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The wise men from
 The east afar
 Cried
 Look!
 Behold!
 The Star!
 The Star!
 As it shone
 O're
 The cradle
 Manger
 Where the Christ-child
 Lay,
 The symbol
 Of life
 Eternal
 And of the
 Perfect Day.
 This day with prayer
 And praise
 We bring
 To Thee,
 Our Father,
 Lord
 And King.
 —ELLEN H. CROSS.

RURAL SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

A movement of real merit is that being fathered by former Governor Adolph O. Eberhardt of Minnesota for improved country schools. Since his retirement from the governorship last January, Mr. Eberhardt has made a close study of the educational needs of the rural districts, and the campaign led by him in Minnesota has done much to offer greater opportunities to the rural communities. Centralized schools are advocated by Mr. Eberhardt who urges doing away with the little school houses. Large buildings are replacing the small ones, one big school taking the place of three or four under the old plan. In this way the communities are able to build better schools and to better equip them, because the same equipment serves for the district covered by three or more institutions.

And in this new order of things in Minnesota the school buildings are not only used for the education of boys and girls, but they serve also as community centers around which the neighborhood activities revolve. Motion picture shows, entertainments and public meetings are held. The farmers meet in the school buildings to discuss improved agricultural methods, and the life of the rural route residents during the lonely winter months is made more pleasant.

Farmers know the weaknesses of

the little school houses which are restricted in equipment because of the restrictions of the districts. With the coming of good roads, making travel to and from school more easy the farmer may well consider the doctrine Governor Eberhardt is preaching.

BACK EAST

(Enterprise Chieftain).

At no time of the year are the thoughts of people of the west turned "back east" as they are now. Many of the residents of this west have come from the east where relatives still live, and where the scenes of their childhood linger fondly in memory. The interchange of gifts and tokens of remembrance touches these chords and many a heart this Christmas week is longing for the friends and kinfolk so many miles away. Photographs of the boys and girls of a few years ago come in the mail and you scan the features and speak your wonder at how they have changed, and how they have been growing older. You seek points of resemblance with your brother, sister or friend and you live your own youth over again in studying the young faces of the coming generation. This is one of the half sad features of Christmas. There are so many things to remind you how the years are fleeting and how you have failed to attain the objects of your ambition. But there is a cure for this trend toward melancholy in the festivities of the season. As your children rush upon you and overwhelm you, you again live in the present—and future. And that is the spur that quickens the blood and makes today worth while.

MOVING DAY COMES.

Several Enterprise Stores to Change Locations Soon.

The first of January will be moving day down town in Enterprise. A number of changes will be made by business houses, beginning then. The Cash Store will move, as soon after the first of the year as possible, to its new quarter in the addition to the Wallowa National bank building. This will be a short move and it is expected the major part of the stock will be carried over by hand, as this is likely to be quicker and cheaper than loading it into wagons for so short a haul, and will disarrange the goods less.

As soon as the Cash Store gets out of the Litch building, the R. S. & Z. company will move its stock into that structure. This will be good deal of a job and will take several days.

Several changes will be made by the filling up of the remodeled Fraternal building. It is not known definitely what stores, besides Mrs. Funk's millinery house, will occupy the rooms there. The remodeling of the rooms depends somewhat on the leasing of the store rooms. The corner, however, will be altered as soon as vacated, to provide new accommodations for the Enterprise State bank, owner of the property. New fixtures will be installed. They arrived some weeks ago and are stored in the basement of the building. The new tenant to occupy C. E. Funk's stone building now rented by the State bank has not been announced.

One move has been made already by Ross R. Falconer. He is now in his new brick building, having moved Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The building is nearly finished, and has a large, light and convenient ware-

house room, with bright office, and plenty of additional storage space in the basement.

The old Fraternal hall, with its spacious lodge and dining rooms, parlor, property room and kitchen, has passed out of existence. Workmen started tearing out partitions and making extensive alterations on Saturday. The stairway will go straight up, instead of turning as formerly and will land in a hallway that will run nearly the length of the building, north and south.

Fraternal hall was built as a town affair about ten years ago, to provide quarters for lodges and for large social gatherings. It was one of the finest plants of its kind in the state. But the income from rooms used only occasionally was not deemed sufficient to justify the investment, and so it being turned to more utilitarian purposes.

FROM PALMER JUNCTION.

People Are Busy Regardless of the Winter Season.

Palmer, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Mr. V. P. Hohn and Jess Kalmback visited the Junction on Thursday.

Mrs. Sterns and her daughter visited the Junction this week.

N. N. Mason and Mr. Baxter were busy Saturday moving a house.

Mr. Dozier was a visitor to the Junction Tuesday.

Another car of hay arrived at the Junction Tuesday for Galloway & Mason.

Messrs. Dozier, Baxter and Birchett have unloaded a car of alfalfa.

N. N. Mason was hauling hay from the Junction Wednesday.

The Grand Ronde Lumber company has bought forty tons of hay from Galloway, paying \$11.50 per ton.

Bert Oakman is busy putting on the roof of his new house. The size of the house is 18x24, one story.

Mr. Parker came down from Imbler Thursday to look over the Palmer valley.

There was a fine fall of snow Thursday, ten inches descending within two hours.

Mr. Harold went to the Junction Friday after supplies.

The mercury dropped to zero Saturday morning.

Mr. Dozier went to Elgin Sunday after a load of lumber.

Mr. Harold was a visitor to the Junction Sunday with a load of people.

School has closed for the present and the teacher, Miss Stoddard, has returned to her home in La Grande.

Elgin Wants Change.

Shall the offices of city marshal and city recorder be appointive instead of elective is a question now commanding no little attention in the minds of Elgin people. The matter has been discussed at times for the past several years, but at this time the matter apparently has assumed proportions that will result in the submitting of the same to the voters of the city at the regular election in March.

At this time The Recorder is not in position to state just what the public sentiment or inclination is in regards to the matter but it is evident that there is a number sufficient, favoring the same to initiate the movement and bring the question before the voters.

Those who have given the matter consideration believe that the appointive system will result to the best interests of all and eliminate bitter contests which have been detrimental to all for the past several years. There is not a man or woman in Elgin who knows the least iota regarding city politics but what is cognizant of the fact that the annual scrap over city marshal has augured to the discomfort and detriment of all, for always, the fight over that office has been permeated with bitterness. The same is hardly applicable to the office of city recorder, but usually the contest for that position is spirited and those favoring the appointive system argue that it would be beneficial to make that appointive as well as the office of marshal.

The plan as proposed is this: To submit the matter through proper legal procedure, to the voters at the coming election, which will either defeat the intent of the measure or else amend the city charter so as to provide for the appointive system.

The matter will be inaugurated by petition during the next few days. That opposition to the movement will develop there is not the slightest doubt. There are those who always oppose taking the elective power away from the people and in the words of the street, "it may never get to first base."

The matter is not being agitated because of general dissatisfaction with the present city marshal. The prime intent of those who argue for the proposed change is that in eliminating the annual fight, which is always accompanied by bitterness, not only on the part of contestants but the friends thereof, that the change will be well worth the while.

Another point in favor of the proposed amendment is that the members of the council would be directly responsible for the administrations of the marshal and recorder and that in the case of inefficiency either could be removed without resorting to extensive litigation and the recall.

Shocked to Death By War

BY WILBUR S. FOREST

London, Nov. 30.—(By Mail) Ravages of war on Great Britain's peaceful civilian population sums up 77,000 fewer babies and more than 50,000 additional deaths as compared with the peaceful year of 1913 according to statistics available today. Seventeen thousand fewer babies than in 1913 have been born in the County of London alone. In Greater London, which includes contiguous suburbs, there is a birth decrease of 25,000 within the year while 15,000 more civilians than normally have died. London's outer ring, which includes cities not properly termed suburbs has had 8,000 fewer infants and 5,000 more deaths than in 1913. Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, Dublin, Edinburgh and Glasgow also are affected. In addition to the babies unborn, the United Kingdom's frightful infant mortality, indirectly due to the war, is mounting. Public efforts have been instituted to combat the latter condition, but the fall in the birth rate is as an evil directly attributable to the general devastating influence of war. The excess of civilian mortality is ascribed by medical authorities to the excitement of the war and resultant consumption, cerebral hemorrhage and heart disease, principally the latter, superinduced by worry and shock. The majority of civilian war victims is persons more than fifty years of age. Four hundred such deaths occurred in London during the single week ending November 20. Figures on the birth and mortality rates in Berlin, the next great European war city, show that the German capital is losing civilians at the rate of 400 a week. The birth rate is more than 400 less a week than normally. Hamburg, Cologne, Breslau and other German cities also are suffering natural death far in excess of the birth rate.

Willamette Lumbermen Happy.

Salem, Dec. 23.—Prosperity is about to arrive. At least that is the opinion of lumber men. Wholesale prices for lumber are higher than a month ago and the price has stiffened in all lumber products. The Spaulding Logging company has more orders on its books than for any time during the last six months. The mill is now running at its full capacity, with sufficient orders on hand to insure its running indefinitely with a full force. The lumber men throughout the valley predict a return to general good times for the entire lumber industry.

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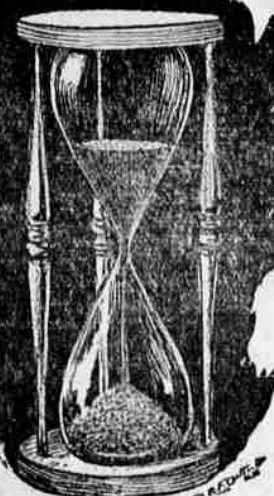
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