

We desire to thank our customers for the past year and wish them a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

W. F. KLECKER.

January Christmas of the Julianites

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"CHRISTMAS comes but once a year," wrote somebody, and everybody accepted the statement as truth. It is not true, however, for Christmas comes twice a year. Those of us who reckon by the Gregorian calendar celebrate Dec. 25. Those who still adhere to the Julian calendar observe Jan. 7. Russia is the only great nation which still holds out for the Julian calendar. The Greek Catholic church sticks to the time measurement adopted by Julius Caesar forty-six years before the birth of Christ. Thus the Greeks and all the adherents of that church, including the Russians, of course, hold their Christmas on the 7th day of January.

In the city of New York both Christmas days are celebrated. The January date, as a matter of course, is observed by comparatively few persons, but it is observed rigidly, elaborately and faithfully by those who desire to render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's even as to the calendar.

New York city has a considerable population of Greeks, Russian, Armenians, Syrians, Servians, Poles, Bulgarians, Montenegrins and Vlachis, all of whom observe the Julian Christmas. For forty days prior to Jan. 7 they observe a fast, eating no meat, neither beast, fish nor fowl. They eat fish eggs or caviare, but draw the line there. Their principal diet for the forty days' fasting is made up of olives, beans, caviare bread and crackers.

But at 6 o'clock on the morning of Christmas day, Jan. 7, the Julianist fast is over. It is not necessary to hint that these people count the days till Christmas or that they rejoice and are exceedingly glad when the anniversary arrives. These facts are obvious. Christmas means for them a glorious feast, a square meal, several square meals—in fact, a round of square meals.

On Christmas morning, but not too early. They eat breakfast first. High mass is celebrated in the Greek Orthodox church at 8 o'clock. The forty days' fast having ended two hours before, the Julianites are joyfully full of the good things of this world before they enter the house of worship. The chief vland, so far as its symbolic character goes, is a spiced loaf of rye bread covered and filled with walnuts, with a cross cut on top. This is called the christopson—"bread of the Christ." But it is not to be doubted that beefsteaks, fowls, fishes, saddles of mutton and other substantial are devoured. Here and there one of the presumably faithful proves faithless and falls before Christmas, his craving for a meat diet being too strong to resist. This weak brother is ignored by the faithful.

It is in the cafes in the sections of the city where the Julianites dwell that this Christmas day is celebrated with the most visible gusto. The Greek "young bloods" gather in the little restaurants and sit long over tables heavy with edibles and light with wines.



THIS WEAK BROTHER IS IGNORED BY THE FAITHFUL.

The names of some of the diners are interesting. Constantine Economopoulos is a budding florist who gathers around him his rowy young friends, Harambos, Christatos, Minicakes, Karamacoe, Pericles Doganages and Hreeta Pappanicolas. And don't let us forget Nicholas Booras, editor of the Daily Thermopylae, who gets out an extra edition in honor of the day.

These Greeks, many of them arrayed in gorgeous new clothing, bring

their feast to an end with the cups of Turkish coffee and the Turkish cigarettes, mixed in with songs and toasts. It is highly interesting for a plain American, with a plain name like Jim Jones, to sit in one of those cafes and hear the songs of the foreign gentlemen with the seven jointed surnames, observe the satisfaction depicted in their countenances as the feast goes on and receive the impression that this is real Christmas cheer, though it be thirteen days late according to our method of counting time.

DOINGS IN OREGON

Interesting Items Gathered From All Parts of the State.

Base Decision on Taft's Views.
Salem—Citing one of Judge W. H. Taft's labor decisions as authority, the supreme court held that if the owner of dangerous machinery neglects to cover it he cannot escape responsibility to an injured employee on the ground that the employee assumed the risk. So far as Oregon is concerned this is the establishment of a new rule of employer's liability, though it is no more than a judicial recognition of the factory inspection act of 1907. This decision will undoubtedly cause proprietors of factories to protect their machinery in every possible way, for the supreme court declares this to be their duty, whether ordered to do so by the Labor Commissioner or not.

U. S. Machinery Loaned to Lane.
Eugene—L. B. Cushman, of Acme, has received a letter from Congressman W. C. Hawley, in forming him that the Chief of Engineers of the United States army has secured from the Secretary of War the loan of the government machinery now at the mouth of the Coquille river for the building of a jetty at the mouth of the Siuslaw river, in Lane county.

Efforts are now being made to secure an appropriation from congress to equal the sum which is expected to be raised by the bonding act. The county will probably be bonded for \$200,000 if a bill looking to that end is put through the next state legislature.

Hope to Overthrow Prohibition.
La Grande—Prohibition in Union county is in dire danger. When the order first became effective it was attacked by a local brewer, J. Roesch, who asked for an injunction on the ground that Sheriff Childers had not properly posted the notices of election. The circuit court denied the request for injunction.

The case rested there, but since the supreme court has rendered its sweeping decision in the Grant county case, which is similar in almost every respect to this one, Roesch gave notice of appeal to the supreme court. When the decision is forthcoming it is believed that the local option law will be invalidated, as the Union county instance is regarded to be a precedent of notices is similar to that in Grant county.

Identity of Body Questioned.
Oregon City—One of the most sensational affidavits has just been presented by Frank Hesse, an attorney of Portland, in which charges are made that bring into question the identity of the man whose body was found at Springbrook schoolhouse, near Oswego, on September 13, last. Hesse has a client, Bernhard Halst by name, who avers that the dead man was his brother, but thus far has brought forward to evidence to prove this supposition.

In less than a week after the unknown man was buried, Mrs. Elsie B. Robinson, of Firland Station, Multnomah county, appeared and demanded that the remains be exhumed. This was done and she declared that the body was that of her father, F. A. Williamson, from Texarkana, Texas, who was visiting her.

Business Men to Act With Delegation.

Pendleton—A legislative committee of 15 members from the county has been appointed by the Commercial Association to work in harmony with the Umatilla county delegation in an effort to secure from the legislature measures which are particularly desired. Chief among these are the experiment farm for the Umatilla project, an increased appropriation for the Weston Normal, a branch asylum and an amendment to the good roads law.

Daley Will Be Executed January 29.

Portland—Harry Daley, convicted of the murder of Harry Kenny, was Tuesday sentenced to be hanged on Friday, January 29, at the State Penitentiary at Salem. The crime of which Daley was convicted was the murder of Harry Kenny, a saloon-keeper, November 16. The trouble arose over Kenny's refusal to re-employ Daley as bartender or to advance a certain sum of money which Daley claimed was due him.

Don't forget the meeting of the Ladies Improvement Club at the city hall Monday, at 2:30 p. m. All ladies of Stayton and vicinity are cordially invited to attend.

Dairying Certainly Pays

Essay.—The experience of our forefathers teaches us that live stock is the foundation for successful agriculture. Such being the case, the special purpose dairy cow stands pre-eminent as the most profitable class of animals that can be kept upon the farms in the vicinity of Stayton. To obtain these special purpose dairy cows the only practical way is to raise them ourselves, for they must be bred right fed right on wholesome food, not so much at a time, but regularly, and you must keep it up. They should come fresh in the Early Fall when our Kake or corn silage is ready to feed. We should have green vetch or clover hay, have our barley and oats rolled or chopped and with the use of oilmeal we can feed a "Balanced Ration" on practically home grown feed.

An average good dairy cow handled and fed as above suggested should produce not less than \$100 worth of Butterfat per annum besides the skim milk. I can show by my creamery statements, that for the last 15 days in November and the first 15 days in December of the present year making a total of 30 days, I received \$115.46 cash for the cream from 9 cows besides leaving about 5300 lbs. of skim milk on the farm to be fed to Hogs, Calves, Poultry etc.

I am Yours Resp., C.S. Bowne.

A Fine Time in Masonic Hall.

Joint Installation.

On Saturday evening was held a joint installation of officers of the Masonic and Eastern Star Lodges of this city, for the ensuing year.

On account of the late arrival of some of the Star officers the Masons installed first, as follows: W. H. Hobson, worshipful master; W. A. Elder, Sr. Warden; C. H. Brewer, Jr. Warden; H. F. Pennybaker, Sr. Deacon; J. M. Downing, Jr. Deacon; Clifford Harold, Sr. Steward; J. H. Pennybaker, Jr. Steward; G. W. Murphy, Tyler; W. E. Thomas, Chaplain.

Following this was the installation of the Star officers, who are: Lillie Missler, worthy matron; Cliff Harold, worthy patron; Rose Follis, associate matron; Della Harold, Conductress; L. S. Lambert, Secretary; Mrs. Wright Treasurer; Anna Hobson, Chaplain; Alta Hobson, Organist; Effie Harold, Ada; Ellen G. Lambert, Ruth; Dora Shreve, Esther; Bessie Philippi Martha; Mrs. H. Smith, Electa; Geanna Thomas Warder; A. L. Shreve, sentinel.

After the installation there was a song, "Don't you Mind the Sorrows or the Sighs," by Elizabeth Alexander and a short talk on "Masonry" by W. H. Hobson.

Following this the guests were invited to accompany the members to the banquet room where a most delicious lunch was served.

After lunch some time was spent in social conversation and then "good-nights" were said.

GOOD SHOW COMING.

A real genuine treat is in store for the theatre going people on Jan. 4th, on which occasion one of the best plays ever written, entitled "Roxie, the Girl from the Golden West" will be produced by a company of high class artists. The play is so well known that little need be said of it. The fact that it ran for two years in New York City has put the stamp of success upon it, and its record breaking business in the cities throughout the United States has made it one of the most widely known plays on the American stage. The company playing it here will give it complete with full line of scenery and costumes. The management has spared no pains in getting the best talent possible and is so certain of pleasing the people that they offer to refund the money to anyone who is not satisfied with the production. Seats are now on sale at Stayton Pharmacy. Popular prices.

The DeMoss Lyric Bards, who will be in Stayton Jan. 13th, need no introduction to many Stayton people, having been here several times during their many years travel. They give a first-class musical entertainment in every respect. Many new features have been added since their last visit.

Miss Merta Slegmund who has been attending school in Salem, spent Christmas with her parents E.G. Slegmund and wife on Fern Ridge. On her return to Salem she will be employed at Barnes' store as cashier.

Treasurers Statement.

January 6 Balance	\$ 39.66
Rec. from divers sources	416.32
Rec. from water rent	180.83
Money borrowed	7690.00

Total received	8236.81
Total paid out	5741.25

Dec. 28 Bal. on hand	2495.56
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E. ROY, TREASURER
Statement for the year 1908.

THE LOCAL FIELD

Telephone Batteries for sale at H. J. Marking's.

Fred Lau is home from Portland for the holidays.

J.W. Apple recently returned from a visit at Condon, Oregon.

Wanted—Four rich dry hard wood immediately at MAIL OFFICE.

Everett Hobson is home from Willamette University for the holidays.

Mrs. Maud Harlan and baby are visiting her parents, W.S. Watters and wife.

Lee Kerber and A.J. Schuler, made a business trip to Salem, Monday of this week.

Herbert Bennett, a Linotype operator in Portland, was a Stayton visitor the first of the week.

Riley Thomas and wife of Portland, spent Christmas here. Mrs. Thomas is a daughter of C.G. Henline.

Frank L. Blakely, who has been in Eastern Oregon for the past year, is a holiday visitor at the W.F. Blakely home.

Miss Orpha Darby of Portland, spent Xmas with relatives at home, returning to Portland Saturday morning.

W.F. Klecker and family left Tuesday for Portland where they will enjoy themselves until after New Year's.

All our patrons who have not received one of our 1909 Calendars should call and get one. Stayton State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Potter and children spent Christmas at the A.Hill home. They returned Monday to their home in Mill City.

The Ladies Improvement Club meets regularly on the first and third Mondays of each month at 2:30 p.m. in the City Hall.

The Woolen mill was closed Thursday Friday and Saturday of last week, thus allowing the employees time to visit out of town points.

Miss Zula Watters, who is teaching school at Silver Creek Falls spent the holidays at the home of her parents, W.S. Watters and wife.

Miss Cora Sullivan was an over Sunday guest of Mrs. G. L. Brown. Miss Sullivan is a teacher in the Portland schools and at one time taught in the Stayton schools.

Mr. A.J. Schuler, of South Dakota, arrived in Stayton last week. Mr. Schuler is very favorably impressed with Stayton and vicinity and will undoubtedly locate here.

Mrs. John Kerber and Mrs. John VanHandel visited Sunday at the home of Mrs. Kerber's grandmother in Sublimity, it being the birthday of the latter who is 88 years of age.

Don't forget the date of the DeMoss Lyric Bards—Jan. 13th. This is one of the best musical companies traveling and they always have a full house when they come to Stayton. Opera house, January 13th.

WELL ESTABLISHED LINE

Kerber Brothers Handle Oliver Chilled and Steel Plovers.

Kerbbers have succeeded in gaining another notch in the plow world by handling the Oliver Chilled and steel plovers. These plovers have been the standard among farmers for many years and the Kerber Brothers are fortunate in getting the appointment as local agent for the Oliver Plow Company. This section demands the plows. Some localities need chilled while others need hardened or soft steel. It is quite an art to determine at a glance the proper grade of metal adapted to the soil. If you are needing a plow for next spring you should see to it now and call upon

SCIO.

Christmas "doings" went off nicely in our little town. Sunday the Baptist pastor preached on the subject, and on Thursday evening the Union Sunday School had a tree with appropriate program. The public school also had a tree of their own and those who wanted to celebrate the anniversary by a dance improved the opportunity Friday evening.

Gordon Griffin came from Grants Pass to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. A.H. Carman.

The little son of Mr. Pepperdine died last week at the home of his parents, some 12 miles n.e. of Scio. He had been sick nearly three weeks held at the house Saturday at 1:30. Rev. A.H. Carman of Scio officiating.

C.A. Lucas and Miss Dena Lee were united in the bonds of matrimony last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. Lucas. The ceremony was pronounced by Rev. A.H. Carman. The parties are both well and favorably known and many friends wish them a long and happy life together.

The Scio merchants did a good business last week disposing of a large amount of holiday goods to the satisfaction of their own part.

With plenty of water for the mill and electric light plant Scio has fine lights, fine flour and a fine time in general.

The public school gave an entertainment on Tuesday evening of last week (Temperance Drama) to a full house and did themselves credit. Professor Reed is to be congratulated for a good lesson and a good sum of money toward a new piano for the school. The Professor seems to be wide awake and giving good satisfaction.

The citizens are looking forward to a big treat the 14th of Jan., when the DeMoss troupe are to give a grand entertainment in the Baptist church. Better music does not come to Oregon than that brought by this Co., which is now on its 37th annual trip.

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Happy New Year.

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West Stayton.

Charlie Driscoll, West Staytons popular merchant attended the Auction Sale in Stayton Tuesday.

C.F. Loose came home today in order to spend Xmas with his family. Charlie reports snow in the mountains and that the "stuff is sure thar."

Mrs. M.E. Reiter, Staytons leading dressmaker has recently been employed at the Forette home, where she did some fine work in the art of cutting and sewing. Truly Mrs. Reiter is an expert and to call her an artist is not overdrawn. She is a lady of great experience in her line. She too has traveled and it is interesting to hear her relate of the East, North and also the South in comparison with the Pacific North West.

In her honor, the young folks gave a party and it surely was a great treat to hear a piano respond to her touch.

Mrs. C.F. Loose and Miss Leona Forette spent a few days recently visiting the Capital City.

Mr. Everett Condit is home on a visit. Those who attended the entertainment and basket social at the West Stayton school last Friday evening report a fine time.

Harry Porter was seen in our neighborhood Wednesday.

Miss Florence Neal is visiting at the home of her parents A. Neal and wife near West Stayton.

Klumb Echoes.

Klumb Dec. 26—Mr and Mrs J.F. Richards were in Sublimity the latter part of last week.

Everyone seemed pleased when the weather moderated. Such extremely cold weather is unusual for this valley. We much prefer the rain. F.A. Slegmund of this place, accompanied by W.H. Lake of Howell, attended a social gathering in Linn Co. Saturday evening.

Mrs. Mary Hunt, who for the past several weeks has been visiting friends here and in Stayton departed Sunday for Mill City.

Among those who visited Stayton Saturday were Joseph Laux, P.C. Freeman and children, Mesdames E.G. and L.A. Slegmund and Mathilda Slegmund. Mrs. M. Reiter returned to her home at Stayton after spending a few days on the ridge.

Messrs J.F. Richards and Albert Tizze made a trip to Coon Hollow on Sunday.

E.G. Slegmund spent a few days in the Capital City.

Mr and Mrs Alois Tizze spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Zimmerman of Stayton.

Slegmund Bros are sawing lumber this week. A.R. Slegmund of Gervais is spending several days at his father home and working with the mill crew.

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