreka Inn, which has just been formally opened and which is predicted to fill a long-felt want with the traveling public who make stop-overs in northern California. The following quotation from the last paragraph of this write-up is of particular interest to the people of Douglas county.

"Yreka Inn was erected at a cost of \$125,000. It is conducted by Weaver brothers under the personal management of L. L. Weaver, and operated in conjunction with their Hotel Umpqua in Roseburg, Oregon."

Buy electrical gifts where service is guaranteed, Hudson Electric Store.

HOMECOMING FOR ALUMNI AT R. H. S.

As homecoming welcoming to the alumni, the students of Roseburg high school invited them to be present at a Christmas homecoming program in the assembly room at 3 o'clock, Friday afternoon.

The program was opened by Christmas carols by the Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs. A Christmas story, "The Other Wise Man," greatly in keeping with the yuletide spirit was given by Miss Rosa B. Parrott. Coach Doubet awarded the football letters to the boys, who had made the required time on the football team. Those receiving letters were Ray Jost, Harold Irwin, Bernard Young, Clifford Hess, Donald Ferguson, Lynn Beckley, Orval Agee, Claire Taylor, Harry Hellwell, Glade Bruton, Kenneth Clark, Bert Lawrence, Edmund Dolan, Ernest Forrester and Guy Perrin. Jost, Irwin, Young, Beckley, Taylor and Perrin will graduate this year, and will be greatly missed on next year's football team by the high school.

Following the awarding of the letters, three cups were awarded. Coach Doubet presented the juniors with a cup for the most points in basketball, the cup being received by Miss Mildred Davis in behalf of the class. Next the cup donated by Hudson's Electric Store was awarded to the senior class. This makes the second year for the class of '25 to hold the cup. The third cup to be awarded, was presented by Mr. Hamm in behalf of the Rotary Club, to the high school, for the beautifying of the school grounds and the help given by the school in the city beautiful movement. Paul Geddes, president of the S. B. A. made the speech of acceptance for the school. After the presentation of the cups Miss Lois Cobb, in behalf of the class of '21, explained to the S. B. A. why the class had never left a memorial to the school, saying that the funds for the memorial had been raised but up to the time of graduation no decision was made as to what the gift might be. A committee was put in charge and had only recently purchased a suitable memorial. The high school was then presented with a beautiful walnut table and five chairs to adorn the stage. This is something that the high school has been in need of for a number of years and the gift will be greatly appreciated by the S. B. A. and members of the faculty. In behalf of the high school Paul Geddes thanked the class of '21 for their commemorative offering. The alumni was invited by Mr. Campbell to visit the school and the rest room. As a close to the program the school songs were sung by the students, while bowls of candy were passed down the aisles.

After the program, the alumni was entertained in the girls' rest room by the students and refreshments were served. A number of alumni were present, many of who were now attending college. Those attending were: Evelyn Quino, Iris Elbe, Violeta Cole, Constance Hendrickson, La Verne Hawn, Donald Hellwell, Rosina Porier, Thomas Newhard, Lois Cobb, Leo Beckley, Roland Schwartz, Ferrell Hess, Ivan Atterbury, Bill Burr, Heison Churchill, Carrie Gilbert, Hugh Whipple, Charlie Thurston, Clifford Fields, Marion Newhard, Willis Moffatt, Dorothy Orant, Dorothy Eddy, Phil Singleton, Marguerite Rnaho, Thelma Trefren, and Mrs. Leta Bellows Stamer.

The homecoming welcoming is an added attraction to Christmas vacation and it is hoped that the custom may be continued next year by the students. Last year the plan was abandoned on account of

FAMOUS TENOR DENIES STORY OF BLACKMAIL

John McCormack Nails Lie and Says His Life Is an Open Book.

CAN'T FIGHT BACK

Declares It Is Impossible to Take Action Against an Unknown Foe—Not a Cent for Tribute.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Rumors that John McCormack had paid \$100,000 to blackmailers in Boston after being maneuvered into a compromising situation in the Copley Plaza Hotel, are branded as falsehood by the singer.

"The tenor revealed today that for five years the whispered story had been going the rounds—so vague that it never could be traced further than that somebody heard from somebody else of the blackmailers' plot.

At the trial of William J. Coonan, former district attorney of Middlesex county, and others accused of conspiring to extort \$50,000 from Victor F. Searles, an affidavit referring to the story was introduced in evidence.

Mrs. Abraham Levy who admits having been used by the blackmail gang to lure its victims, made the affidavit. She said she had learned of the story of the blackmail of "John McCormack," as the affidavit put it, through a conversation among members of the blackmailing gang.

"Fight back? You can't; not a band you can't see," said Mr. McCormack, referring to his efforts to get at the source of the rumor.

"My friends know that I have played the game of life decently," continued McCormack, "they know my family life has been right and that my public won't believe this lie, that I know."

"I have never been blackmailed," he added, "I would spend millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute."

The Hardie Mogul 10 sprayer has a dust and spray proof hood that covers the engine and pump. They have a Cushman engine, one of the highest types of gas engines made. See this new Hardie at Wharton Bros.

MEXICAN LOAN FAILS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—Failure of the \$50,000,000 loan which was to have been negotiated for the Mexican government by J. L. Arlitt, banker of Austin, Tex., is announced by Secretary of the Treasury Pani.

The secretary gave out the text sent to the Mexican consul general in New York ordering him to notify Mr. Arlitt, that as the time stipulated by the loan contract was long overdue, the contract was cancelled the moment notification was made.

Senor Pani added that another reason for cancelling the contract was the hope that held by the government that the budget soon would be balanced due to retrenchment plans recently adopted.

The McCormick-Doering cream separator will pay for itself in the cream it will save. See the new size at Wharton Bros.

APPROVE EXPENDITURE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) TOKIO, Dec. 20.—The Japanese cabinet today approved a total expenditure of yen 1,524,000,000 for the coming year. The expenditure represents the final budget total.

Special prices on silverware. McKean, Darby & Baldwin.

Here's A Record

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Ula Sharon, 18 years of age, musical comedy dancer, whose real

the school agreeing to do no entertaining until Laurelwood field had been paid for.

name is Ula S. Robinson, and who came from Kansas City to be a Broadway star is to marry Carl Randall, her dancing partner. In revealing the engagement today Mrs. J. R. Robinson said her daughter, although on Broadway three years, had never smoked a cigarette, or drank a drop of liquor.

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF THE MACCABEES

Xmas tree and social at Maccabee Hall, December 22, Monday, for members of the Maccabees and their families. They will take the place of the regular meeting that falls on the 25th of the month.

Gift sets—make your selection early and get your choice of our beautiful and useful toilet sets. Lloyd Crocker.

TO IMPORT SUGAR

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) MOSCOW, Dec. 20.—Owing to the failure of the beet root crop, the Soviet government has authorized the importation of 300,000,000 pounds of sugar, the bulk of which will be purchased in the United States, Czechoslovakia and England.

The government probably will be obliged also to import a considerable quantity of grain.

The only complete electrical stock in town—Hudson Electric Store.

FIND DEAD PROSPECTOR

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) REDDING, Calif., Dec. 20.—The remains of William Slammer, 80 years old, prospector and part owner of the Keystone mine, were found late yesterday on a lonely mountain trail 25 miles north of here by a tram line operator. Slammer evidently had been dead about six weeks and animals had consumed part of his body. It was not determined how he came to his death.

CRUISE ON MAYFLOWER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Several friends were invited by President and Mrs. Coolidge today to be guests of an afternoon on a devious cruise down the Potomac on the Mayflower.

If it's a saw, axe or wedge, try Powell's.

Give'er a SAVAGE

WRINGERLESS Washer and Dryer

If she slaves over the back-breaking wash board, or old style wringer washer, end her washday drudgery for all time with the gift of the Wringerless Savage.

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Have us reserve your Savage now for Christmas delivery.

Everybody's Exchange

PHONE 456

LOCAL NEWS

Electrical gifts make them happy from Hudson's Electric Store.

Showerbath that carries a guarantee at bargain prices. McKean, Darby & Baldwin.

Don't wait until the last minute to order your coal and wood this cold weather. Deitz Gerretsen Co.

For her Xmas, "Luxe" still and various other items for decoration of trees and presents. Lloyd Crocker.

Asby's Imported Broccoli seed is here ready for delivery, at 20¢ per pound. Growers should order at once. Apt. 6, over Rose Confectionery, P. O. Box 1228, Roseburg, Ore.

Indian herbs, nature's remedy, safe and sure. Many people use them six months treatment. \$1. Fisher's Paint and Paper Store, 603 West Cass St.

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