

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

LINE MAN HAS CLOSE CALL

WALTER SMITH, LOCAL ELECTRICIAN, NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH.

STRAP SAVED HIS LIFE

Safety Was Fastened, So A Fall of 100 Feet was Averted—Smith's Hands Burned By Current.

Walter D. Smith, the well known lineman with the Pacific telephone exchange, in this city, had a close call from being electrocuted last Tuesday morning. He climbed a pole at the west end of the suspension bridge to make some repairs on the line at that point, and in the course of his work he undertook to move a piece of dead wire cable, which was wound around the pole. By some means, the cable had got in contact with the electric car wire, which was charged with about 600 volts of the electric current, and Mr. Smith, on touching the cable, received the full voltage, his hand being severely burned as a result. The shock caused him to fall to the hand rail of the bridge. Had he not taken the precaution to secure himself to the pole with his safety belt, before he started to work, he would have been precipitated to the ground on the river bank 100 feet below.

New Era.
The gentle patter of the rain heard on the roof is preferable to an Oregonian rather than is snowy or freezing weather. We only had a taste of what eastern people had several square meals of, 26 degrees above was the lowest here.
Ye scribe saw a man hugging the topmost part of a windmill tower, near Mt. Pleasant Tuesday, fanning himself by propelling the wind mill with one hand. We are wondering if this same man uses a cake of ice for a pillow in real summer weather.
It's "Hello Burt" McArthur, since Tuesday, on our line.
Martha Tauscher, aged 6 years, died on Friday of last week of diphtheria and was buried at the Catholic cemetery here Saturday.
"Dick" Rief, of Wisconsin, is visiting his uncle, Joseph Rief and family this week. Mr. Rief was here less than two years ago.
Misses Anna and Josie Sevick of

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Levi Grant Monroe, secretary of the commercial organization and secretary of the Washington Horticultural association, has received an invitation from the manager of the Florida State Fair association to send an exhibit to the southern city and he will begin arrangements at once. He said: "I am glad of the opportunity of sending some of the apples grown in the Northwest country to Tampa, as it will give many of those who are unable to come to the National Apple Show to Spokane a chance to see what we are doing in fruit culture in this part of a practically new country. It is likely that several members of our organizations will go to Florida to take in the fair and visit in various parts of the state."

Vesper Stellas' Xmas Dance

One of the grandest social events of the season will be the ball given Christmas night in the Armory hall by the Vesper Stellas, a social organization composed of some of the most prominent young men in Oregon City. The hall will be decorated especially for the occasion, and music will be furnished by Parson's full orchestra.

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Attorney O. D. Eby returned to this city, on Wednesday, from Molalla, where he was summoned on Monday, to attend a meeting of solid progressive public-spirited men of that city and vicinity, held yesterday, for the purpose of organizing a company to build and operate an electric railway line from Oregon City to Scott's Mills. F. M. Swift, the well-known promoter of Portland, was present and addressed the meeting, outlining the plan of operating, and the route of the proposed road. Among the prominent residents of the Molalla country present were, J. R. Cole, George B. Adams, Oliver Robins, H. A. Taylor, T. S. Stipp, P. L. Schmale and Elias Wright.
It was decided to incorporate and to capitalize the company into 10,000 shares of \$100 each. The road will be known as the Clackamas Southern Railway.
The new road will open up a new rich country for development and industries. It will be about thirty miles in length, and will tap rich mining, lumber and farming regions, connecting them with trunk lines.
As there is an abundance of water power still unappropriated in the Molalla River, Butte Creek, and several mountain streams in the country to be opened by the proposed line, and the question of transportation being solved, here will be a good field for manufacturing industries, and a market for the products.
Several thousand dollars worth of shares were subscribed to at the meeting. A committee will be appointed to solicit sales of stock from the residents along the right of way of the new line and the approximate vicinity, and the committee expect that that farmers living along the route of the proposed line will take at least \$100 worth of shares each, which may be paid for in cash, labor or material for construction.
It is the intention of the company

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Merry Christmas to one and all and may we all this Xmas 1908 get its full meaning. Rev. William E. Barton has worded it so well by saying: "Life is a Christmas Stocking. It is long and deep. We cannot see the bottom of it; nor reach our presents with a single snatch, but we may take our blessings from the top, one at a time, gratefully but not too fast or eagerly; enjoy them and be generous with them, and reach down again. When you have pulled out all the gifts you thought were there, search yet another time; for some of the dearest gifts of the love of God are hidden so deep that we find them only when we have come to believe that life is empty and sad, just when most we need to find the choicest and best of all the secrets of His never-failing goodness toward His children."
Owing to a little delay in getting the chimney built to the chapel the Christmas exercises will be held on Christmas night, instead of December 23, as was planned. A very choice program has been arranged, and we feel sure that our first Christmas tree at this place will be a success.
The many friends of Mrs. Allen Brown will be pained to hear that death has visited her family in Kansas twice within a week. The first was her aunt, Mrs. Watson, who was very prominent in the educational work in Kansas. And on December 13, her grandmother, Mrs. J. P. Matter, passed away at the home of Mrs. Brown's mother in Emporia, Kansas, at the age of 88 years. Mrs. Brown has the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in her bereavement.
George M. Farleigh leaves this week for Alberta, Canada, to be absent a fortnight. He expects to visit Victoria, and Vancouver, B. C.
At a meeting of the Sunday school workers in Oregon City during last week, a teachers' training class was organized and one of our well known people, Mrs. Howard Smith, was elected for the Bible study division.
Miss Lottie Zimmerman, of Concord, visited our school on Monday and called on Miss Helen Panton.
Miss Helen Blackwell, of Oregon City, was an over Saturday visitor at the Wilcox home.
Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox and Naomi and Kenneth spent two days of last week visiting Portland and Sellwood friends.
Master Earl Boardman was nine years old on December 20, and in honor of the event, on Saturday his little playmates were invited to a birthday supper at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Boardman. Music and games were indulged in and at 5 o'clock his little guests sat down to a most delicious birthday supper. Little Earl proved himself a most charming host. Those present were: Harold and Jennie Pratt, Doris Panton, Willard Slocum, Annie and Glen Russell, Arthur and Bessie Roberts, Reginald, Ross and Earl Boardman. Some very pretty little remembrances were given him.
It seems very nice to see on our streets a new delivery wagon with Jennings Lodge on it. We hope all will patronize our new store and help keep a good thing in the Lodge. We are also pleased to see the Oak Grove meat wagon on our streets.
Dr. Rice, of Vancouver, Wash., spent Sunday with relatives in this place.
Allen Brown, Jr. and Little Louisa Martin are on the sick list.
Miss Mason, of London, Ontario, and Portland, were guests at the Spooner home on Sunday.
Mrs. Barnhart, Mrs. William Finley and children went to Portland on Monday to meet Mr. Finley, who returned there from an extended lecture tour in Boston and other prominent eastern cities.
H. L. Panton has completed a well for H. G. Rice.
Mr. Post and Miss Nellie Post have returned from South Bend, Wash., and will spend a few days with their sister, Mrs. Bert Boardman, before their return to their home in Prineville.
C. O. Perry of Maple Lane transacted business in the county seat Tuesday.

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High Mass at 10:30. The choir has prepared Hamma's mass in G minor for this occasion. At the offertory, a new "Motet For Christmas" will be rendered, the tenor solos by Nicholas Michels and J. Frank Lonergan, and they will be assisted by a full quartet chorus. Following are the members of the choir: Organist, Miss L. Draper; sopranos, Mrs. Ed. Sheahan, Mrs. John Moore, Miss Cis Pratt, Miss Marie Friederichs, and Miss Veta Kelly; altos, Miss Anna Michels and Miss Martha Frances Draper; tenors, Nicholas Michels and J. Frank Lonergan; bass, Frank Rotter, Sr.
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FRATERNALS GOING SOME

Brotherhood Lodge Prepares A Great Event

CLASS OF 250 CANDIDATES

Will be Initiated February 15 by Supreme President J. A. Foshay

DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Emma Hanson, aged eleven years, succumbed to Severe Attack Friday.
Emma Hanson, the eleven-year-old daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. F. E. Taylor, of the West Side, died Friday at the family residence. Death was due to a severe attack of pneumonia. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Zion Lutheran church under the direction of Rev. W. H. Kraschberger, and the remains were laid at rest in Mountain View cemetery. A large number of friends of the bereaved family followed the remains to the grave.
SHERIFF BEATTIE IS ONE DEFENDANT
F. J. Epler Asks That He Be Restrained from Selling Certain Property
Fred J. Epler has instituted a suit in the Circuit Court against R. B. Beattie, as sheriff of Clackamas County, and Mary A. Stark, and has petitioned for an order restraining the sheriff from selling some land under dispute at public auction.
On April 13, the plaintiff was deeded the land in question, four tracts in this county, containing about 150 acres, by Sabrina and John H. Epler. On November 7, Mary Stark through the Circuit court of Multnomah county, recovered a judgment against Sabrina and John H. Epler for \$4,500 and interest, and an execution was issued out of Multnomah County sheriff Beattie, directing him to sell the property of the defendants of the Multnomah county suit at public auction on December 25.
The complaint states that at the time the execution was issued, the property did not belong to the defendants, so the judgment is not a lien. The plaintiff prays the court for an order restraining the sheriff from selling the property until a further order is issued from the court.
WILL HOLD WATCH SERVICE
Baptists Will Bid Farewell to Old Year and Usher in New With Song and Prayer.
The First Baptist church of Oregon City will hold a "watch night service" this year on the last night of the old year, December 31, 1908. It will begin promptly at 9:00 p. m. and close after the new year has been ushered in. It will consist of song, prayer, testimony, scripture recitation, baptism and sermon by Rev. Ernest A. Smith, pastor of the Arleta Baptist church, of Portland. Mr. Smith is a former Oregon City boy. He was converted in this church and many will remember him for his earnest and aggressive christian work. This will be a unique service in many ways and the Oregon City public is cordially invited.
Ogle Mountain Holidays
T. P. Fairclough, superintendent of the Ogle Mountain Mines, accompanied by Charles Early, James Hatton and Douglas Thorne, arrived in this city from the mines on Tuesday morning, to remain until the New Year. Mr. Fairclough reports a rich strike recently made on the grounds, of a wide free gold bearing ledge, rich with large scales of flake gold, and brought some amounts with him bearing large flakes of the precious metal. In addition to the newly uncovered ledge is a wide ledge containing contact veins of gold, silver, lead and copper ores. The latter ores are being treated by a concentrator, and the concentrates will be smelted in the spring, a smelter being in course of construction. There are a. w. \$20,000 worth of these ores on the dump to be treated. The present force of men at the mines will continue to mine and extract the ores, both free and base, and a force of men will be at work in the spring in the mill, concentrator and smelter.
The miners report snow on the ground up in the hills and a rough passage toward this city, between the mines and Molalla.
State Bank of Milwaukee
Papers were filed with the clerk of Clackamas county Wednesday for the incorporation of the First State Bank of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wis. Milwaukee is growing and is one of Portland's most popular suburbs and has needed a good banking institution for some time, and this move is surely in the right direction.
The incorporators are A. L. Bolstad, N. B. Harvey, W. A. Sheehan, Jr., and J. P. Shaw.
W. A. Heylman of Estacada, was in the city Wednesday transacting business.

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Without Credentials

Women in the garb of Catholic nuns have been soliciting aid from business men and other people in this city, the early part of this week, for a sanatorium which they are conducting at Center, on the O. W. P. Railway, and representing themselves as Benedictine Sisters. As such they have no recognition from the Catholic church or the mother house of Benedictine Sisters, at Mount Angel. Any sisters of any order of nuns, if not impostors, will not solicit aid of any kind in any community, without proper credentials from the bishop of the diocese, and also the parish priest, and persons representing themselves as sisters of any community belonging to the Catholic church, soliciting without those credentials, should be treated as impostors.

It is ascertained from good authority that the head of the so-called Benedictine Sisters at Center, was at one time a nun of the order at Elizabeth, N. J., and left the work, for a season, the permission of the sister superior, and as such has no lawful claim on the order.

PARKPLACE SCHOOL NOTES.

At the debating society election Friday the following officers were chosen: President, Olga Hanson; vice president, Edena Clark; secretary, Otto Parvelli; treasurer, Arthur McAnally; wergant, Victor Gault; censor, Clarence Johnson. The leaders appointed for future debates are, Clarence Johnson and Henry Fraser, for January 1; Lily Anderson and Henry Leuenberger for January 15. The next meeting was postponed until January 8.

"Salmagundies" Entertained.

The "Salmagundies," a girls' social organization of this city, met last Friday evening at the home of Miss Sedonia Shaw, on Sixth street. A considerable quantity of needlework was finished, after which those present enjoyed a good, old fashioned barn dance. Refreshments of a dainty order were served, and at a late hour the members dispersed.

A class of over twenty were obligated into the Fraternal Brotherhood at their regular meeting in Williamette Hall Wednesday night. After the regular work of the order was finished, a pie eating contest caused much excitement and merriment. There were four contestants, Ralph Green, John Finucane, O. Otto and Joseph Schmecker. The last mentioned, demonstrated to the satisfaction of all present that he was able to down a pie in the shortest time possible, and he was awarded a prize by Price Bros. After the contest the members sat down to a sumptuous repast, which was followed by cards and dancing.

Emil Gordon, Ralph Millin and Ralph Green, who are with a surveying party in the vicinity of Tillamook, returned to this city Wednesday evening to spend the holidays with their relatives.