

NEWS OF THE CITY

Skating in Oregon. Water pipes freezing in Oregon. Roses frozen up and dead in Oregon.

Christmas Eve Program, Dec. 24, at the German Evangelical church, 8th and Madison. Carl Schram, of Powell River, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Schram, has been visiting his home here.

William Sheahan is home from a several weeks' business trip to New York and Chicago. Mr. Wilfred White and Mr. Laxton of Portland, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. White Sunday.

Miss E. Libker of Goldendale, Wash., who has been visiting old friends in the city, returned to her home last week. D. C. Boyles, the new deputy under Recorder Dedman, has moved his family and goods here from Molalla and becomes one of us.

The unfamiliar east wind has certainly sidetracked the Chinook zephyrs and blown the breezes from the Japan current far out to sea. Miss Bess Warner, who is a student at Monmouth, is home for the holidays, visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Warner of Madison Street.

Mr. H. N. Robinson led the services and the quartette of the church gave several Christmas selections. Rev. Edwards, of the Congregational church, spoke during the evening. Rev. E. A. Smith will preach Sunday at Clark's at 11 a. m. and Sunday evening at Henri's. The sermon at Clark's will be "A message of Peace" at Henri's "The Star of Hope."

Following are some of the city's students who are home for Christmas: Anne Tolpolar, University of Oregon; Albert Vierhus and Everett Dye from the agricultural college, and Miss Norma Holman from the university of Washington.

The days are lengthening. You probably haven't noticed it, hence this item. Monday was the shortest day of the year. From now on the days will lengthen, only by seconds at first, but in a couple of weeks you will readily see the change.

Tuesday the Clackamas river, just above the bridge, was frozen over from bank to bank, which has set the "oldest inhabitants" to thinking backward, and the old Willamette has ice fringes that extend quite a distance from the banks.

The Pioneer Transfer Company of this city was sold by Henry Miller to Schooley & Williams, a new firm. W. F. Schooley is one of the partners and N. Williams of Williams Bros., is the other. The new firm will operate its business separate from Williams Brothers' Transfer company.

Fred Warner, who lives at the corner of Center and Third street, is very ill with pneumonia and has been under the almost constant care of a physician. Mr. Warner has a lot of friends in the mills and in the city who hope for his recovery.

Rev. Charles W. Robinson has resigned as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church of this city, the resignation to take effect January 17, after which he will leave for New York city to take a post graduate course in Columbia university. Rev. Robinson has been rector of this church here for four years, and is a brilliant man.

D. C. Ely of this city was one of the fire losers in the big Gresham blaze. Some weeks ago he bought a mercantile business there and in the losses the Portland papers place his loss at \$6,000, with \$3,500 insurance. Nine Main street buildings were burned, aggregating about \$40,000 with about \$20,000 insurance.

Justice John Sievers was telling the boys he was the father of a baby girl born Monday, said he was glad it was a girl, and really acted as if he meant it. "If it had been a boy he would no doubt have been a no account lawyer," explained the judge, and her mother will make something of the girl.

Christmas is the best of all the year's holidays—a day of giving, of family reunions. We wish you all the usual Merry Christmas, but all in this city will not have a merry day unless we help to give them one. So be generous, be thoughtful, and help to make the day merry for some poor family that would find it a dark day otherwise.

A fire alarm was turned in for the residence of Mrs. J. W. Hill on Water street, between Fifth and Sixth Sunday afternoon. A bed had been covered with oil and a boarder occupying the room lay on the bed and lighted a cigarette. The bedding caught fire. The chemical equipment quickly extinguished it, with slight damage.

THE HUB THE HUB GROCERY Seventh and Center Sts. You will want a box of fine apples for Christmas. See us first, we have a large display of red, juicy Hood River apples that we are selling at very reasonable prices.

M. E. Kandle of Highland was in the city the first of the week. Clint Griffin is home from Eugene visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Griffin. Thomas Sinnott of this city, left for California where he will join a theatrical company.

Mrs. John Adams was a Portland visitor Sunday at the home of her son Mr. Allen Adams, and family. Mr. Swiers, who has been residing at the 7th Street Hotel with his family, left for Minnesota Thursday.

Misses Louise and Mildred Dryden are spending the Christmas holidays with friends at Halsey, Ore. Mr. Theodore Miller, who has been very ill for the past week at his home 6th and Madison, is reported improving.

Miss Bessie Warner is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Warner, at 8th and Madison. The Misses Bess Warner, Alice Downer, Edith Wahneke and Effie Newman of Monmouth, are home for the holidays.

Miss Marie Sheahan, who has been attending college at Eugene, is spending the holiday season at the home of her father. The postoffice has been a busy business place this week. It has no competition and you just have to pay the price.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shively, and little daughter Elizabeth, visited at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. W. B. Shively, Sunday. John Domback, who is attending Reeds' College in Portland, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Domback, during the holidays.

Joe Sheahan, who is attending college at Eugene, is home for the holidays and has accepted a position with the Huntley Bros. Drug Co. Miss Cordelia Wiewersiek, of Monmouth, is visiting at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Wiewersiek, during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howard and children of Canby, visited the former's brother, Mr. Wesley Howard, and family of Oregon City Saturday and Sunday.

Each student of the Eastham school was asked to bring a stick of wood, a potato and an apple for the relief of the city poor. Only little mites singly, but in the aggregate quite a pile of relief for the needy, for the Eastham school has about 350 pupils.

The Sunday School of Jennings Lodge gave their Christmas Exercises last Sunday night, Dec. 20th, at Bator's Hall. The program was given under the title of a "White Gift" Christmas, each class taking presents for the poor, upon the stage, where they laid them at the foot of a white cross. All the classes rendered songs or helped in some way to add to the service.

The Moose band, organized some weeks ago, is making rapid progress under the direction of R. O. Smith, and the boys will make their first public appearance at the commercial club's Christmas tree celebration. The city very badly needs a band and Mr. Smith says we are going to have one and it will be some band after a few months. It has now 16 pieces, all Moose members, and more will be added later.

Not since 1888 has this part of Oregon had the extreme cold weather of the past two weeks, and there has been more cold weather in these two weeks than there has been in the past five years combined, so say those who have kept a record of temperatures. The weather has been most unusual from the fact we have had no rain, every night the sky being bright and clear, and the temperature going as low as sixteen above zero. And this kind of weather in a semi-tropical locality is indeed "some winter."

Exposed water pipes have all over the city, and ponds have frozen over and made places of pastime for any who could procure ice skates.

Married—Dec. 17th, Mrs. Augusta Pfahl and Mr. Enabnit of Meserve, Iowa, at their own home on 9th and Jackson street, which the groom had so beautifully furnished for the bride. One month ago Mr. Enabnit came to Oregon and met Mrs. Pfahl, and when he found he could not persuade her to return with him to Iowa, he was willing to remain in Oregon City and the happy wedding was solemnized at their home by Rev. Weaversek. Only immediate relatives were invited to be present. A wedding dinner was served at high noon.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Hansen, the latter the bride's sister, Otto Pfahl, Rev. and Mrs. Wiewersiek and son Alvin. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Enabnit join in wishing them a long and happy life in their new home, and among their friends.

Christmas Sunday At the Congregational church next Sunday morning the Sunday School and the choir will render a service called "The Promise of Peace." Some of the fine old Christmas hymns will be sung. A benevolent offering will be taken and the pastor will make a short address. The service will begin at 11, directly after Sunday School.

At five o'clock there will be a musical Christmas service by the choir and the study of Raphael's Sistine Madonna by the pastor. Small copies of this picture will be given to each person attending. The Christmas Supper of the Sunday School takes place this Thursday evening. The tables encircle a tree standing in the center of the room. Dicken's Christmas Carol will be read by Mrs. Cartledge. The little children have their treat at 3 in the afternoon. The new room with fireplace will be attractively decorated with candles and evergreens.

WARNING—Notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for any debts that may be contracted in my name by any of my children.—John Melody.

WHERE POINTS OF VIEW DIFFER

THE BELGIAN RELIEF WORK AS SEEN BY TWO MEN

Rev. Edward's Letter and the Courier's Comments on the Same

Editor Courier:—I have you measured the hearts and pocket-books of the people of Oregon City and found them so ungenerous and so impoverished that it is just all they can do to care for the transient needs of their own poor? Do you really think that Oregon City has so few resources that five thousand people will be taxed to the limit to provide necessities for forty families for a little while?

We should indeed see to it that no one goes cold and hungry whom we can reach and relieve with our own hands, and it is a truly noble work that the citizens are doing thru the self-sacrificing efforts of the committees of mercy of the Woman's Club. There is every reason to think that this work will be done and will be well done. But I do not believe that there is any lack of ability or willingness to do more than this. The truly generous will not restrain their own or other people's giving so long as there is real need to meet whether it be near at hand or far away.

We are not only citizens of no mean city, but citizens of the world and the woes of the Belgians come as straight to us as to New York. Loving the brothers whom we have seen does not prevent our loving the brother whom we have not seen. And now really, Mr. Editor, did you mean to say that happy, fruitful, peaceful America with its prodigious wheat crop needs flour as much as the Belgians need it? Belgium with its ruined crops, demolished industries, devastated cities and ravished homes, where every tenth man is already dead and women and children wander homeless, cold and hungry, begging the world to take them in—Belgium is like one of its helpless babies found with both its hands cut off. Its hands of the nation are cut off so that it cannot feed itself; for what was once the busiest hive of industry in the world is now hushed in silent ruin. Neither men nor women can work for the tools are gone, factories, as well as churches and homes blown up, fields flooded in self protection, and thousands who lived in comfort, wandering in poverty and misery while huge indemnities hang threatening over broken cities.

Says the American Ambassador in London: "There has never been such dire want in any land in our time. Three million women and children are starving in Belgium. Five million dollars' worth of food a month for the winter is needed."

Does \$1,000 from Oregon City seem like a large amount to give compared with \$250 for local relief? Consider this. No one object of benevolence appeals to everybody. Let each give as his heart prompts him without criticism. Also consider this—if \$1,000 was ready to relieve the poor in Oregon City it would be an invitation to the poor to come here and take up lodgings in order to share in it. If a carload of flour stored ready for distribution it would be a temptation to self-supporting citizens to ask for it. But a \$1,000 sent for Belgium's need is but a drop in the bucket in the face of its fearful desolation.

Few of us are as generous as we might be. We don't need limits set to our virtues, as much as we do to our vices. We have to use the reports of others and our imagination to see the worst evils of the world for they are not visible on our streets.

So let us incite one another to good works and give as we are able when humanity calls for it. In ancient times cities walled themselves in to keep their enemies out. Let us not build invisible walls around our modern cities to keep our good will in. If every city did that there never could be a Christmas kept the world around. Earth quakes, and famine and war's desolation would be unheeded save in the city or the land that suffered and humanity highest law would be "Protect yourself and those nearest you."

Let us rather take as our Christmas motto: "Freely we have received freely we will give."

George N. Edwards. Rev. Edwards asks the Courier if it has measured the hearts and pocket-books of our people and found that ALL they can do is to care for the needs of our own suffering.

We have not, but the history of the past three winters of Oregon have proven that all the people WILL do, and every dollar they WILL give, is needed for the suffering of Oregon.

Want is want. Hunger is hunger. It doesn't matter whether war causes it or want of work causes it. Belgium had a population of about seven million when the war broke out.

The United States has seven million men out of employment today and in want of food. And the most of these men have families in equal want.

Yes, the Courier DOES mean to say that these men need flour just as much as the Belgians need it. Just that and nothing more.

It is a matter of which shall be fed first, and the Courier editor is American enough to think the feeding should commence at home.

Starvation conditions are just as bad in China as in Belgium. Famine will starve two million people there. But this is famine, not war results.

Have you seen any movement in Oregon to aid these people? Rev. Edwards asks us to consider that if \$1,000 was "ready to relieve the poor in Oregon City it would be an invitation to the poor to come here and take up lodgings in order to share it."

This is a peculiar view. By this reasoning we should send

the flour to Belgium, needed in our own country, to remove temptation from our own people taking it, who are self-supporting. That's pretty hard on the real needy, and what assurances are given that some self-supporting Belgian may not cop out a basis of flour and make biscuits of it over in Europe? Again we say the Belgium cause is a most worthy one, but that we Americans should take care of our distress first.

MOUNTAIN VIEW R. P. Grady and family have moved into their new home on Mt. Hood street. Mrs. S. V. Francis visited her daughter at Gladstone one day last week.

Clint Griffin has returned from school at Eugene for a visit with his mother during the holidays. Out of all the plans and theories brought out in the columns of the Courier concerning durable county roads, the writer very heartily commends the plan of the Courier editor, i. e., laying steel rails for auto trucks. This plan in the writer's estimation, would solve the problem that faces the county tax payers in good roads that will stand up under the wear and tear of the heavy auto trucks.

The first snow storm of the season occurred Saturday and was of short duration. The following is an amusing bit of wit by a little girl five years of age who lives at Sunnyside. She had been loitering her mother for a little blue hat that took her fancy, and so insistent did she become that in order to have any peace, her mother bought it for her. After arriving home with the little one made this remark: "I don't know what kind of clothes they wear in Heaven, mama, but when I die I'm going to take this little blue hat along."

R. P. Grady made two trips to Sunnyside last week for lumber. We wish you all a Merry Christmas.

R. M. C. Brown Dead The news was received in this city Monday of the death of R. M. C. Brown, of Mountain View, at the Salem sanitarium for the insane. Mr. Brown was taken to Salem about three weeks ago, and it was the hope of his many friends he might recover. The remains were shipped to Klamath Falls, Oregon, where the funeral was held.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown were former residents of Klamath Falls, moving to this city several years ago. The widow lives on Molalla Avenue, and a son in Wyoming and daughter at Klamath Falls.

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Bad Fire at Carus Wednesday afternoon of last week the residence and storehouse of Evan Lewis of Carus burned to the ground and not an article was saved. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were away from home, and it is supposed the fire started by a spark on the roof. When discovered it was burning too fiercely to save anything. The residence was valued at \$1500 and there was no insurance.

Notice of the Completion of the River Road Notice is hereby given that the County Engineer in charge of Clackamas County, Oregon, has filed in the office of the County Clerk of said Clackamas County, his certificate that Henry Cromer, Contractor, has completed said road.

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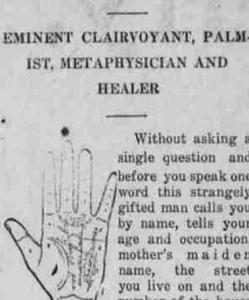
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