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A Happy New Year

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CITY AND COUNTRY

Tripp writes fire insurance.

Frank Keelan has accepted a position in Salem.

Mrs. H. B. Fletcher attended the O. E. A. at Portland this week.

The Post thanks its readers for the liberal response in sending in the names of their holiday guests.

Ernest Chown was conined to the house with sickness last week, but is able to out again this week.

Corvallis Courier: Miss Evah Coon has returned from Independence where she visited relatives.

Miss Katharine Arbuthnot appeared several times on the program of the teacher's institute in Dallas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McElmurry departed last Saturday for Los Angeles where they will remain until Spring, returning home some time in March.

Mrs. J. Dornsife returned Tuesday from Sawtell, California, where she has been for the past month visiting her husband.

Willard E. Craven was in Portland the first of the week and while there purchased his stock of farm implements for this year—the largest he has ever had.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cooper, having disposed of their farm in eastern Oregon, are here visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cooper.

The Civic Club will resume its regular meetings the 2nd Wednesday in January—the 14th. The meeting will be a social affair at the home of Mrs. C. O. Sloper.

At the county budget meeting held in Dallas last Friday, the appropriation for an agricultural agent won out. Clerks and deputies in the court house were given an increase in salaries.

Guy Newton is carrying one optic in a sling, the result of the breaking of an insulator on a telephone pole. Some of the flying glass lodged in his eye and fortunately the sight was not destroyed.

The Ladies Aid of the Baptist church will hold a cooked food sale at Calbreath & Jones' grocery store next Saturday. They will have lots of good things to eat, which will be offered to the public at moderate prices.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Wolfe celebrated their silver wedding last Tuesday. They were the recipients of many gifts, among them being a beautiful set of silver knives and forks from the First National Bank, where Mr. Wolfe is employed and held in highest esteem.

Miller & Smith took possession of the City Market this morning, F. E. Dickson retiring. Both Mr. Miller and Mr. Smith are expert meat men, having been in that business for a number of years. They are sure to give satisfactory service. Mr. Miller is occupying the Allen house on E street.

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Mr. Marion Butler and Miss Leona Sperling. This popular Independence couple have been living in Portland of late and the ceremony will take place at the home of Miss Sperling's parents in that city on January 28.

The Tuesday night show at the Isis is the Nashville Students, a colored aggregation.

A large number of Post subscriptions were due Jan. 1 and those not paying within the next few days will be notified by mail. We have no desire to send the paper to anyone who does not want it.

Mrs. B. R. Wolfe and daughter, Fay, left Tuesday for Portland where they will visit friends and relatives until Sunday evening, when Fay leaves for Berkeley, Cal. They will attend he "Midnight Follies" New Year's eve at the Liberty theatre where Vern, the son, is billed for Oriental dancing.

S. Taylor Jones made his appearance on the streets Tuesday and was warmly greeted by his many friends who were pleased to see him looking so well and apparently relieved of the trouble which had bothered him for so many months. He will resume his duties at the S. P. station in a few days.

The Auto Utilities Co. has leased the McBeth building on C street and will occupy the same after Feb. 1. This company will engage in the general automobile building. Mr. McBeth will probably move his plumbing shop one door west into the Rich building and John Davies, now occupying the Rich building, will move one door west into the old market building.

The Polk county grand jury is in session. Among those called for jury service were: N. P. Bush, Independence; J. A. Byers, Independence; Earl G. Brown, Airlie; A. J. Brown, Independence; G. W. Baun, Monmouth; M. S. Cooper, Independence; H. W. Dickinson, Monmouth; W. W. Green, Suver; Manly Martin, Independence; R. H. McCarter, Independence; H. E. Prather, Buena Vista; John Palmer, Monmouth; Clifford Smith, Falls City.

Beginning next Monday, Jan. 5, evangelistic services will be conducted in a chapel car. The car will be sidetracked just south of the S. P. station. The meetings will be conducted by Dr. Driver and wife, widely known Baptist evangelists. The public will enjoy their services. Both Dr. and Mrs. Driver are forceful speakers and splendid singers. They have conducted many meetings in the Western Coast States and are always heartily received wherever they go.

Nelson & Henkle, managers of the Isis theatre, have made arrangements to play the Golforb Juvenile Concert Co. of Denver, Colo., an organization of children from 9 to 15 years of age, all of the family playing operas, classics and jazz music and singing the latest songs. They are making a tour of the west. In concert with them is their father and a private tutor who gives them their school studies and instructs them in music. They played last Sunday at the Auditorium in Portland and come very highly recommended. Monday, Jan. 12.

The Baptist congregation called as a pastor Rev. Harold Proppe of Los Angeles. Rev. Proppe has accepted the pastorate of the church here and arrived in Independence this week. He will deliver his first sermon Sunday morning. Rev. Proppe comes highly recommended as a speaker and an effective worker. The good ladies of the Baptist church have been geting things in readiness to receive their pastor and his wife. The parsonage at 5th and F has been made comfortable and Rev. and Mrs. Proppe are receiving a most cordial welcome from Independence people.

Miss Katherine Arbuthnot returned Wednesday from Portland where she attended the O. E. A. She appeared on the program during the session.

At Pasadena, Ca., yesterday, the U. of O. foot ball team was defeated by Harvard University by the close score of 7 to 6. It was a great showing the Oregon boys made against the crack eastern champions and a record to be proud of.

Frances Brown "busted a record" this week by bringing in a copy of the Independence West Side over 34 years old, which was dated Oct. 2, 1885. Will H. Parry, who at the time of his death a few years ago, was a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, was publisher. Among the interesting items contained in that issue of the West Side we note that "Two of Jos. Craven's children are sick, that "the gambling ordinance is being obeyed without any trouble," that "a Salam friend writes that one of our jolly Independence boys was fishing in front of the Chemeketa hotel during fair week," that "Chinamen were engaged in picking up and sacking the ten thousand bushels of potatoes raised around Buena Vista," that "the heathen who runs the city laundry appears to be prospering in business," that "Dave Maloney was elected councilman from the first ward to succeed J. W. Kirkland, resigned," and that "a young man from Rydersville comes often to our city; wonder what he wants?" We suppose by this time he's telling his grandchildren what a wild and wooly town Independence was in the year 1885.

The largest social function of the holiday season was the pretty New Year's party over which Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Eldridge most graciously presided last Wednesday night. The guests went in the mood of midnight revelers and were received in the same hospitable manner. The entire reception suite was gay with decorations apropos to the festive season. Flaming red streamers and clusters of traditional mistletoe were suspended from the chandeliers. Christmas wreaths and bells were used on the drapes—while hanging baskets of Christmas greens and crimson berries hung from the windows and arches. Vases of gorgeous chrysanthemums were used on the tables. Amid this cheerful setting, players circled ten tables arranged for Auction Five Hundred. The game was indulged in until Old 1919 was on the verge of scratching its name from the register. Then a most delicious two course luncheon was faultlessly served. Just as the clock pealed the midnight hour, there was a momene of seriousness. Little K. C. Eldridge III of Portland appeared representing the budding infant year, 1920, and amid much merriment and a general exchange of "Happy New Year!" "'20" blossomed forth to carve its niche in future history. An added thrill to ushering in the New Year was the welcoming of a gladsome leap year. The resolute bachelors present could be heard remarking, "Now, we'll have our day." This happy event also celebrated the natal day of the hostess. At an early hour the merry gathering reluctantly departed, feeling that hosts and guests had successfully aided Father Time with the advent of 1920 and the merry echoes of "Happy New Year" will be heard for many future days. Those sharing in the evening's pleasure were: Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Butler, J. S. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. George Conkey, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Drexler, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. L. Damon, Mr. and Mrs. Word Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fletcher, Mrs. R. E. Duganne, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ecker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dickson, Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Butler. Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Eldridge, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Robinson, Mrs. Margeret Fitchard, Miss Eva Robinson, H. Hirschberg, Chester Henkle, and Neville, Shalor and Laurence Eldrige.

THIS WEEK FIVE YEARS AGO IN SOUTH POLK COUNTY

(From the Independence Monitor January 1, 1915)

Sam Cox and Miss Reda Marsh married.

Tom Brunk said that 1914 was a hard year on Polk county democrats.

There were two watch parties held on the foot bridge.

J. L. Hanna and M. H. McCall purchased Lillian Currier's millinery store.

Independence young people enjoyed a spell of skating.

1. The War Task of the Red Cross Is Not Yet Fully Performed.

To men still in service, and to their families at home, to discharged soldiers not yet fully adjusted to the routine of civilian life, to 30,000 boys suffering or convalescing in Military or Naval hospitals, the American people still give cheer, comfort and service through their Red Cross.

In certain portions of the Old World the American Red Cross still feeds and clothes the undernourished and ragged babies, cares for the aged and the infirm, and assists the people of these disease-ridden, famine-stricken, war-ravaged countries to organize their own resources. Since the signing of the Armistice, this work has steadily declined, but it is not by any means fully completed.

2. The Red Cross Is the Disaster Relief Agent of the American People.

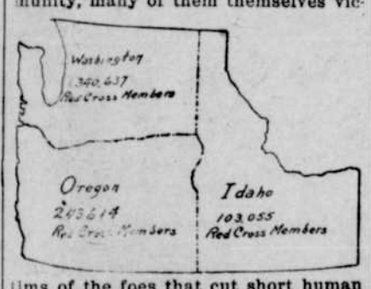
The speed and efficiency with which the Red Cross met emergency needs at Corpus Christi illustrated the value of nationwide Red Cross organization. In case of disaster, whether it be forest fire in the Northwest or a great Mississippi Valley flood, the first effective relief will hereafter come from nearby communities, working through their Red Cross Chapters.

3. In Case of Epidemic Local Red Cross Organization Is Indispensable.

During the influenza epidemic, Red Cross action and co-operation saved three thousand lives, because the Red Cross was fully organized in every community in the United States. Against a possible recurrence of influenza this winter and against a danger of epidemic in the future, continued universal membership in the Red Cross is essential.

4. Red Cross Peace Program Calls For Universal Support and Cooperation.

The American Red Cross is still an emergency organization. It must be realized that there is such a thing as a continuing disaster: 300,000 babies under one year of age die every year because of ignorance; thousands of mothers die unnecessarily in childbirth; it is still possible for an epidemic like the influenza to take a toll within a compass of a few weeks five times greater than the losses of our nation in a year and a half of war; hundreds of thousands of people in the prime of life die in the United States every year from wholly preventable diseases. This is nothing short of a disaster which is a continuing one and will be permanent unless the people co-operate with one another to use the knowledge and wealth already in existence to bring the nation into a better day. The Red Cross through its millions of members comprising every element in every community, many of them themselves vic-



tims of the foes that cut short human life and rob it of its sweetness, can serve nation and community as can no other agency in supplementing, reinforcing, and supporting well-directed efforts for the conservation of the most precious things in the world, human life and happiness.

5. America Has Set the Pace In a World Red Cross Movement.

The League of Red Cross Societies of all nations has been formed through the inspiration of the Red Cross achievement of the United States. This League has no executive power whatever over the Red Cross of any nation, but will extend into every nation the benefits of a national, voluntary Red Cross society on the American model, to deal with problems of health and child welfare and to cope with the relief problems that are so pressing over so great a part of the earth's surface. Through these organizations many nations will meet their own problems which would otherwise be appealing to America for relief and assistance. The United States, whose people have shown the world how thus to rise out of despair into hope, must keep the Red Cross banner floating high.

Since the armistice, twenty-five canteens, operated by Red Cross Chapters in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington have dispensed 23,379 gallons of coffee, and 224,236 dozen sandwiches, to soldiers, sailors, and marines en route. The hospitality of these canteens was accepted nine hundred thousand times, often by men who would have gone hungry but for the Red Cross service thus rendered. Figures show that these men, through the courtesy of the Red Cross, drank 8,497 gallons of iced drinks; used 6,663 bars of soap, and 37,713 paper towels; ate 57,491 chocolate bars, 16,629 pounds of candy, 14,754 dozen cookies, 74,913 dozen doughnuts, 9,488 dozen hot rolls; wrote 436,400 post cards furnished and stamped by the Red Cross; and to their own discomfort during a certain period, wore 12,250 influenza masks. All this, to say nothing of 22,956 full meals.

During this time 1847 sick men were aided by the canteen, seventy-nine of them being removed from trains as too sick to travel, and receiving immediate hospital attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hembree of Willows, Cal., were here among friends Christmas week.

HAVING enjoyed a prosperous year, we take this means of thanking our many friends for their liberal patronage and we are sure that the same pleasant relations will continue next year.

To one and all we extend the compliments of the season and hope that 1920 will be a prosperous year for all of us.

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"POLICE PURSES, REFUSE TO BUY," URGES OFFICIAL

Courage of Customers Only Way to Cut H. C. L., Lester Declares

Chicago—A nation wide movement to police our own pocket books and develop courage of the customer in front of the counter to refuse to buy an article which he cannot afford, was advocated today by Orrin C. Lester, vice-director of the savings division of the Treasury Department. Speaking before the annual convention of the International Lyceum and Chautauqua Association, in session here, Mr. Lester said that the development of courage to refuse to buy and to do it with as much grace and praise as the clerk behind the counter names the price, would make economy both fashionable and respectable in America.

"It is estimated," Mr. Lester said, "that for most incomes an average of 20 to 40 per cent may be allotted for food and from 10 to 20 per cent for clothing. Why should not the people of not too small incomes start a concerted effort to refuse to buy an article of food or clothing that costs more than a proper proportion of the above percentages? A dollar is only half as large as it was four and a half years ago. We must either increase the size of the dollar or adjust our wants to the size it now is.

Merchant Co-operation

"In a movement of this character, the people would be co-operating with the merchants in a most practical way. They would make it possible for the merchant to render the sort of service that he desires to render to his customer and which he can only render as the customer exercises discretion and intelligence in his buying and buys only those things which his income justifies.

"Goods were made to use, not to see, and when a people will not use them they will not sell. When they will not sell, they come down in price or go out of existence."

In discussing thrift and the need for the wise use of money, Mr. Lester made especial appeal to the women of America. He said:

"The government movement for saving, conducted through the medium of the sale and distribution of Thrift and War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates, is very closely connected with the question of the high living cost. The practical and lasting answer to this question lies more in education than in investigation. The Federal Food Administration found that 90 per cent of products consumed in this country passes through the hands of the women of this country.

People Supreme

"All the profiteers combined and all the combines together cannot defeat the people on this question when they get interested enough and information enough to act together. The thing I want to see in this connection is a 'Refuse to Buy' movement among the people of this country. A prominent produce dealer of San Francisco said the other day, 'If the people should take it into their heads to stop eating any one perishable food for five days, they could ruin the market.'

"A Pacific Coast newspaper, discussing this statement editorially, put its finger on the cost of living remedy when it said: 'It may be that profiteering is at the bottom of present high prices, but a man cannot profiteer if you refuse to buy his goods.'

"Regardless of investigations and criminal prosecutions, we shall have the problem of the high cost of living so long as we have an extravagant and thoughtless consuming public."

AT THE ISIS NEXT WEEK

The week opens with the mystery story, "The Dark Star" Sunday afternoon and evening. The phtoplay is taken from Robert W. Chambers' story of the same name. A dark star, speeding thru space, ruled at the birth of those destined to be flung together into strange byways—into deeps and deserts. It is an amazing picture of mystery, crime, intrigue and daring. A-tingle with warm romance. A-throb with devil-may-care exploits.

Monday night, Bryant Washburn comes in "Love Insurance." It's a great situation. A certain English Lord is engaged to marry a wealthy girl; in order to make sure of getting around financial difficulties he insures himself against the marriage being broken off. And then Bryant Washburn is given the job—by the insurance company, for which he works—of seeing to it that the marriage does come off. That would have been a fairly interesting job, except that Bryant fell in love with the girl himself.

Nashville Students (colored) Tuesday night.

In the leading atraction for Wednesday night, Enid Bennett as Shirley Armitage in "The Virtuous Thief" in an effort to save from prosecution her brother when he stole money from his employer and to shield the family name, she leaves her sheltered life and goes to work as a typist for the man from whom her brother stole. Her employer proves a scoundrel who is leading a double life. He tries to take advantage of the brother's guilt in order to force his attentions on the girl, but is foiled. Later he is murdered, and suspicion points toward the girl typist, but she is happily cleared. On the same evening, the famous Fatty Arbuckle is here in "A Country Hero."

Nazimova's great production, "The Brat," which comes on Thursday and Friday nights, is the story of the ennobling influences of love. Its heroine and the dominating character is a waif of the city's slums who has never known any name save "the brat." To eke out a precarious existence she plays in the chorus of a cheap musical comedy. But the pittance she receives for wages is no enough to clothe her in even the half-decent style of the other girls. "Fired" for being shabby, she faces the world desperate. A masher insults her; she slaps his face and is haled to the Night Court on an outrageous charge falsely made by the man she rebuffed. There a celebrated author salvages her from the human wrecks awaiting justice for their misdemeanors. He takes her home to study her as the heroine of his forthcoming novel. Love is kindled and fanned to flame—but jealousy stalks in its wake; and there ensues a drama of heart-throbs and smiles, with surprises and tremenously moving climaxes. By reason of her simple faith the odd little "brat" eventually triumphs after heartburnings and sacrifices that touch the whole narrative with the superb qualitits of genius.

The big Saturday night show consists of Peggy May in "House of Intrigue." Ford Weekly and a comedy.

Tell The Post.