# COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

## BUENA VISTA

Mrs. John Sutton, who has been in poor health for some time, was taken to Salem for treatment. It is hoped she soon will be able to return home.

Most everyone that went away for the Holidays has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Valentine of Dallas were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bevens.

Perry Well returned to Salem Sunday to resume his attendance at school. Mrs. N. E. Tyler accompanied him, as she was going to Woodburn to spend New Year's day with relatives.

Guy Prather spent Saturday in Independence, returning home Sunday.

There was a party at James Reynold's Saturday evening and a good time was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Anderson spent Sunday and New Year's day at Suver with Mr. Anderson's sister, Mrs. Gobetz.

Martin Prather spent Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Prather.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cameron and family of Westfall, Malheur county, arrived at the home of Mrs. Cameron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Prather for an extended visit. Crystal, their oldest daughter, has been at the Prather home all winter going to school.

School started again on Tuesday after the Christmas holidays.

## GREENWOOD

E. F. Brown, one of our prosperous farmers, who owns a beautiful 200-acre farm, informed the writer that he will remodel his barn, making the same an up-to-date dairy barn in the spring He will also build a large silo and expects to keep 25 head of cows.

Greenwood can safely boast of having one of the very best violinists in all this part of the country. Miss Edna Dennison is an expert with that instrument.

R. W. Martin had the misfortune to get kicked in the stomach by his driving horse. The doctor said the injury was not serious, due to the fact that he was so close to the animal that he did not receive the full force of the blow.

Mrs. J. R. Robins has traded her eastern Oregon stock ranch of 160 acres to W. W. Black for his 48-acre farm 3 miles northwest of Independence.

## BORDER GUARDSMEN WILL BE COMFORTABLE

### Record Order of Lumber Will Provide For Flooring and Walling Their Tents.

Fort Sam Houston, Tex.—It is stated at the office of the quartermaster's corps of the southern department at Fort Sam Houston that the recent call for bids to furnish 7,000,000 running feet of lumber that was issued by Major William Elliott, depot quartermaster at El Paso, is a separate order from that which is soon to be placed for lumber and other materials for the erection of winter quarters of officers and enlisted men at Fort Sam Houston and different camps upon the Rio Grande border.

Plans for the different type of buildings that are to be erected are now under consideration by Colonel H. L. Rogers, chief quartermaster. The bachelor officers on duty with the troops will be provided with a winter home somewhat resembling a clubhouse. Each married officer will be provided with a small frame cottage, to cost about $900.

Cantonments will be built for the regulars in the form of the usual type of barracks. The guardsmen will be made comfortable by their tents being floored and sides built to them of boards. It is stated that an appropriation of $1,000,000 for the construction of these buildings was recently made available to the war department.

## EXCHANGE FOR CIVIL CAPTIVES

### British and Germans Over Forty-five Years Old to Be Freed.

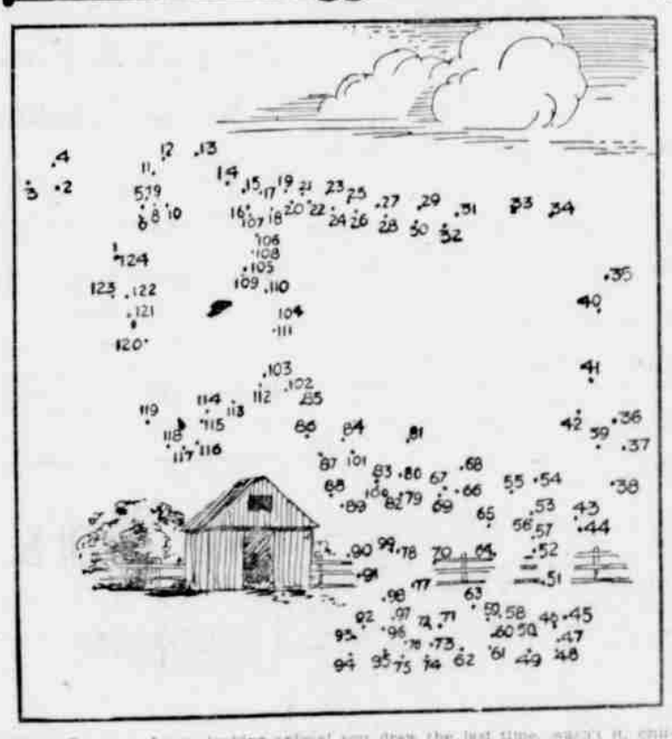
London.—After protracted negotiations through the medium of the United States arrangements have been made for the exchange of German and British civilian prisoners over forty-five years old. About 4,000 Germans are interned in the United Kingdom, and 700 British civilians are interned in Germany. Whether the prisoners will reach their respective homes depends on the success of the admiralty in finding a neutral steamship on which to make the exchange.

Preparations are being made to break up the camps for Germans on the Isle of Man and those established for British civilian prisoners in Germany. Only 2,200 of the Germans interned in the United Kingdom expressed a desire to return to Germany. If the opportunity offered many would prefer to go to America, it is said.

### Finds Dime In Fish's Gill.

Wichita, Kan.—W. E. Smith was recently fishing in the Little Arkansas just below the Central street dam and landed a big channel catfish weighing one and a half pounds. The catch was a beauty, and Mr. Smith hurried to extract the hook from its mouth. As he ran his finger through the fish's left gill he found something metallic and upon extracting it found it to be a bright shiny ten cent piece.

## Fill In Picture Puzzle No. 5



THAT was a funny looking animal you drew the last time, wasn't it, children? The giraffe is the tallest of the living animals. Probably you didn't think you'd ever finish drawing his neck. Why has he such a long neck you ask? Because he is obliged to get his food from trees. He can reach the topmost branches of many of the trees in Africa. By starting again at 1 and connecting with numbers 2, 3, 4, etc., your pencil will draw a queer looking beast.

## PORTLAND PRESS COMMENT ON McCALL MURDER

If McCall, the barber, who shot his fellow worker, W. A. Shaner, to death, had not possessed a revolver, Shaner would not now be dead, McCall would not now be facing a long life behind prison bars, and his little boy would not have been left crying in the blood of his father's victim.—Journal.

The usual outcry that the pistol and not McCall was primarily to blame for the murder of his fellow-barber and former friend, Shaner, is being raised. But the indictment lies against the murderer and not against the weapon. It is shallow to say that if McCall had not had a revolver Shaner would not have been killed. There are a thousand "ifs" which might be suggested as preventive conditions. The only "if" worth serious or thoughtful consideration is that if McCall had not sought to kill Shaner he would not have been killed.

The motive for the homicide seems quite inadequate; but even more perplexing and astonishing is its method. The slayer appears quite deliberately and calmly to have gone to the barber shop and, after the usual tonsorial service by a friendly attendant, to have approached his quarry without the slightest sign of passion or excitement and to have drawn a pistol and to have murdered him. Then he undertook immediately to slay a colored porter, who was discreet and scared enough to run.

There was no quarrel, no obvious preparation, but there is now every evidence of premeditation. The murderer manifests no contrition or alarm, but says his victim deserved death for offenses vaguely suggested and obviously of small provocative consequence.

Clearly the man is irrational, if not insane. But all such crimes have a phase of abnormality which does not excuse, while it may explain them, and acquittal on any such ground is itself a crime against society. Clearly, a McCall, brooding over personal affronts, who would kill once for vengeance would kill again. McCall had no notion that it is no crime to slay anyone who deserves it. Where did he get that idea, except from the frequent acquittal of men and women accused of crimes of blood?—Oregonian.

The Oregonian, springing to the defense of the revolver, contends that the barber McCall is a deliberate and cold-blooded homicide, that he is clearly irrational, and that he is the cause of Shaner's death, not the revolver. Sure. But why allow it to be possible for cold-blooded, premeditated and irrational homicides to "tote a gun" until such time as their disordered fancy dictates its awful use?—Journal.

"I told the —— to lay off me, and he didn't, so I killed him."

A barber lost his job. Another barber in the same shop had been "riding" him.

He brooded, nursed his hate. He returned to the shop—on Christmas morning—of all times!

"Peace on earth; good will to men!"

We know that men are fighting and dying by thousands in Europe, but we are not horrified. Europe is so far away.

In the barber shop were men being shaved. When the tragedy occurred they went as white as the lather on their faces. One man murdered before their eyes set them shaking as with an ague, tho they could discuss calmly, academically, the slaughter of millions in Europe.

Powerful are the conventions. The [illegible] permit a man to walk in public half-shaven.

So the barbers, as white and shaken as their patrons, worked on, averting their eyes from the silent form on the tiled floor.

That barber shop is the world in small.—News.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## ONLY WHITE HORSES ARE SEEN IN GERMAN CITIES

### Dark Animals Used For Army. Four-fifths of Taxis In Berlin Electrified.

Berlin.—Almost all the horses you see working in the towns and fields in Germany are white or flea bitten gray. All the other colors are used for army work. The whites are not, their color being too conspicuous. But the demand for horses has been so great that even the whites are used when they are young, being painted dark. The horses left for civilian purposes are the old ones. Most of those you find attached to the ancient droshkies on Unter den Linden look as if they were cousins to the eohippus that Noah took with him into the ark.

The age of the drivers corresponds to the antiquity of their steeds. Most of them are graybeards, but by way of paradox their girths are as great as those of their horses are small.

Four-fifths of the taxis are electrified, which enables them to proceed at a slow, dignified pace for short stretches. The few internal combustion motors left use benzol in place of gasoline, which is sharply restricted to official need—military, industrial and those of the high personages.

In spite of the leather shortage, the German soldier still clings to his boots. The bulk of the German soldiery is recruited from the agricultural class, which has been accustomed to boots and does not willingly use other footwear.

## SHARK GOT HALF HIS CATCH.

### Sudden End of Fisherman's Great Expectations.

Honolulu.—What promised to be one of the biggest ulua catches of the season for Tax Collector Charles T. Wilder was spoiled when a big shark took half of the fish's body as Wilder was pulling it in with his reel.

Wilder was having a fine tussle with what seemed a mighty game fish. His line sagged, and he felt only a slow moving weight at the end of it. When he lifted from the water he found only half a fish—the head and fore portion of the body. The tail and hind part were entirely gone. Scratches on the side of the fish showed that the shark had made two grabs, the second being successful. This seems to put an end to the theory that a shark cannot bite under water or upright, for nothing else could have bitten off that tail.

## LINK BOYS IN LONDON AGAIN.

### Fog Said to Have Been the Worst In Fifty Years.

London.—A fog which settled over London recently is described as being the most dense in fifty years. From early morning until a late hour London was a city of perpetual night.

The inconvenience was greatest in the evening owing to the light restrictions. Omnibuses stopped running and taxicabs disappeared from the streets. Pedestrians in the street carried torches. In the Strand torches were lighted and soldiers new to the metropolis had to be led about like blind men.

## PLAN TO STRENGTHEN ARMY FLYING SERVICE

### Course of Instruction For Field Officers at San Diego.

New York.—Plans have been practically completed for the establishment of additional army aviation stations and schools. Stations and schools have already been instituted at Mineola, N. Y.; Chicago, San Diego, Cal.; Newport News, San Antonio, Miami, Fla., and Columbus, N. M. It is expected that stations will soon be established at Philadelphia and Memphis.

A corps of instructors will be maintained at each station, and classes for national guard officers and reserve aviators will be held. It is planned to cover the entire country with stations and schools, and it is believed that they will serve to develop an efficient corps of active and reserve aviators.

One of the latest features inaugurated by the aviation section of the signal corps is a course of instruction for field officers. It will be conducted at San Diego. Several officers have already been detailed to take the course offered there.

The signal corps has now purchased or let the contracts for 350 machines, ninety of which are water machines. About $7,000,000 will be required to purchase all the material which has been contracted for by the corps.

## CHRISTIAN

**F. Claude Stephens, Pastor**

Important Services, Lord's Day, Jan. .

Bible School at 10 a. m.

Divine service 11 a. m.

Theme: "A Student in the School of Life."

Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

Evening service, 7:30 p. m.

Theme: "An Ideal Citizen."

With the new year so full of sparkling resolutions, let's see to it that this year is started right, as righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people.

Public welcome to attend.

## BAPTIST

**W. S. STEWART, Pastor.**

Let's begin the year by attending church. The church is the only institution on earth that was founded by Jesus, and that has so sacred a relationship to Him. Therefore, stand by the church. The Baptist church sends everyone a Happy New Year.

Sunday school at 10.

Preaching at 11.

The subject of the sermon will be "The Real Vocation of the Church Member."

After the service the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

B. Y. P. U. at 6:30.

The pastor intends to preach a sermon of a very unique nature. Come and hear it. Music by the choir.

A warm welcome for all.

## METHODIST

**Thos. D. Yarnes, Pastor.**

10 A. M. Sunday School.
11 A. M. Divine worship.
3 P. M. Loyal Temperance Legion.
6:30 P. M. Epworth League.
7:30 P. M. Evening service.

All are cordially invited to these services.

## PRESBYTERIAN

**Dr. H. C. Dunsmore, Pastor**

10 a. m. Sunday school.
11 a. m. } Public Worship with
7:30 p. m. } Sermon.

We invite you to all our services. Strangers cordially welcomed.

## METHODISTS MAY UNITE CHURCHES

### Union of Branches Would Give Nearly 6,000,000 Members.

### SLAVERY CAUSED THE SPLIT

**Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Episcopal Church South and Methodist Protestant Church Now Have Total of 27,426 Ministers and 47,615 Churches.**

The prospect of Methodist union, possibly as early as 1918 and in any case not later than 1920, has aroused widespread interest among the members of Protestant churches as to the size and rank of the Methodist church when reunited.

The union proposed is of these two denominations and one other, the Mtehodist Protestant church. The numerical results will be imposing. The new Methodist church, for that will probably be the name, will have almost exactly one-third of the 17,742,500 communicants of the thirty church bodies which are now members of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. It will have more than a third of their 139,091 churches and more than one-fourth of their 103,113 ministers. The next largest body will be the southern Baptist convention, and after that will come the negro Baptist, with the Presbyterians following.

**Some Statistics.**

Here are the figures for 1915, the most recent obtainable, as given in the Churches of the Federal Council, edited by Charles S. MacFarland and issued only a few weeks ago by the Fleming H. Revell company:

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| **Ministers.** | |
| Methodist Episcopal church | 18,813 |
| Methodist Episcopal Church South | 7,198 |
| Methodist Protestant church | 1,410 |
| Total | 27,426 |
| **Churches.** | |
| Methodist Episcopal church | 28,428 |
| Methodist Episcopal Church South | 16,787 |
| Methodist Protestant church | 2,400 |
| Total | 47,615 |
| **Communicants.** | |
| Methodist Episcopal church | 3,657,594 |
| Methodist Episcopal Church South | 2,072,036 |
| Methodist Protestant church | 201,119 |
| Total | 5,930,739 |

When it is added that neither the southern Baptist convention, with 2,592,217 communicants, nor the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, with 1,495,157 communicants, approaches in size the Methodist Episcopal church the numerical greatness of the united Methodist church will be readily appreciated.

**Caused by Slavery Issue.**

Slavery, which also divided the Baptist and Presbyterian churches, was the cause of the division of the Methodist Episcopal church. Among Methodists the schism took place in 1844, arising from the case of Bishop James Osgood Andrew of Georgia, whose wife was a slaveholder. The Methodist Protestant church was the outgrowth of a still earlier dispute over the mutual rights of the ministry and laity. It was formed about 1830 and was itself split in 1858 by the slavery question. In 1896 the northern half of the Methodist Protestant church fused with the Wesleyan Methodist church, and in 1877 both parts of the Methodist Protestant church were again brought together.

The coming union of Methodists will create a denomination as pre-eminent in missionary work as in membership. The three churches when fused will have about 1,700 foreign missionaries as against 1,300 missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and 325 foreign missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in the United States South. The reunited Methodists will have about 6,200 home missionaries. Northern and southern Presbyterians together have not many more than 3,000.

### THE ROSES.

A white rose bloomed in beauty,
A red rose flushed in pride,
The white rose drooped and faded,
The red rose bent and died.
But in the quaint old garden
The sun held both as dear,
And, passing in the even,
The dew gave each a tear.

A white rose sent her fragrance
To cheer a weary brain,
A red rose smiled to gladden
A soul that sighed in vain.
And when the moonbeams scattered
Their gold upon each breast
Alike she dowered the roses
Since each had done her best.


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