

Town Talk

Time to make the annual batch of good resolutions.

Mrs. Joe Martin and two small daughters, of Hillcrest, have been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Wendt, the past week.

F. G. Stultz, principal of the high school, has been spending the holidays with friends in Portland.

Irene Knight, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Knight, has been ill, suffering with bronchitis.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Heckman of Central Point were in Jacksonville Tuesday, the Doctor having been called professionally.

George and Chester Wendt attended the dance at Medford Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wells of Klamath Falls were calling on local friends this week.

Rev. J. K. Howard has accepted the call to the pulpit of the Presbyterian church and will assume his duties shortly. Mr. Howard is already well known in this city having preached here several times in the past.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Rumley of Forest Creek were visitors in town Saturday.

Alaret Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Jacksonville, will hold their installation Thursday evening, January sixth. All members are requested to bring baskets to supply the banquet table with the usual good things.

A large crowd from all sections of the valley are planning on attending the big New Year's Ball in Orth Hall. The Majestic Orchestra will be there in full force and there will be surprise features all evening.

County School Superintendent Susanne Holmes left Tuesday for Portland, being one of the county delegates to the State Teacher's association which convenes there. Enroute home Miss Holmes will stop at Salem to attend a meeting of the county superintendents from all sections of the state.

John Flater is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Flater.

The teachers and pupils of the local school will resume work Monday after a week's vacation during the holidays.

Ralph R. Matney and Miss Vera Olen of Applegate were united in marriage by Justice Bagshaw, Friday, December 24.

Last week the county received a check for \$20,000 from the National Surety Co., of New York, this amount being the surety bond furnished by Mrs. Myrtle Blakely, county treasurer. This partially covers the county's loss incurred in the Bank of Jacksonville failure.

A. T. Lundgren, who has been spending the past two months at his mine in Copper, Calif., is in Jacksonville for a brief stay.


Young people of this corner of the valley are anticipating the dance to be given in Orth's Hall New Year's night.

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The Post wishes its readers, friends and acquaintances a **Bright, Prosperous and Happy New Year.**

The Pioneer Church.

The Sunday school will be inaugurated tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Preaching services at 11 o'clock. Mr. B. F. Linds will speak on "The Life of John Wesley." You are invited.

Mrs. A. M. Putney and two sons, Maynard and Maurice, were guests of Mrs. Tom Fulton, Thursday.

O. C. Lee, Salvation Army worker, residing in Coos county, visited at the home of Mrs. Helzer Johnson this week. Mr. Lee was on his way to the Blue Ledge, where he expects to spend a couple of months prospecting.

Elmer Hoefs arrived in town Thursday from a brief visit at his former home, Butte Falls. He will visit relatives for a few days before leaving for Monroe, Oregon.

Rawles Moore of Medford spent some time in Jacksonville this week on official business, preparatory to assuming the office of prosecuting attorney next week.

Will Hoefs, well known blacksmith of Summit, Oregon, has been spending the week with his father, C. F. Hoefs, this being his first visit to Jacksonville in sixteen years.

Bliss Heine, orchestra leader from Medford, was in Jacksonville on a business trip Wednesday.

According to present plans, a dance will be given in Orth's hall every two weeks. The music will be furnished by the Majestic Orchestra, which is composed of well known musicians. A good attendance is anticipated.

George Wendt attended the comedy, "Listen Lester", presented at Medford Monday night.

Local Justice of the Peace Bagshaw is hearing Medford cases during the absence of Glenn O. Taylor, who is at Lodi, Calif.

George Neuber, who is located on a homestead near Squaw Lake, has been visiting friends in the valley this week.

The new county officers will assume their official duties on Monday, January 3rd. The changes are Rawles Moore who succeeds G. V. Roberts as prosecuting attorney and A. W. Walker, who will be treasurer, succeeding Mrs. Myrtle Blakely.

C. F. Danford and Henry Mankins of Poorman's creek were in Jacksonville this week.

The Missionary Society met at the Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Henry Gallup as leader.

Mrs. J. S. Parsons of Ashland visited Miss Ibbie McCully Thursday.

Rev. J. K. Howard, the new Presbyterian pastor, will hold his first service Sunday, January 10.

Famous Writer Praises

Crater Lake.

In the New Year's issue of the Saturday Evening Post, is a most interesting article on scenic Oregon, by the famous humorist, Irvin Cobb. The author enjoyed a hunting trip in Oregon some time since, which furnished the material for the story. In describing Crater Lake, Mr. Cobb says, "For its size, I consider Crater Lake the most wonderful thing in the world." He also expresses his opinion of it as

the most beautiful lake on this planet. Several good picture-makers of the lake accompany the article.

FAMOUS BELLS OF BOSTON

Not the Least in the Historic Old City is the One That Was Cast by Paul Revere.

A bell which was cast by Paul Revere still hangs in the belfry of King's chapel, built when Boston was in its infancy. This bell was the one hundred and sixty-first cast by Revere. Besides being a bell-caster Revere also was an engraver, a goldsmith and a dentist. Rising above the modest houses is the old North church, from which Revere received his signal previous to his famous midnight ride. Christ church, the second Episcopal church of Boston, is situated in the north end, and is an off-shoot of King's chapel. Its spire, designed and built in 1723, has served as a landmark to guide ships into the harbor. In 1804 this spire was blown down by a great gale, and was shortened by 16 feet. The chime of bells, now silent, which hangs in the tower, was made in 1774, in the foundry of Abel Ruddall, of Gloucester, England. Each bell has engraved upon it an inscription denoting its history. The bells, as was common belief in that time, were supposed to possess the power to dispel evil spirits.

Stage and Movie.

To me the joy of the theater is in the attention forced by a skillfully constructed play acted by players of conviction and artistic power. I have often watched an audience coming from a moving-picture theater, and rarely have I seen a look of more elation or spirit upon the faces of the crowd than would result from the perusal of a newspaper. Whereas, after an evening at an interesting play, the audience pours forth in animation; and even though the play may have been a tragedy, emotions have been stirred and minds stimulated until the reaction shows on every face. So long as the human relation is preserved between actor and audience, so long will the acted drama retain its supremacy in any community.—Otis Skinner in the North American Review.

WAS THE FIRST CINDERELLA

Egyptian Maiden Said to Have Been the Original of the Old and Popular Story.

About 700 years B. C., there is said to have lived a maiden, who, though not called "Cinderella," was undoubtedly the person represented in the popular fairy tale, says the Montreal Herald. It was during the rule of one of the twelve Egyptian kings that this beautiful eastern girl, Rhodope by name, came under the notice of the then known world. Rhodope had remarkably small feet. One day, while bathing in a river near her home, an eagle is said to have swooped down and, playing the part of the fairy godmother, snatched up one of her sandals which was on the bank. Carrying the little shoe off in his beak the bird is reported to have dropped it immediately in front of the king, and, naturally, the little sandal soon attracted royal attention. Struck by its size so small, and the daintiness, too, the king vowed he would find out the charming possessor. Messengers were dispatched and the country was scoured for the foot that the shoe would fit. At length Rhodope was discovered and the shoe placed on her tiny foot. After a triumphant conveyance to the king's palace she was made queen to her royal lover, "King Psammetichus of Memphis."

Speech Should Be Worth While.

And when you have something to say it's worth saying well. It's not just that you say words. You must say them so they attract and convince. We all use pretty much the same words, but they sound so differently from the mouths of different people. There are books galore that are musty with unuse because what they say is poorly said. If the thought had been matured into small compass and told in telling diction they should be popular works. And it's the same with speech. Some men have good ideas, but they take so long to tell them that people get tired. Sometimes they even get weary before the man begins to speak. The world wants what you know, but it isn't willing to waste time listening to mere words.

Value of an Impelling Idea.

A famous French political economist once said: "What I admire in Christopher Columbus is not that he discovered America, but that he went to look for it under the inspiration of an idea."

Size of Humming Bird.

When a humming bird is stripped of its feathers it is no larger than a bumble bee.

SQUALID PORTO RICAN TOWN

Beside Superb Scenery, Ponce Would Seem to Have Little to Attract the Tourist.

Ponce, a city on the south coast of Porto Rico, gives the false impression of being a larger city than the capital, loosely strewn as it is over a dusty, flat plain and overflowing in hovels of decreasing size into the low foothills behind. It is the most extensive town in Porto Rico, and, like many of those around the coast, lies back a few miles from the sea, for fear of pirates in the olden days, with a street car service to its shipping suburb of Ponce-Playa.

Airplants festoon its telephone wires, and its mosquitoes are so aggressive that to dine in its principal hotel is to wage a constant battle, while to disrobe and enter a bathroom is a perilous undertaking, according to Harry A. Franck in the Century.

Puerta de Tierra, once nothing more than the "land gate" its name implies, is almost a city of itself, a pathetic town of many shacks built of tin and dry goods boxes, spreading down and across the railroad to the swampy bay. Naked babies play in the mud, and mothers with pitifully small cups scurry to milk shops in an effort to get the precious food for their infants.

ESKIMO DANCE WORTH SEEING

Ceremony Indulged in by Both Women and Men Is Performed With Rhythmic Grace.

Eskimos of Alaska perform their dancing feats to the sound of "ton-ton-ton" with round, flat heads and short bundles. The heads of the instruments are of seal hide, which the natives moisten from time to time with a sponge to keep tightened. They bent on the under side of the drum-head with long, slender willow wands, little chips breaking off the sticks all the time and flying about. With a slow, monotonous chant at first, they gradually work themselves into a frenzied shout and loud, resonant beating of the drums as the dance goes on.

While they dance the men are stripped to the waist, but the women wear their calico "mother Hubbard" or denim parkas, with a gleaming halo of wolverine about the face. The dancing ceremony begins with a "muscle dance" by a young boy, in which the men later join, after which comes the "wolf dance," with more energy and loud shouting. The women then join in, one by one, with marvelous rhythmic grace of movement.

When the dance is over one of the musicians takes up a collection in his "ton-ton." The non-native white guests usually contribute tea and candy, it being wrong for a guest to give money.

Nut Butter Is Wholesome.

Cocoa butter, as nut butter is called in England, was not accepted with enthusiasm by the British public when natural butter became scarce during the war, so the food committee of the Royal society made some elaborate tests of its effects on human beings. The New York Medical Journal summarizes the results, which show that slightly less of the fat of cocoa butter than of that of real butter is utilized by the body; it causes no digestive troubles; when consumed in large quantities it has a slightly laxative effect, and in general it is a safe and wholesome food.

The Wonder of Eggs.

One cannot find among the multitude of wonders in nature anything more marvelous than the development of an egg, writes Elsa G. Allen in the American Forestry Magazine. Whether it be a butterfly which flourishes for a day only to die after depositing its eggs, or a reptile which lazily leaves its eggs with only the warm sand to mother them, or a fish, like the salmon, which, with incredible strength, jumps the rapids to spawn in the upper reaches of rivers, or most appealing of all, a bird which builds a beautiful nest for its treasures, the egg in every case is structurally the same, and the miracle of life unfolds according to the same laws of cell division.

Out of Place.

Aunt Hannah came home from church the other Sunday morning distinctly out of sorts. When asked what was wrong she answered that she thought there was not the proper reverence in that church. Pressed to give further explanation she finally did so. "I didn't like any of the choir," she complained. "They were too fickle-looking to sing hymns and I thought it perfectly sacrilegious when that soprano got up in those slippers with the high, thin heels and sang, 'How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord.'"

The family she was visiting smiled but later admitted to themselves that it was indeed incongruous although not exactly sacrilegious.

Diet and Energy

The Salvation Army requires new merit, just as we thought all had been said, when we learn that half of a doughnut will provide lifting power to carry a man to the top of the Washington monument (a climb of 555 feet), and six walnuts will do the same, while three medium-sized olives will see you comfortably half a mile on your way. A single caramel, says a discouraging article in the American Journal of Medicine, supplies energy for a mile's constitutional. Think of the mistaken picnic luncheons that have been laboriously carried in the past. Reflect that six olives and six caramels are all you need to supply steam for a seven-mile walk, and think how casually these may be eaten sitting over a supper table.

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