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FIRST SKATING FOR MANY, MANY YEARS

The boys and girls, to say nothing of the older ones are enjoying skating on the ponds around Stayton for the first time in years.

The Oldest Inhabitant has already remarked that he "never saw it so cold before." The ice in some places is between four and five inches thick, and the rose bushes that were in bloom before the "snap" have curled up and look thoroughly disgusted with the Nebraska-Iowa brand of weather.

Some of the farmers are fearful for the safety of the fall wheat, as the soil here is given to much heaving and twisting when frozen.

The water system has been stopped several times on account of ice, and the laterals, where too near the top of the ground, are frozen in many places. The electric plant has also been considerably bothered with ice accumulating and cutting down the necessary supply to the water wheel.

To an Easterner the cold weather has been just nice winter weather, with the thermometer keeping steady a few degrees below freezing, but to the Western raised man it seems "real cold."

BIRTHDAY PARTY

A very pleasant birthday party was held at the country home of Andrew Fisher in the Waldo Hills last Sunday, December 20. Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Fisher and son Norval of Stayton and John Sandner Jr. and wife of Linn county were present from this vicinity.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT WAS A BIG SUCCESS

The Christmas program rendered by the different grades in the Stayton school yesterday at the Star theatre was attended by a packed house, and to judge by the applause, the efforts of the children and young people met with well merited approval.

The teachers, too, are to be thanked by every patron of the school for the success of one of the best programs of this character that has ever been given in Stayton.

The songs were, well of a much better grade than the ordinary and already the effect of some special training in music is to be seen.

The plays and marches, while simple were performed nicely and showed good training.

The sketch from Dickens' "Christmas Carol" was well executed and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

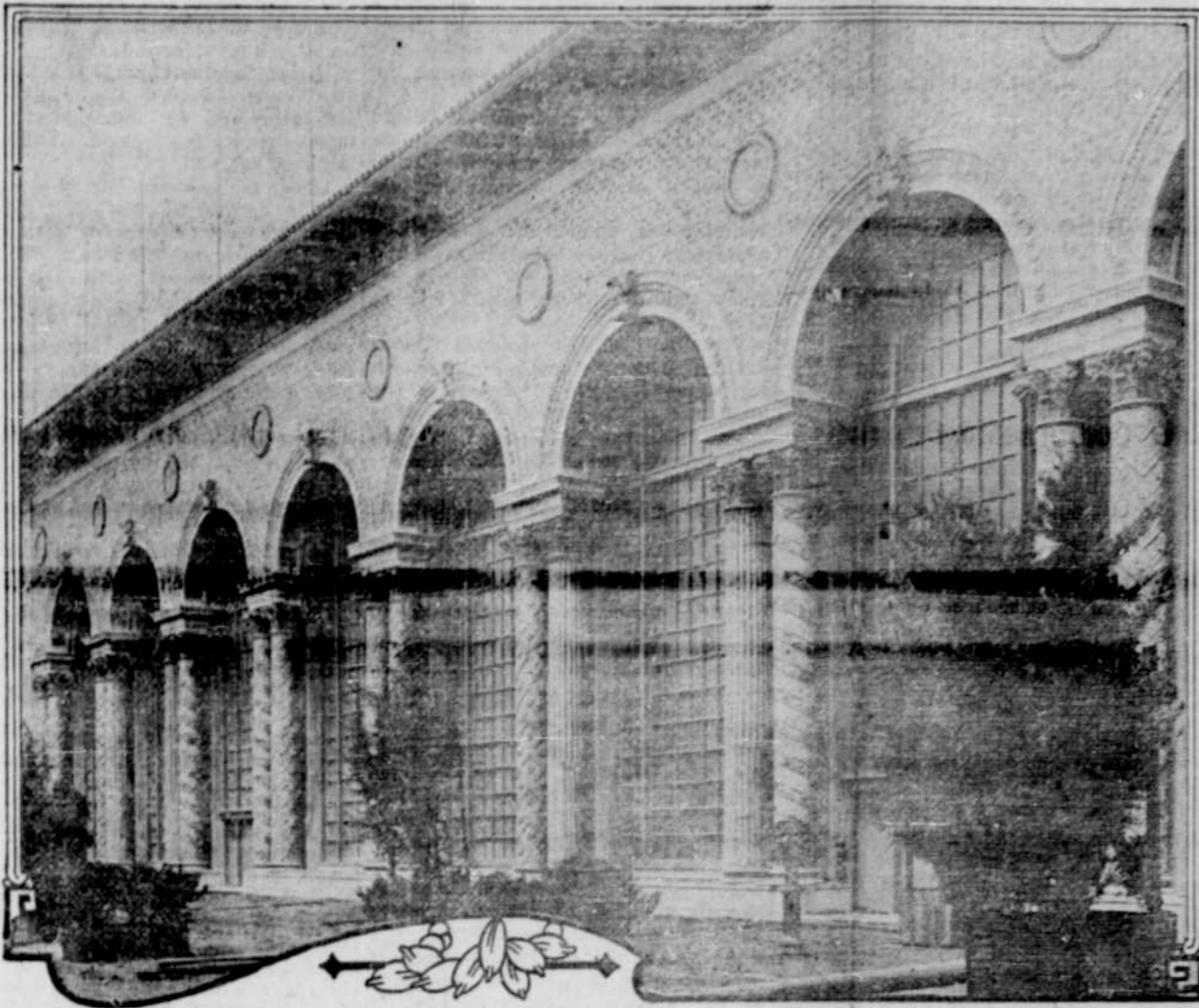
Everyone will be ready to welcome the school next Christmas in another program of the same sort.

Mrs. Alva Smith and daughter of Sublimity visited at the J. H. Missler home Tuesday.

J. W. Mayo and wife will spend the holidays with Mrs. Mayo's sister, Mrs. Day, in Medford.

Miss Gladys Rice of Corvallis came Friday for an extended visit with her sister Mrs. H. Lilly.

Superb Venetian Court of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, 1915



VARIETY of color and the use and blending of Doric, Ionic and Corinthian, with a little play given to the Byzantine architectural style, are shown in the two Venetian courts of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco in 1915. These courts are the connecting links in the Exposition scheme of courts, but they are to have a type of beauty not found elsewhere on the grounds.

One of the Venetian courts connects the Court of the Four Seasons with the Court of the Universe, and the other connects the Court of the Universe with the Court of Abundance. The first one named is shown above.

Every bit of the interior of the courts is a part of a color scheme that includes all of the Exposition colors. Since this photograph was taken the shrubs and flowering plants have been placed on all sides of the central paths, and their colors are in harmony with every pigment used in the remainder of the court.

LOCAL PICTURES AT THE STAR THEATRE

The Star Theatre will show a series of local views in addition to the regular program on Saturday and Sunday nights. These pictures will show all your friends and relatives as well as the big crowd at the school entertainment Wednesday afternoon. Come.

Miss Emily Horgan of Portland is visiting Mrs. C. H. Brewer during the holidays.

Frank Rohwein and wife of Jordan were trading with Stayton merchants Tuesday.

Miss Anna Ferry of Portland is visiting at the M. Ferry home over the holidays.

Miss Matten of Salem is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. M. J. Crabtree.

Tom Follis brought in a load of fine turkeys to the Produce Co. on Tuesday and O. P. Hutchuson sold the same firm a fine bunch of chickens the same day.

BIG CROWD ATTENDS

A large and appreciative audience attended the Christmas exercises at Sublimity last Sunday, December 20, which were held in the C.O.F. Hall at that place.

E. E. Woods expects to leave soon, and anyone wishing anything in the line of signs, painting, etc. see him at once.

Mrs. Stephen Taylor and baby are visiting Mrs. Taylor's parents in Salem this week.

Adam Schleis and wife of Linn Co. were trading with Stayton merchants yesterday.

A. S. Davie and Mack Bros. are back from a trapping expedition to the mountains.

Riley Thomas and Miss Alta Hobson visited at the E. H. Hobson home in Scio yesterday.

For Sale—A 475 lb. DeLaval Separator, used but little and in perfect condition. Have sold my cows and have no use for it. V. J. Philippi, 12-31x Kingston, Ore.

CONTESTANTS STANDING IN PREMIUM CONTEST

Below is the standing of the Contestants in the Premium contest at the court yesterday, Dec. 23.

Name	Address	Votes
Miss June Kearns	Stayton	351,750
Miss Theresa Fehlen	Stayton	248,200
Miss Iona Bartlett	Stayton	67,050
Mrs. F. I. Jones	Stayton	74,300
Miss Naomi Silhavy	Stayton	33,250
Miss Marguerite Ryan	Mt. Pleasant	21,850
Mrs. Ed Smith	Scio	5,200
Miss Julia Rohwein	Jordan	53,000
Miss Clara Rauscher	Sublimity	96,250
Miss Nora Cavin	Stayton	7,350
Mrs. Frank Hamman	Stayton	25,100
Mrs. John Sandner Jr.	Kingston	9,700
Kimball Sisters	Jordan	5,900
Mrs. M. J. Crabtree	Stayton	19,050

Votes on the Grand Premium Piano contest can be obtained at the following stores:

Thomas-Mayo Co. Gen. Mdse.
Beauchamp's Drug Store.
Lancefield's Shoe Store.
Housefurnishing Co.
Luthy's Jewelry Store.
Korinek & Mielke's Hardware.
Stayton Mail.

Misses Maude Hollister and Mabel Rupert are spending the holidays with home folks in Salem.

George Rowein who is attending school here spent the week-end with home folks in Jordan.

Wm. Cladek and wife will spend Christmas with Mrs. Cladek's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tate.

Harry Williams returned to his home in Seattle Saturday after a month's visit with relatives here.

Dr. Beauchamp reports a girl born to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Neal of near Turner Dec. 18, and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Christian of Linn Co. on Dec. 19.

ORGANIZING VIOLIN CLASS

Ed Wesely of Scio has been here on several occasions organizing a class in violin music. He has had good success so far, and informs the Mail that he is much pleased with the prospect.

MRS. VADA GRIER IS ACQUITTED OF MURDER

Mrs. Vada Grier was acquitted of the murder of her husband Frank Grier, at Potter's Mill near Mill City, November 14th, by a jury in the circuit court of Linn County last Thursday at 11:45 o'clock P. M., after deliberating for over eight hours. The verdict was a surprise to many who had waited for hours in the court room to hear their report. The jury was selected on Friday Dec. 11th, and went to view the premises where the tragedy took place on the following Monday. The trial proper began at 9:00 o'clock A. M. on Tuesday the 15th and lasted for the greater part of three days. The trial was of considerable interest to residents of Stayton for the reason that the deceased was well known here, his father and mother being residents of Stayton. According to the testimony of two eye witnesses Grier was shot without a word of warning. They stated on the witness stand that their first knowledge of the presence of Mrs. Grier was when they heard the report of her gun and saw Grier throw his hand to his side and run. Their testimony was corroborated by another witness who testified that she heard the shots and saw Mrs. Grier running along the west side of a rail fence toward a gate leading into where Grier was shot. However, according to the testimony of Mrs. Grier, she shot in self defense. She stated that she was on the east side of the fence near where Grier and one of the witnesses for the state were standing.

The shooting occurred on the Marion Elston farm about one half mile from where Mrs. Grier was living, the tragedy was the sequel of a divorce suit, Mrs. Grier having sued her husband for a divorce in September, accusing him of cruel and inhuman treatment toward her, and Grier in his cross-complaint had accused his wife with adultery with one Geo. Solomon in whose house she was living.

Solomon and Mrs. Grier were indicted jointly for the murder of her husband. Just what part the grand jury thought Solomon had in the killing is not known, however he was discharged as soon as Mrs. Grier was acquitted.

BUY A HOME

Are you thinking of moving to town? If so you had better investigate this at once. A good 7 room house, well finished except upstairs which only needs cloth and paper, one of the best wells in the city, pump in kitchen, fireplace in living-room, on corner, one-quarter block 100x100, a fine location, and good neighborhood. \$1200, terms. Call at Mail office for owner's name. tf.

J. J. Blum, who bought the Rue Drager ranch near Mehama, was in Stayton yesterday trading with our merchants, and while here kindly subscribed for the Mail. Mr. Blum came from Portland recently.

COMMITTEE INTER-VIEWS JUDGE DIMICK

According to an invitation, W. H. Downing representing the Sublimity Commercial Club, and Geo. Keech, representing the Stayton Development League interviewed Judge Dimick at Oregon City on Monday of this week, concerning the possibilities of the prolongation of the Willamette Valley Southern Electric in the direction of Stayton from its present terminus at Mt. Angel.

While the interview was mainly in the form of interrogation by Mr. Dimick as to our country, manufactures, possibilities, etc., yet the very fact that so much information was wanted, is an encouragement that the line may come in this direction in time although no direct promise was made to that effect.

However, the officials have promised that they will look over our territory soon, and we can rest assured that if they see a profit in a line in our direction, they will build it, otherwise they will not. It is altogether likely that the road is backed by plenty of capital, but many farmers along the road being built are taking stock as they have faith in its utility and are satisfied that it is a good investment.

GETS OUT BIG EDITION

The Silverton Appeal is the only country weekly that had the temerity to get out a Christmas edition this year. There are twenty pages of the paper and it is well filled with quarter and half page ads.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES NOW READY

Certificates of Membership in the Stayton Co-operative Switchboard Association are now ready for distribution. These certificates have been prepared by S. H. Heltzel of Stayton, attorney for the association. The certificates are printed on an excellent grade of Banker's Safety paper and are of the regular stock certificate size. For composition and arrangement they are unexcelled. In every line will be seen that the same caretaking pains which Mr. Heltzel used in the organization and perfection of the association. The certificates represent a net equity of \$3.00 in the property and assets of the association and will be redeemed by the association at any time for that amount. They are given to each member without extra cost. However, it is necessary to show that the member has paid the assessment of \$3.00 which was levied last summer for the construction of the new telephone building for the association.

"MYSTERY" WILL NOT COME AT PRESENT

The management of the Star Theatre wishes to announce that on account of unavoidable delay, the "Million Dollar Mystery" will not be run in their house at present but that they promise it at a future date. pd. ad.



A Merry Xmas

And a Happy New Year!

Is Our Wish to All Our Friends
And Patrons

Thomas-Mayo Co.

TO-NIGHT

Thursday-4 Big Reels-This is Family Night
9 Xmas Prizes Given Away!

Saturday-3rd Episode "Perils of Pauline"
Late European War News, and a Good Comedy

Sunday Night-"Hunted Down" 3 Reels
Together with a good Comedy

Staytons Best Picture House



THEATRE