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CHRISTMAS EDITION BRINGS OUT INTERESTING OLD TALES

John Frawley, Dad Moon and Fireman O'Malley Paid Dearly for Shave.



JOHN FRAWLEY.

Present county treasurer but conductor on the first work train here.

Since the Christmas edition of the Observer has been published, many interesting pieces of early history relative to La Grande are being rehearsed around railroad hangouts.

WHAT THE PRESS SAYS

Glee Club Concert a Decided Success.
From "Oregon Emerald"

A sudden silence fell over the large audience as the Eugene Theatre curtain rose Thursday evening and the union of a score of voices sang the opening selection, Herbert's "Jolly Fellows." The name was appropriately chosen as a curtain raiser, for the Glee club men proved themselves every inch of a jolly bunch of fellows; to whom entertainment was a specialty. Success was instantaneous. Each number was vociferously applauded and encored.

A commendable feature which was not overlooked was the smoothness of the entertainment. There were no hitches, as is usually the case with amateur productions; everything went off in finished style.

Of more than special interest were the solo and quartet selections, which were truly in themselves an extraordinary treat to the musical ear. Paul Sprague, in his rendition of the

One of them calls to mind how John Frawley, O. W. Moon and Fireman O'Malley got a shave the day the O. W. tracks reached La Grande. John Frawley, now county treasurer, was conductor on the train that laid the steel into La Grande. Conductor Last had the train in charge which brought up supplies. When Conductor Frawley's crew reached a point about where the Fourth street crossing is, they decided on a shave, having hirsute appendages that made them kin to Joe Knowles. One evening they found a boy with an ugly looking caryuse and by paying him a dollar each, the three were able to get a ride to what is now Old Town but was then La Grande, and there found M. H. Hirtley, now dead, running a barber shop. They were shaved properly and speedily.

Shortly after the line was run into La Grande Mr. Frawley moved to the Hunt's line between Pendleton and Wallula.

It was while switching in the wallula yards that he was permanently crippled. A long string of cars ran over him, but he managed to throw himself out of the way before the locomotive reached him. He was permanently crippled, and came to La Grande soon after. Now he is county treasurer and so far as known by the present generation he will continue to be county treasurer.

"Songs of Araby," displayed a tenor voice of silvery tone and full of warmth. He won favor readily from the attentive audience.

Glee Club Makes a Hit.
From Eugene "Register" Dec. 4, 1914

A large audience filled the Eugene theatre last night to witness the debut of the Oregon Glee club in Eugene. The program was highly successful and well planned.

The club is wonderfully well balanced. The stunts and skits were especially snappy and pleasing. The solos by Albert Gillette and the work of the quartet call for special mention and are certain of being received well wherever they appear.

The club will take its usual trip through Eastern Oregon during the Christmas holidays though the itinerary has been cut down this year.

Glee Club Was Splendid.
From Albany "Evening Herald"

The Oregon University Glee club at the Bligh last night gave one of the very best entertainments ever presented in the city. From first to last it was superb. This is the seventeenth annual tour of the University boys, and it is the best one yet given.



FOR the woman who likes to entertain Christmas offers many opportunities. The social obligations of months may be paid off at this time with little extra trouble or expense. Decorations, of course, must be reasonable, although the Christmas table may be decorated in a number of ways.

Christmas bells covered with holly will give a festive appearance to any dining room. Strong wires wrapped around with ribbon and draped with greens should be fastened to the chandelier and bent to form the support of the bells. Each small bell is then suspended by a loop and bow of red ribbon to fall in front of a plate.

A large bell hangs a little higher in the center. From each tongue of the small bells is fastened a place card by means of baby ribbon. Around each plate there is a garland of evergreen fastened with a bow of red ribbon. This makes a very pretty table.

Tree Decoration.
For a variation in the way of table decoration set tiny Christmas trees at the four corners of a large mirror and a larger tree in the center. The frame of the mirror and the tree stands should be covered with green moss, over which asbestos snow should be piled. The trees should be decorated with tinsel and ornaments, and the center tree may have small candles.

The Basket Centerpiece.
The hostess who prefers a simpler decoration may perhaps find something to her liking in the following suggestion of a tasteful combination of holly and ribbon: A silver basket—or if a silver basket is not at hand any basket of a fancy weave of straw—filled with holly may form the centerpiece for the dinner table. A bow of red ribbon should be tied on the handle with one end trailing on the table. Bank holly around the basket, coming to points on the white table cloth.

Candlestick Arrangement.
Candlesticks should stand at each point bearing white tapers, with dainty shades of white lined with red. The shades may be designated by dolls' stockings caught with bows of red ribbon and should be filled with nuts and bonbons. If desired red ribbon may stretch from each stocking to the basket, where, concealed by holly, it may be attached to some gift, to be drawn out at the end of the dinner.

Christmas Candles.
Christmas candles make suitable favors for the Christmas dinner or for the children's Yuletide party. The candles should be placed in fancy boxes, of which a wide assortment shown in the shops at the holiday season will serve as inspiration for those who wish to make their own. After all, with a little gay paper, some cardboard and a jar of paste very creditable substitutes may be prepared in case the hostess does not wish to purchase boxes.

Candy Recipes.
Some simple Christmas candies may be prepared as follows:

Cocoanut Snowballs.—Form some cooked or uncooked fondant into balls of uniform size, roll lightly in grated cocoanut and place on glazed paper to harden. These are especially attractive for children's Christmas boxes and for parties.

Christmas Stars.—Cook two pounds of sugar and one pint of water until when a little is poured into cold water it can be formed into a ball; then remove from the fire and add a pound of grated cocoanut. Stir with a wooden spoon until it looks white, pour into a shallow pan and when nearly cold cut into stars with a tiny cake cutter. These may be colored yellow to look like gift stars.

Appropriate Sweets.

Holly Balls.—Boil two cupsful of granulated sugar, a saltspoonful of cream of tartar and a cupful of water until it threads when poured from the spoon. Remove from the fire and beat until it begins to cream slightly; then add the beaten whites of two eggs and half a teaspoonful of lemon juice and beat until nearly cold. Season with a teaspoonful of vanilla or half a teaspoonful of orange extract. Drop on a buttered platter and form into balls, into each of which press a conserved cherry. Pecan, English walnut or almond kernels may be substituted for the cherries if preferred.

Mince Bars.—Into plain fudge work a mixture of ground cinnamon, nutmeg extract, minced nut meats, conserved ginger, cherries and raisins. With the hands work it to a paste and then form into a loaf and let it stand until slightly hardened. Cut the bars and serve in fancy boxes or on a tray surrounded with a wreath of holly.

CHICKEN DINNER.

Bonifon to Cops.
Roast Chicken, Giblet Gravy.
Mashed Potatoes.
Boiled Onions.
Cranberries.
Brown Bread.
Mince Pie.
Nuts. Raisins.
Coffee.

NEW SYRUP SUCCESS.

Apples, Boiled and Not Frozen as Usual, Produce Syrups.

Geo. L. Cleaver, of Imbler, who is the owner of some 200 acres of orchard in that district, has tested our formula for making what he calls Apple Syrup, which bids fair to make not only some apple men happy, but to be a staple commercial article. Mr. Cleaver has been working at this product for about two years and now has what he thinks the people will want to use. The most interesting thing about it from the public standpoint is the price, for he states that the highest grade syrup can be made and sold at about one-half the price of other high grade syrups.

Cooks Instead of Freezes.
The process proposed by Mr. Cleaver is entirely different from the way the apple syrup is being made at Hood River, as the juice is heated instead of being frozen and some specially treated sugar is used.

The fruit growers of the Northwest have spent a great deal of time and money trying to make by-products that the people would use, and if the regular syrup made by the Cleaver system is like the samples he exhibits, "there will soon be something doing in the syrup line in the Grande Ronde valley," admit those who have tasted the product.

SPEED REGULATION CITED.

Cities Can Exercise Sovereign rights in Local Matters.

Salem, Dec. 24.—In a majority opinion of the supreme court it is held that under the most recent amendment to section 2 of article XI, of the state constitution, which provides that corporations may be formed under general laws of the legislative assembly but shall not be created by special act of the legislature and that the legislative assembly shall not amend, enact or repeal any charter or act of incorporation for any municipality, city or town, the city of Portland has jurisdiction over the regulation of conveyances and the right to regulate the speed of automobiles within its limits.

In a minority opinion, in which Justices Burnett and McBride dissent from the majority, it is contended that the motor vehicle law, which also prescribes a speed limit for motor vehicles to govern throughout the state, was clearly within the authority of the legislature to enact as a general law with paramount authority over any local legislation whether charter or of ordinance.

The question came up in the case of Peter Kaich vs. F. C. Knapp, an appeal from Multnomah county, involving the constitutionality of the motor vehicle regulation ordinance of the city of Portland, and in reversing the decision of Judge McGinn upon a petition for rehearing, Justice McNary, in the majority opinion upholds a previous opinion given by the supreme court in the same case, in which it was held that "section 2 of article XI, of the constitution which held the legislature from amending or repealing the charter of any city, or the ordinance enacted pursuant thereto in respect to those matters peculiar to municipal regulation, the reserving that power to the sovereignty through the initiative and referendum provision of the fundamental law."

Winter Wheat Suffering.

There is a possibility that some wheat has been frozen out by the continuous cold spell and that reseeding may be made necessary says the Pendleton E. O. Accordingly purchases of wheat for seeding are being made. One farmer, Earl Tulloch, has just purchased 1500 bushels in the belief he may have to do some reseeding. Another farmer is known to have purchased 500 bushels for the same reason, though he is not certain he will have to reseed.

Among most of the farmers there is a feeling of uneasiness as the ground is very dry and the cold has lasted unusually long. However well informed men say it is impossible to tell as yet whether the wheat is hurt. E. L. Smith believes that if moisture immediately follows the cold spell there will be no damage. The same view is taken by E. P. Marshall, who has heavy interests in the northwestern part of the county.

The chief danger is in the region where the rainfall is lightest. It is said there is little danger of a freeze-out in the main wheat belt.

Library Added to Branch Hospital.

Pendleton, Dec. 24.—A library of

1500 volumes has been installed in the eastern Oregon state hospital for the use of the patients and is proving a big factor in making life brighter for the unfortunate inmates of that institution. The library consists of standard works of fiction and educational works, sets of Dickens, Thackeray, Poe and other standard authors being included. Each week there is a library day on which the patients are permitted to enter the library and make their own selections. The books they are allowed to take back with them to their wards and to keep for two weeks, at the end of which time they must either return them or renew their privilege. An index system is kept much the same as in the local library. The library will be added to from time to time.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cove State Bank of Cove, Oregon, will be held at the banking room on January 12, 1915 at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

HUGH McCALL,
Cashier.
24 Jan 12.

—Adv.
LOST—Bunch of keys. Leave at this office.
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Wishing Each and
Every one Merry
Xmas.

We Are Yours
Sincerely

THE UNITED STORE

ORATORIO

Rendered by the M. E. Church Choir Friday evening, Dec. 25,
Under Direction of Mrs. J. P. Graham, director.

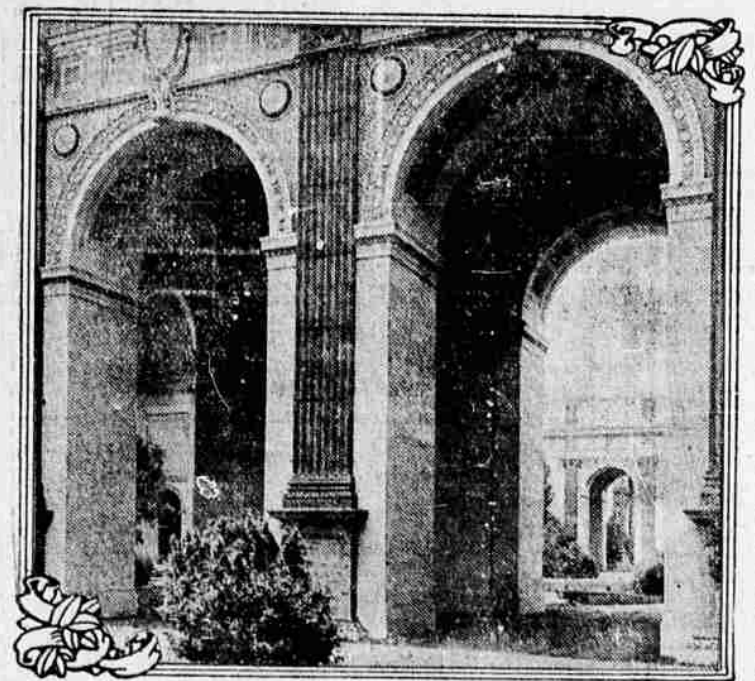
THE PRINCE OF PEACE
(Arrangement of numbers follow:)

Chorus—"O! Holy Night" Adult and Vested Choir
Duet—"Holy Father Guide Our Footsteps" Wallace
Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Carr.
Solo—"Fear Ye Not O Israel" Dudley Buck
E. B. Fyke
Trio—"There Were Shepherds" Lynes
Mrs. Graham, Miss Ballman, Miss Jorris
Solo—Selected Mrs. Scroggins
ORATORIO
PART I—THE PROMISE
Chorus—"Sing O Heavens"
Solo and Duet—"Mrs. Currey and Miss Ballman
Solo—"The Heavenly King"
Mr. Harding
Quartet—"And There Shall Come South"
Mrs. Graham, Mr. Green, Miss Ballman, Mr. Knautz
Solo—"Fear Thou Not" E. B. Fyke
Chorus—"Son of God"
Solo—"Hail Bethlehem"
Lucile Jorris

PART II—THE FULFILLMENT

Male Chorus—"O Holy Night"
Solo, Quartet and Chorus—"There Were Shepherds"
Duet—"Bright Star of Hope"
Mrs. Graham and Miss Ballman
Male Chorus
Solo—"O Blessed Lord"
Mrs. Carr
Final Chorus—"Blessed Be the Lord God"
The admission will be 25 cents for adults, 15 cents for children.
A 30-voice adult choir and a similar number of juvenile choristers will participate.

Lofty Colonnades of the Superb Court of the Four Seasons, Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, 1915



THIS photograph faintly portrays the beauty of the arches that stand between the Court of the Four Seasons and the Western Venetian Court. While it truly presents the attractiveness of the architecture, it cannot even hint at the beauty of color tones.

The pillars shown in this photograph are of verd antique bronze, the background of imitation Travertine is of ochre hue more than half the height of the arch, and the upper portion is of Pompeian red, with touches of orange and copper green in the ornamentation.

Inside the arches the ceilings are of cerulean blue, and has relief in white shows scenes typical of the seasons. The square wall surface at the left of the picture shows where one of many mural paintings will be placed.

Looking through the arch, a part of the Court of the Four Seasons may be seen. Closer inspection shows a verse from Spenser and below it the signs of the Zodiac.

The world is to be given something new in the system of courts at the 1915 Exposition, and each one is to be a revelation in modern construction. The Exposition will open at San Francisco on Feb. 20, 1915.