

LOCAL BREVITIES

Dr. R. E. Duganne, dentist, National Bank Building.

Cecil Swope got his feet under dad's table Christmas.

Mrs. Fred Oberson, Sr., is recovering from a serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hubbard spent the holidays with their son in Portland.

Roy McFadden of Portland spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Sherman Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Patterson of Portland Christmased with relatives in Independence.

Dr. H. C. Dunsmore went to Vancouver, B. C., Tuesday to spend a week with relatives.

Dr. J. B. Grider, dentist, successor to Dr. Allen, Cooper Building, Phone Main 1021.

Mrs. K. C. Eldridge, Jr., of Portland, spent the week-end at the K. C. Eldridge, Sr., home.

Orrin Dadman assisted at the postoffice during the Christmas rush.

Mrs. Petersen of Astoria is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dean Walker.

The new city officials will take the oath of office next Wednesday night.

H. J. Rowe has been out of town for several days and his friends are thinking of asking the sheriff to find him.

Billy Barnett's bunch of actors are strenuously rehearsing a comic play which will be staged soon.

Corvallis Courier: Miss Katharine Jones, of Independence, is a stenographer at Whiteside & Cooper's.

Mrs. O. J. Whiteaker, who is teaching at Milton, spent the holidays at her home in Independence.

Mrs. Ed Owen is in Independence this week packing up her household goods for shipment to Camas, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Walker visited relatives in Washington over the holidays.

Miss Pearl Smith, teacher in the Corvallis schools, is spending the annual holiday season at her home in this city.

A splendid time was had at the Merrimakers' dance last night. Further comment will be left to the society editor next week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Stuart, who were married at Frisco last week, spent Christmas with Mrs. Stuart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Damon.

Independence's famous bridge which divided families, defeated candidates and finally fell down, has been thrown open to traffic and the war is over.

The husbands of the Merrimakers will give a return dance on Monday, New Year's Night to which their friends are invited. Tickets \$1. Good music.

Open installation of officers of the Masons—Blue Lodge and Royal Arch—and Eastern Star took place Wednesday night. Over one hundred were present. Dr. O. D. Butler was presented with a genuine sheepskin apron, one of the emblems of Masonry.

The mail carriers did their full share this year to distribute the Christmas gifts. From Dec. 20 to 26, they left the postoffice each morning, except Sunday, with enough packages to fill a truck. Both Ed and Tracy give excellent satisfaction as they make every endeavor to give their patrons the best of service.

CRIME IN LONDON IS DECREASED BY WAR

Many Habitual Petty Offenders Have Enlisted in Army.

London.—War in spite of all its terrors brings some compensations to the folks who stay at home, and even if the compensations do not balance their anxieties and sorrows they are well come.

Among such indemnifications is a decrease in crime. That this decrease has been considerable in Great Britain is shown by the report for the year ended March 31 of the commissioners of police and the directors of convict prisons. Prisoners received under sentence were 64,109 as compared with 114,283 in the previous year, a decrease of 50,174.

The report says that three main causes seem to have contributed to this great decrease: The enlistment of many habitual petty offenders.

The restrictive orders issued by the liquor control board and those made by the justices and by military authorities and—

The great demand for labor, rendering employment easy and well paid and resulting in ability to pay fines.

One of the notable effects of the war on the prison population, say the commissioners, has been that the exceptions are now for the most part, the physically and mentally weak. There is every reason to believe that the country's toll for men sentenced as strongly to the criminals as to other classes.

FIGHTS BIRD KILLING PLAN.

Audubon Society Says Work Would Be Harmful For Boy Scouts.

Trenton, N. J.—The plan to have a week next spring set aside for the extermination of the English sparrow and to enlist the services of boy scouts and other children in the work of killing these birds meets a protest from the New Jersey Audubon society.

"Wholesale killing of birds by children, whose characters are peculiarly sensitive to impressions received at such a stage in their lives," says the society's protest, "even though such killing be confined to a species understood to be misplaced and undesirable, cannot in our estimation have other than a very detrimental effect on such child characters. Moreover, there is not more than one in 100 of our adult population who is able to certainly identify the English sparrow from native species when at liberty, and such a crusade as that proposed would almost surely result in a destruction of valuable native birds, the evil effect of which would far more than offset any possible advantage resulting from English sparrow killing.

"Any effort looking to the destruction of the English sparrow in this country should be under a carefully formulated plan, whereby the work should be carefully done by experienced persons fully capable of discriminating between the foreign and native species and preferably by means of traps, so that the birds caught could be handled and examined and any native birds caught liberated unharmed."

AIR TRIP TO IRELAND PLANNED

Two Foreign Fliers Here For Transatlantic Flight.

New York.—Lieutenant Kiel Nye-gaard, citizen of France, but native of Norway, who has been sky fighting for his adopted country, and Lieutenant Henry Sundstedt of the Swedish aviation corps, who holds the record for sustained flight, going 1,200 miles from Stockholm to Paris, arrived from Bordeaux by the French steamship Espagne to go in training for a transatlantic flight in the spring.

The plan of the fliers is to sail from New York to St. John's, N. F., in a ten-ton machine, with two mechanics, and then set out from St. John's to a point on the Irish coast not yet selected. They will inspect the Curtiss plane built for Rodman Wanamaker for the trip to Europe of Lieutenant Porte, definitely postponed because the lieutenant returned to his regiment after the declaration of war. If they find that the big Curtiss machine does not suit them they will have one built.

Lieutenant Nye-gaard was wounded three times, the last when he was blown with his machine alive from a height of 7,000 feet and smashed into a tree. He was honorably discharged from the French service.

NEW NAME FOR BOY.

Father Wants It Changed to That of William Mills, Jr.

White Plains, N. Y.—Now that William Mills has been successful in having the county name his son, William Crossman, the court under a guardian of his father's choosing, he intends to try to have the court change the boy's name to William Mills, Jr., according to an announcement made in White Plains by Frank Lamb, attorney for the father.

The boy, known as "the poor little rich boy" because of the \$1,250,000 estate waiting for his majority and because of the struggle for him between his father and stepfather, Thomas Frederick Lee, is now under the guardianship of David H. Lyon of Port Chester, who was selected by Mr. Mills after the appellate division had given permission recently. Mr. Lee will fight the change of name, so the legal battle in which the boy has been the center for the last two years will continue.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

RECORD OF A YEAR

History of 1916 Shows Long List of Memorable Events.

WAR CLOUDS HUNG HEAVY.

Mexican Situation at All Times Acute. President Wilson and Vice President Marshall Honored With Re-election. Nation Wide Railroad Strike Narrowly Averted.

New York.—There were many history making events in the year that is gone. With the nations on the other side of the water engaged in the most devastating war of all time, the United States managed to keep out of the struggle, although at times the clouds of war hung heavy over this country. The Mexican situation at all times was more or less acute.

The big event of the year was the national election. President Woodrow Wilson and Vice President Thomas R. Marshall were re-nominated by the Democrats and Charles Evans Hughes and Charles W. Fairbanks by the Re-



1. CAPTAIN KOENIG OF DEUTSCHLAND. 2. FRANCIS JOSEPH. 3. THE DEUTSCHLAND. 4. CONGRESSMAN ADAMSON. 5. GEN. PERSHING. 6. LORD KITCHENER. 7. SIR ROGER CASEMENT.

publicans. The Democratic candidates were re-elected, California being the pivotal state which gave the victory to the Democrats.

Many noted men at home and abroad died in the year. In January General Victoriano Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, succumbed at El Paso, Tex. James J. Hill, famous as a railroad magnate, died in Mar at St. Paul in his seventy-seventh year. In July death called Mrs. Hetty Green, known as the richest woman in the world. She was eighty-two years old, and her death occurred in New York city. In September occurred the death of Samuel W. Pennypacker at one time governor of Pennsylvania. In his seventy-second year. On the last day of October occurred the death of Charles Tase Russell, who was known as Pastor Russell. He was sixty-four years old when he died. The death on Nov. 21 of Emperor Franz Joseph, emperor of Austria and king of Hungary, in Vienna at the age of eighty-six was of world interest. On Dec. 5 occurred the death of John D. Archbold, head of the Standard Oil company.

In the latter part of June President Wilson called out the organized militia of the whole country for service on the border and notified the Mexican government that United States troops would not be withdrawn from Mexico. In September an American-Mexican peace conference met in New London and later at Atlantic City. At the end of the year, while many of the militia were recalled from the border, General Pershing had a force in Mexico to look out for bandit raids.

There was a revolt in Ireland April 27, led by Sir Roger Casement, who was captured while trying to land arms for the revolutionists. On Aug. 3 Sir Roger Casement was hanged for treason in London.

A nation wide strike on the railroads, which would paralyze the commerce of the country, was averted by the passing by congress of the Adamson eight-hour law.

World attention was attracted during the year to the exploits of the German merchant submarine Deutschland. In Europe the German attempt to take Verdun resulted in failure. On June 4 General Kludener was drowned while on the way in Russia. Romanga took sides with the allies. The Tientsin captured Tientsin near the close of the year. This was followed soon after by the announcement of Chancellor Von Hoffmann-Holzner to the effect that Germany was ready to begin peace negotiations.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES

Portable Wardrobe Rack That Fits Into Corner.



A portable rack has just been patented by which any corner of a room may be made to answer the purpose of a wardrobe. A pair of metal bars are hinged together at one end and supplied along their length with hooks suitable for holding garments.

It is designed that this shall be placed in the corner and will be held there securely by the action of a rod passing from one of the far ends to the other and which also answers the purpose of a curtain rod.

The pressure of this bar is sufficient to hold the rack in place with security to meet all ordinary demands, but in case the rack is to be subjected to particularly heavy use a couple of nails driven through holes in the metal strips will greatly increase the capacity of the rack.

Bean Chowder.

Wash and soak overnight a pint of dried navy, lima or kidney beans. In the morning drain, cover generously with cold water and cook till nearly tender; then add three slices of bacon or salt pork, one large onion, two potatoes, half a cupful of uncooked macaroni and a pint of tomatoes. A cupful of chopped carrot or parsnip may also be added. Season to taste and cook slowly one hour, adding water if necessary. Break salt crackers into each plate before serving the chowder. —Country Gentleman.

Jellied Apples.

Twelve apples, one lemon, one and one-half pounds sugar, one ounce gelatin. Pare and core apples. Cook in water enough to cover them until they can be pierced with a straw. Remove them and add sugar to water. Boil five minutes. Then put apples in and cook until clear—about fifteen or twenty minutes. Take apples out and add sliced lemon and the gelatin, which has been dissolved in cold water. Let come to a boil and pour over apples. Set away to harden. Serve cold with cream.

Mending Gloves.

When mending a rip in a kid glove buttonhole neatly over each side of the rip, putting the needle through the holes made by the original stitching and taking one or two stitches over both edges at each end of the rip. Then sew closely over the cords formed by buttonholing, catching the edges together. This makes a neat and durable "mend" and looks much better than when merely sewed together, over and over.

Care of Gloves.

When putting gloves on always begin by buttoning the second button; then when buttoned to the top you can easily fasten the first button without tearing the kid. Never remove the glove by pulling the fingers, but by drawing the part covering the wrist over the hand and leaving them thus wrong side out for some time before turning them to their proper shape. Always lay gloves lengthwise; never roll them.

Lamb Souffle.

Cook one tablespoonful of butter with one of flour. Add three-fourths of a cupful of rich milk or stock. When boiling add one cupful of finely minced chicken or mutton with one-half cupful of soft breadcrumbs and three beaten yolks. Season with salt and pepper and a little Worcestershire sauce. Add a little minced pimento if there is any handy.

Coffee Cake.

One cupful sugar, one-half cupful butter and lard mixed, one egg, one cupful milk, two and one-half cupfuls flour, two teaspoonfuls baking powder, one-half cupful currants. Pour into a large flat bread pan and sprinkle with sugar and ground cinnamon. Bake twenty minutes. Serve hot with butter and coffee.

Cleaning Glass Bottles.

To clean glass bottles that have held oil place ashes in each and immerse in cold water; then heat the water gradually until it boils. After boiling for an hour let the bottles remain in the water until cold, afterward washing in soapsuds and rinsing in clear water.

Cake-making Hint.

Sugar for cakes should always be sifted. Never melt the butter; creaming butter increases air and makes the cakes light; cakes should always be beaten, not stirred.

Harry Rowe

Ordered this space reserved for him—and then forgot to bring in something to fill it up—and left us in a deuce of a fix—but as certain as we're living today—Harry wants to wind up—the Rowe Jewelry Store—and what jewelry he has left—he bids you come in and carry it away—and just leave enough money for his safe to do—he positively doesn't want any jewelry around—as he intends to be the live wire of the Independence Electric Co. hereafter—and serve his customers and his country—the best his experience has taught him to do—Meanwhile, he says "thank you" for past favors—wishes you "A Happy New Year"—and invites you to hang around as much in the future as you can.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our gratitude and thanks to our friends who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our husband and father. Also the Elks for their beautiful floral offering.

Mrs. Ida M. Percival
Carl Percival
Pearl Percival.

ROUTS HIGH LIVING ON EIGHTY CENTS A WEEK

Maine Mill Worker Boycotts Food and Luxuries, but Goes to Movies Once a Year.

Augusta, Me.—Stillman M. Kenney, a cotton mill operative, says 80 cents a week is all that he is contributing to the high cost of living.

Kenney absolutely abstains from using butter, eggs, meat, rum, tobacco, gum, pie, tea, coffee, cocoa and sugar. He uses little meat, does his own laundry work, borrows all the water he drinks, uses 3 cents worth of kerosene oil a week for cooking, has no telephone, coal, gas, electric or water bills; writes but four letters a year, rides twice a year on the electric cars, never rides on steam trains and goes to a moving picture show one night out of 365.

Here are his supplies for a week:

One can clams	02
State white bread	14
Salt pork (every other week)	02
Meal for pudding	06
Potatoes	12
Car and a half of salmon	16
Molasses	04
Can of evaporated milk	08
Kerosene	02
Total	56

In other words, Kenney earns \$10 a week and puts \$9.20 in the bank every Saturday.

CARRIES WILDCAT HOME.

Autoist Makes the Capture With His Bare Hands.

Bradford, Pa.—A singular encounter resulted in the capture of a wildcat alive by Carl Palmquist of Hazelhurst, Pa., who was without a weapon, using his gloved hands in executing this ticklish task.

Palmquist was driving his car when near Campbeltown he saw what first appeared to be a coon in a field. He stopped his car and went toward the animal as cautiously as possible. To his surprise Palmquist found that the animal was inclined to fight and turned upon him.

It was then that it was found to be a well grown wildcat. It was too late for Palmquist to retreat, and he caught hold of the wildcat before it had time to spring upon him. Mr. Palmquist managed to catch hold of the neck of the beast and carried it to the car and deposited it in a strong cloth bag, and it was so carried home.

Irish Ingenuity.

An officer in an Irish regiment was much amused by a conversation which he overheard between two of his men who were watching the ascent of a captive observation balloon. One of them remarked that he would much rather be in the trenches than up aloft. "Sure, it's safe enough," answered his pal. "But phwat the blazes would ye do if the thing busted?" persisted the other. "Do!" was the confident reply. "Why, slide down the rope, of course, ye fool!"

Wolf Chasing Woman Killed.

Williamsport, Pa.—A wolf weighing sixty pounds which escaped from the zoological collection of Colonel Shoemaker in McEllhattan park last year appeared in the field of Mahlin Saxton and gave chase to a dog. Mrs. Saxton interfered, and the animal started after her, but was shot by her husband before it reached her. During the year it has been missing nobody had caught a glimpse of it.

R. R. DeARMOND HURT

While driving his automobile over the paved highway in North Independence, taking his father home, R. R. DeArmond was severely injured Saturday night when another car collided with his own. Roy was thrown out, striking on his knees on the paving, but fortunately no bones were broken. Yesterday morning he resumed his duties behind the bars at the First National Bank. No one else was hurt.

DIED

Miss Adeline Ridders of Suver, aged 29, died in a Portland hospital Saturday. An operation proved fatal.

CHRISTMAS GUESTS

The following kids were present at the Christmas Dinner given by the Bible School of the Christian church: Jessie Stufflebean, Mabel Wunder, Alice Haley, Mildred Dungan, Dorris Mulkey, Mabel Kullander, Howard Potts, Ralph Hickey, Dale Wood, Loy Sloper, Edna Rickman, Nina Stufflebean, Howard Bennett, Archie Wyland, Marjorie Wunder, Ralph Dungan, Louis Stufflebean, Arnold Hill, Clyde Wunder, Roy Rickman, Willie Bennett, Jane Sanders, Erma Rickman, Dorothy Wood, Helen Potts, Alma Kullander, Grace Smith, Vera Potts, Walker Dungan, Vance Huntley, Carroll Smith, Thelma Stephens.

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