

CHURCH NOTICE

Methodist Episcopal Church
The Friendly Church
Albert S. Hisey, Pastor
Sundays, December 22, Christmas
Sunday.
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.
Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.
Evening Services, 7:30 p. m.
Never has the world seen a Christmas day since the birth of the Christ Child, so significant of great things. The subject for the morning will be in keeping with this great occasion. "The Prince of Peace." The World's first Christmas was prophetic of this one. Subject for the evening, "The Spirit of Christmas."
On Christmas the combined choir

of the recently organized children's choir and the regular church choir, thirty voices in all, will render the splendid sacred cantata, "Lord of All." The Sunday school will receive an offering for the suffering people of Armenia and Syria. The general public is invited to enjoy with us this celebration of the Lord's birth.

Crop reports for Oregon, furnished by the United States department of agriculture, contain the information that in 1918 Columbia county had 2,400 acres seeded to wheat and the yield was approximately 50,000 bushels. The acres seeded in the fall of this year are 1,600.

Rev. A. R. Spearow, who has been quite ill with the influenza, is now convalescent.

ODD FELLOWS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

At a recent meeting, St. Helens Lodge No. 117, I. O. O. F., selected the following officers to serve for the ensuing term:
Ira Sauer, N. G.
P. B. McCollum, V. G.
C. W. Blakesley, Secretary.
Josee Lansing, Treasurer.
Trustees will be elected at the next regular meeting and the installation of the newly elected officers will take place in January. The St. Helens lodge is now 27 years old and in the most flourishing condition since its organization.

L. L. L. HAS ENJOYABLE SMOKER

On Saturday evening December 14th, the members of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen held a smoker and luncheon in their club rooms on Columbia street, where a very enjoyable evening was spent by the 4L men. Dr. J. H. Flynn as an impromptu speaker, was a great success and Sam Engman, the "Swedish nightingale," sang. Due to the untiring efforts of C. O. Hyde, the boys have a well equipped club room in which to spend their evenings.
The boys are also thankful to Mr. Morgus, who donated a pool table for their use.

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR XMAS DECORATING

It is better to be safe than sorry. For illumination, small incandescent electric lights give better effects than candles. They are also safer and cheaper in the long run. Do not trust your electric wiring and connections to an amateur.
To produce snow effects, use asbestos fiber. It is a splendid substitute for cotton, which is highly inflammable and dangerous.
Use only metallic tinsel, or other non-inflammable materials for tree and room decorations. Tissue paper, cotton, wool, etc., are extremely dangerous.
If you must illuminate with candles:
Be sure that candles are securely fastened and can not come in contact with decorations or the foliage of the tree.
Be sure the tree is set securely to prevent it being upset.
Protect the floor with a zinc or galvanized iron mat.
Never permit children to light the candles. Disaster may result from nervousness due to excitement. Always keep matches out of the reach of children; they are bound to experiment surreptitiously.
Extinguish candles before distribution of presents.
Keep doors and windows closed while candles are burning to prevent drafts from blowing curtains or swaying branches in contact with flames.
Do not decorate chandeliers with tissue paper, cotton or other inflammable materials. Do not put dried branches of evergreen, holly, or mistletoe upon gas fixtures, or hang them with cloth or tissue paper ropes.
Remove all Christmas greens within two or three days.
A portion of the loading platform at the Columbia County Mill gave way under its heavy load of railroad ties and fell to the beach below. No one was injured and it will take only a few days to repair the damage. The operation of the mill was not interfered with on account of the collapse of the dock. The mill will close next week for the holiday season, and needed repairs will be made during the shut-down.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the Matter of the Estate of Matthew J. Stunkard, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as executrix of the estate of Matthew J. Stunkard, deceased, has filed her final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, and that Saturday, the 18th day of January, 1919, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the Court room of said Court in the City of St. Helens, Columbia County, Oregon, has been appointed as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.
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MALINDA J. STUNKARD,
Executrix of the Estate of Matthew J. Stunkard, Deceased. 1-5

CARGO OF SUPPLIES GOES TO ARCHANGEL

Red Cross Sends Relief Ships for Allied Soldiers and Civilians in Starving Russia.

A relief ship was recently sent from this country to Archangel by the American Red Cross with 4,000 tons of drugs, food, soap and other supplies for the use of the Allied soldiers and needy civilians in that part of Russia. The vessel's cargo was valued at \$1,511,233.
Later, another ship was dispatched carrying 200 tons of similar supplies furnished by the American Red Cross, the total expenditure for the two shipments amounting to over \$2,000,000.
Major C. T. Williams of Baltimore was in charge of the party of thirteen which accompanied the shipment from this country. He was formerly a member of the Red Cross Commission for Roumania. Major Kirkpatrick, at one time a member of the latter commission, but recently attached to the Army Medical Corps, heads the medical end of the Archangel expedition. Drugs and general hospital supplies constituted the greater part of the cargo sent from America.
While the chief concern of the expedition was providing comforts for American and Allied fighting men in that part of the world, all efforts were bent to get relief to the Russian soldiers who were returned from German prison camps at the rate of about 15,000 a week. The condition of these men was pitiable. It has been estimated that 90 per cent. of them were tubercular.
In addition to drugs and food, almost every imaginable article on the list of supplies sent over was for the comfort, convenience and pleasure of the Allied soldiers. Just a few of these articles were playing cards, razor blades, jewsharps, mandolins, accordions, ukaleles, phonographs, cameras, skates, wigs, whiskers, grease paints, footballs, snowshoes, slippers, hockey outfits, indoor baseballs, moving picture outfits, Bibles, prayer books, boxing gloves, games, music, books, cigarettes, candy and dried fruits.
The need of prompt relief for the inhabitants of towns along the coast of the White Sea and on the Kola peninsula, many of whom were facing starvation, was found to be imperative. Scurvy had broken out among the people at these places, adding to the general distress.
The towns to which the relief expedition was sent are virtually isolated from the outside world because of the treacherous coast line, shifting sand bars and uncharted waters. An exceptionally early frost, even for that part of the world, ruined the harvests, which were expected to improve conditions. Statements, printed in Russian, explaining the work of the Red Cross, were distributed among the inhabitants.

TRIBUTES FROM SECRETARY BAKER

Following a tour of South England, Secretary of War Baker made this comment on the work done by the American Red Cross for our boys:
"These are the things which count. The American Red Cross is to be congratulated on the way in which it is looking after our boys. It is doing fine work."
Following his return from France, Secretary Baker wrote this note to the American Red Cross in London:
"I left London so shortly after my drive to Winchester that I had no early opportunity to thank you for the courtesy of the touring car which you placed at my disposal for the trip. On this trip to Europe I have received fresh and noteworthy evidence of the astonishing efficiency of the American Red Cross operations in France and England. I have been delighted to see how much the American Red Cross has done to weld hearts of the allied people together."

Replacing the Orchards.

The American Red Cross has given \$10,000 to assist in the replanting of trees in the orchards laid bare by the Germans. With this sum 40,000 fruit trees will be replaced in the devastated orchards of Belgium and northern France.

Dolls
Free to Little Girls

—We have been fortunate in securing 300 beautiful, unbreakable DOLLS and we are going to make 300 little girls happy. We are going to give away these dolls to little girls of families of our customers. In order to avoid any discrimination, we have imposed just ONE CONDITION and that is: ONE OR BOTH PARENTS MUST BE WITH THE LITTLE GIRL and make purchases of not less than \$1.00 at the time of the delivery of each doll. Bring the little one along with you and make her heart glad.

HOLIDAY
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WE WISH YOU
A Merry Christmas

—and extend our thanks for the liberal patronage given us during the past year.

—the people of Yankton and vicinity have been kind to us and we want to assure them of our appreciation of their patronage.

—during the coming year, we will endeavor to merit a continuance of their patronage by furnishing merchandise of merit and selling it at prices based on the "Live and Let Live" policy.

—again we thank you.

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