

EVERYTHING READY FOR CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Automobiles to Be Kept Back One Block.

SANTA WILL ARRIVE BY 7:30

A Community Christmas Is Everybody's--If You Do Not Come, You Will Be Loser.

The Community Christmas tree is here and it is up and it is a beauty. The court house lawn is the place, and it is a good one for the tree looks just like it grew there.

Perhaps trees would be the better expression, for although there is a big tree some 25 or 30 feet in height, which is a beauty, having been purloined from Uncle Sam's diminishing supply by Supervisor Homer Ross, there are also a number of little ones that are grouped about on the lawn in fetching fashion.

Electric lights are being placed by the Deschutes Power company, and it goes without saying that it will be well illuminated.

The committee is making one request of the crowd that all should heed, and that is that all autos be kept off the streets adjoining that block. The reason is obvious, so please remember and assist in the plans by complying with this wish.

Tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock the band will start the exercises on the steps at the court house by playing a number of selections that are appropriate for the occasion.

All singers are asked to be present at that hour also, as there will be no delays in the festivities from start to finish.

The speaking will start promptly at 7:15 and following the invocation by Rev. Van Nuys, address by Rev. Ramsey, the songs which will include double a male quartet in a selection for the occasion, Santa will arrive as per advertised program and attend to the remainder of the program.

All who wish to assist the less fortunate ones of the city are requested to leave whatever they wish to at O. C. Claypool's store any time before 2 p. m. on Friday and the Boy Scouts will attend to the distribution of the same.

The Community Christmas spirit broadens and the treat is no longer limited to the children. We can now say to all, it is your Christmas. It is hoped that every one will feel obligated to their community sufficiently to help keep this spirit always a Prineville asset.

Artisan Lodge Has Pleasant Evening

Members and friends of the Artisan lodge spent a pleasant hour after lodge last Monday evening. Chances were sold for 5 cents each entitling the holder to draw a promising looking package temptingly placed beneath a bewitchingly decorated little Christmas tree. All the chances were taken and none were disappointed in the statuary, chinaware, and glass ware drawn. Special numbers of the evening were a reading by Mrs. H. P. Belknap, a solo by Floyd A. Rowell, who was cheered to an encore and a song by Master Hyde with apologies to Tipperary.

Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee and tea were served by the refreshment committee. The next meeting is installation of officer.

Crooked River Road To Be Improved

The Prineville Commercial club and farmers along the Crooked River road between this city and the Forest ranch are planning an extensive improvement of the road in the near future.

The county court has pledged support to the move and the farmers are donating work of men and teams. Many of the bad places will be graded and the bad curves removed from the road.

Each man in Prineville is expected to donate two days work, and it is expected that this will put the road into first class condition.

This will enable the mail, freight and passenger service to be improved greatly to this point and will be of great benefit to the people living along the route.

The committee in charge of the matter has decided that it is possible to secure \$3000 or \$4000 in cash and labor for this road.

Engineer Kelly Completes Steel Bridge

County Engineer Kelly returned from Paulina the last of the week where he has been for the past several weeks installing the new steel bridge at that place. This structure was purchased over a year ago from the funds that were being expended by the Commercial Club of this place in road improvement in that vicinity, and was badly needed.

It stands across Beaver Creek just east of the Paulina creamery, is eighty feet in length, and supplies a want that has been felt there for years.

A foundation was installed for a reinforced concrete bridge across the South Fork of Crooked River at the P. B. Davis place which is a few miles this side of Paulina.

This bridge will be built in the spring, and will be a better investment Mr. Kelly thinks, than any steel bridge. The first cost is some 15 per cent less than the steel bridge. The large item of freight is eliminated in the latter kind of structure and the matter of decking and painting a steel bridge will never be necessary for the concrete structure.

It is a class of bridge that is becoming more popular each year, and will no doubt be seen throughout the west especially in more remote localities.

Grippe and Colds Popular Just Now

Prineville, and in fact the entire country is suffering from an attack of la grippe.

Reports from eastern points say that the cases are very severe in many instances, and that everyone almost is suffering from bad colds, grip and occasional cases of a very severe type of pneumonia.

The local high school had some forty vacant seats in the assembly room on Monday and the school was discontinued until after the holidays on Tuesday for the reason that there were so many absentees that it was deemed advisable to do so.

Many pupils are absent from the grades in the public school, and the school is being carried on under difficulty.

The usual symptoms of aching bones and sore muscles abound and many adults are confined to their rooms.

The damp weather and lack of either extreme cold or sunshine is said to have something to do with the presence of so many cases.

Program for the Community Christmas Tree

COURT HOUSE LAWN, FRIDAY EVENING DEC. 24

- 7:00 o'clock sharp Band Concert
- Song "Joy to the World"
- Invocation Rev. Van Nuys
- Song "Holy Night"
- Address Rev. George H. Ramsey
- Song "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
- Song "There's a Song in the Air"
- Selection Double Male Quartette
- Santa Claus The Old Gent Himself

BETTER MAIL SERVICE IS NOW ASSURED

Present Contractor Will Meet Both Trains Daily.

ONE TRIP VIA POWELL BUTTE

New System Would Mean Better Service for Prineville and all Country East.

A plan has been worked out that will without doubt give Prineville two daily mails each way from the railroad and will shorten the time for the incoming morning mail from one to three hours.

Of the four mails daily, two of them will be routed by Powell Butte postoffice, a one incoming mail and the other outgoing. This will connect this country with Prineville in a much better manner than at present, and will be a great convenience to the residents of the neighborhood.

Under the present condition, it takes longer to get a letter or other parcel of mail from Prineville to the H. J. Edwards ranch for example, which is but six miles away, and in a country that naturally comes to Prineville as a trade center, than to get the same article from that ranch to Portland.

This is a matter in which the community should be and is vitally interested.

It is an improvement that will injure no one and will benefit the entire community materially. If you have a friend in congress, write him at once and tell him to assist in getting this change made.

Rabbit Drive at Powell Butte Sunday

A rabbit drive at the Wilson school house at Powell Butte Sunday was well attended. Less than 100 rabbits were killed in the forenoon because of a short drive being made. In the afternoon less luck is reported.

Next Sunday there will be another drive, and the plans are being more carefully laid this time.

The people are requested to meet at Powell Butte postoffice and make a drive before noon. After dinner a second drive will be made. The drives are planned between the postoffice and the butte, where the rabbits are very plentiful, and it is thought a large number will be killed. The meat will be shipped to Portland and distributed among the poor there.

All your new resolutions made?

FOSTER, SHIPP, WALLACE ARE ELECTED

Only 229 Votes Polled--93 Were Women Voters.

D. F. STEWART ELECTED MAYOR

Dr. Hyde received More Votes Than any Other Candidate--Peoples Also Elected.

C. W. Foster, J. B. Shipp and N. G. Wallace were elected councilmen at Monday's election by decisive majorities.

D. F. Stewart received 188 votes for mayor there being no other candidate for that office, or recorder or treasurer. H. D. Peoples received 182 votes for treasurer, and E. O. Hyde was elected recorder by the highest vote received by anyone in the contest, 194.

Dr. J. H. Rosenberg received 94 votes for councilman and W. Joe Smeizer 68 votes.

J. B. Bell and R. W. Zevely received one vote each for mayor and M. D. Powell and Lake M. Bechtel one each for councilman and treasurer respectively.

A total of 229 votes were cast of which number 93 were the ballots of women voters. J. B. Shipp was the last candidate to vote. He arrived at the polls just eight minutes before they closed.

The light vote is accounted for by the fact that there was but little contest in the election.

Farewell Party to Bells Monday Evening

A reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell at the Annex rooms in the Commercial Club building Monday evening.

A merry crowd of annex and club members packed the place to capacity and an excellent time was enjoyed by everyone.

Music of the highest order was provided by the "Mute" band. It required intelligence and education of the highest order to hear and appreciate it and the Journal representative was told that it was good, he not possessing the above qualifications. Jay H. Upton established an enviable reputation also as a vocalist.

After the program the party was treated to refreshments and the guests of honor were presented with appropriate gifts and every effort made to cause these people to feel that their departure is really regretted in the community.

A Merry Christmas to all.

Talented Student Dies Here Very Suddenly

Mr. and Mrs. Hershey are suffering the sad and sudden bereavement of their young son Kenneth. Somewhat ill on Sunday, on Monday a high state of fever developed. Medical attention was given but naught availed to prevent his decease at 8:30 p. m.

Kenneth was 13 years of age, and was a student of the C. C. H. S. He was a splendid boy whom to know was to love.

The family are prominent members of the Methodist church and have hosts of friends who sympathize in their unspeakable sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Hershey left Tuesday afternoon with the body for Gateway, their recent home where Mrs. Monner, their only daughter resides. From Gateway the parents left for Walla Walla, their old home where Kenneth was born, and where the remains will be buried near those of the grandmother, who died over a year ago.

Journal's Contest In Whirlwind Finish

The Journal's contest which closes promptly at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon is commencing to look like the close of a political campaign with everybody claiming victory.

The only difference is that there will be first, second, third, and so on in this race while in politics there is but first.

All preparations have been made and the judges will be on hand promptly at the close of the contest to start the official count of the votes. The result will be announced on bulletins in front of the Journal office as soon as the count is completed, which we hope, will be early in the afternoon.

We announced last week that no standing of the candidates would be given until the final count is made. We have no count of the votes that have been received in this office since last Thursday, and will have none until the official count, so that we could not give out information to any candidate if we wished to do so.

Any rumor that you may hear should be considered as false, for it is impossible for anyone to know the standing. The votes are placed in the ballot box as received, and this will be unlocked by the judges only.

We have but one final word about this contest. That is that the contest closes at 3 and any votes coming in one minute late will not be counted.

W. C. T. U. Speaker Here Monday Evening

Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, well known as a temperance reformer and speaker of the W. C. T. U., spoke at the Methodist Church Monday night.

In referring to the war in Europe and its influence upon the temperance, she said their prohibitory measures were all war measures, with the exception of Russia, for the lesson had been learned, that a nation can not be trusted in the hand of drunken men. Further, drunken soldiers can not shoot straight. The temperance movement has added eleven states to the dry side in the last fourteen months.

Prohibition has not only gained geographically, but two-thirds of the employees in our steel works are on the water-wagon, the railroads have demanded total abstinence of their help, medical profession is not

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ANOTHER GUSHING WELL IN PRINEVILLE, NOW

Latest Addition to Group of Wells on S. Smith Place.

WATER IS CLEAR AND PURE

Flow Was Sucked at a Depth of 240 Feet After Passing Through 100 Feet Clay.

A strong flow of artesian water was located at a depth of 240 feet on the C. Sam Smith place which is within the city limits on the northwest side of the city, on Friday evening about six o'clock.

The well flows a stream about a foot wide and some three or four inches deep. The water is clear and apparently free from the sulphur that is to be tasted in the water from some of the wells in the city.

The well is being capped and fitted with fixtures so that the house and grounds can be plumbed from it as soon as Mr. Smith gets the building up on the new site.

The well is an 8 inch hole and provides the strongest flow of water from any artesian well in the city.

There are but two others in the basin in fact that are in the same class, these being the John M. Elliott well and the A. J. Noble well.

The formation through which the drill passed in this well is quite different in some respects from some other locations where wells have been drilled. While none of them have been much deeper if any than this well, water has been located in some instances almost 100 feet nearer the surface.

The first 100 feet below the surface the formation seemed to be a mixture of quicksand and gravel, and was very hard to drill. At about 100 feet a large log was drilled through and after about 40 feet more of gravel and sand, some sand and other aqueous substances and blue black clay was encountered.

After going through about 100 feet of this the flow was found.

It is thought that it is stronger at this point because of the increased depth over some of the other wells.

Billboards Ordered Off The Map

If you have a John Barleycorn billboard on your back lot or a front lot either for that matter, or any deeded land that you own in the state it would be well to have someone wreck it before January 1, or paint it out and replace it with one telling of the merits of some brand of breakfast food.

District attorneys of the state have passed the word and will take steps to enforce this advertising provision of the law on January 1. The same law provides for the prohibition of liquor ads in newspapers and by the means of posters.

The fine for the violation of this law is not less than \$100 and not more than \$500.

"I will not permit any violation of the bill board or newspaper sections of the new law," said District Attorney Wirtz yesterday, "and will enforce the law just the same on January 1, as if it had been in force for a year. Everyone knows that it will be in force, and everyone has the opportunity to find out all about it before that date, so that arrests will be made January 1, if any one fails to observe the new law on that day."