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LOCAL BRIEFS

Miss Lizzie Jones left for Molalla ...ings Wednesday.

Fred Heft, of Beaver Creek, was in the county seat Wednesday.

T. D. Moran, of San Francisco, is registered at a local hotel.

F. Gibenstead, of Stafford, was in the county seat Wednesday.

W. P. Smith, a farmer of Hubbard, was in Wednesday in Oregon City.

Charles Gill, a Logan farmer, will spend Christmas in the county seat.

L. B. Mumpower, of Logan, spent Monday and Tuesday in Oregon City.

J. A. Walsh, a teacher in the Redland school, was in the county seat today.

J. W. Kocher, a farmer living near town, made a business trip to town today.

Mrs. Kathern Mortenson and Ida M. ...son, of Molalla, were local visitors today.

Prof. C. T. Howard, of Mulino, was in the county seat the latter part of the week.

Miss Edna Deyo, a Boring teacher, was in the county seat the fore part of the week.

C. E. Ramsby, a Molalla man, was in the county seat the fore part of the week.

A. Carlton, of Liberal, returned to his home Wednesday morning to spend Christmas.

F. G. Pierce, of Canby, is improving at the Oregon City hospital after a recent illness.

W. H. Harrison, a farmer of Maple Lane, was in Oregon City the latter part of the week.

A. McKirchem, of Redland, transacted business in Oregon City the latter part of the week.

Herman Koch, of Springwater, came into town Tuesday to attend to business matters.

Mrs. Cassie Evans, the owner of the Savage hotel of Canby, spent Thursday in Oregon City.

G. P. Giger, a saw mill man of Marmot, arrived in this city Friday for a stay of several days.

Press Bonny, a Colton farmer, was in Oregon City Thursday to visit his father-in-law, J. J. Gorbet.

Walter Conklin left Canby Friday morning for Ashland and Medford where he will visit friends.

August Delker and Mrs. August Gebert, of Wilsonville, were in the county seat the fore part of the week.

W. H. Young, of River Mill, was in town on business Friday morning. In the afternoon he went to Portland.

Miss Ray Kirbyson was released from a local hospital Thursday and returned to her home in Beaver Creek.

Edward Cox, of Redland, drove into the county seat the latter part of the week to attend to business matters.

J. R. Cawthorne, a farmer living in the Redland district, drove into the county seat Friday to attend to business matters.

Mrs. August Moehnke and son, Howard, left for Seattle Tuesday evening where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. George, of Portland, will spend the next two weeks with the brother of Mr. George, Henry George, who lives near Highland.

George Brownsen passed through the city Wednesday morning on his way from Portland to the home of his parents in Molalla, where he will spend the holidays.

Mrs. Harold Smith left Tuesday for San Francisco where she will visit her son, George L. Smith. She will probably not return to her home at New Era until late in the spring.

Mrs. R. J. Bowland and her two daughters, Misses Francis and Jessie Bowland, of Willamette, were in the county seat Monday evening, doing their Christmas shopping.

County School Superintendent J. E. Calavan and School Supervisor Brenton Vedder left Monday night for Salem to attend the annual institute of the western division of the State Teachers' association.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smithson, former residents of Highland, arrived Saturday afternoon from Ashland on their way to the home of the parents of Mr. Smithson, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Smithson, near Redland.

William L. Perkins passed through Oregon City Wednesday on his way from his farm between Wilsonville and Stafford to Vancouver, B. C., where he will spend several weeks. He will visit his brother, John Perkins in that city and then he will go north and out into the Fort George country to inspect the land.

Oliver J. Charais, Philip Bucklin, and John Nichol left Wednesday evening for Florence, Ore., where they will orerhaul a large saw mill. They expect to be gone about three months. Mrs. Charais will remain in this city until after the holidays when she will go to visit her sister, Mrs. H. W. Brownell in Eugene.

MARRIAGES

McDONALD-BAGBY — Alexander H. McDonald and Miss Nellie Bagby received a marriage license from the county clerk Tuesday.

IOWARDS-McGAHNEY — Walter E Sowards and Miss Lula McGahne, were granted a marriage license in the office of the county clerk.

DUGGER-HYDE — Garfield Dugger and Miss Grace Hyde were granted a marriage license by the county clerk, W. L. Mulvey, Saturday.

SCHOENBORA-MARSH—Harry Schoenbora, of Canby, and Miss Mabel Marsh secured a marriage license from the office of the county clerk.

BORN

KRAXBURGER—Born to Rev. and Mrs. William A. Kraxsburger, 720 Jefferson street, a daughter.

MAGAZINE WRITER OFF ON LONG WALK

David Swing Ricker, whose pen name of "Steven Wentworth" is known to many readers of newspapers and magazines, arrived in the city with his bride of a week and expects to be here over Sunday.

They have undertaken a hike from Portland to San Diego and have worked out a schedule that will take them four months to complete. Mr. Ricker will represent the Portland Oregonian, the Tacoma Tribune, the Seattle Sun, and "Opportunity," a Chicago magazine while on the trip and will write of the resources, roads, harbors, and other matters of interest that he finds on the way. With his bride, he will leave Portland Monday for the second stage of the trip.

PRACTICAL THINGS, IDEAL OF TEACHERS

Practical things were discussed at the meeting of the State Teachers' association at Salem and new ideas outlined that are important in school work, according to County Superintendent Calavan, who has just returned from the meeting.

During the session, the superintendent of the Clackamas county schools had charge of the rural department work in the place of Professor T. J. Gary who was scheduled to take up that branch of the study. The resignation of Professor Gary came just after he had been selected for the work and the task was assigned to the new county superintendent.

Mr Calavan was highly pleased with the result of the meeting and the talks that were made. He thought that the teachers showed more interest in the work this year than before and that more practical things were planned.

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FOWL TRADE BRISK; ALL ELSE IS QUIET

The condition of the Oregon City market has been quiet the past few days, due probably to the approaching Christmas holidays. Trade has been very slow with but one or two changes in prices. About the only change has been in onions which have gone up 10c or to $2.25.

The only exception to this rule is the turkey market which is active on account of the coming feast days. There are but few cold storage birds in the local shops although it is said that the Portland butchers have many of these birds.

OLD SANTA GOES TO MANY HOMES

CARRIES GOOD THINGS TO EAT AND CLOTHES TO WEAR TO THOSE IN NEED

KIDDIES GET CANDIES AND TOYS

Has Something in His Bundle for Every One and Five Express Wagons are Sent to Several Towns

Five express wagons laiden with the gifts of Santa Claus made trips to the homes of the poor of Oregon City and near by towns Wednesday.

Twenty families were well supplied and others were given some of the things that they needed in a practical way In some instances house rent or the grocery bills were paid while in others baskets of good things to eat and plenty of clothes to wear. The Elks ,Moose and Brotherhood of the Episcopal church united in their efforts to provide Christmas gifts for the poor during the day.

Five women were delegated on the committee that spent all day Tuesday in the stores of the city making purchases that these express wagons later carried to the homes scattered through the various towns. Everywhere that information had come of a poor family the Santa Claus wagon of the Good Fellows in these organizations stopped to make the Christmas deliveries.

During the investigations, the committees found four families without beds, matresses, quilts, or blankets and promptly included these articles in the supplies that were sent.

The doctors, ministers, mail carriers, and others were used to find out the names of the poor through the city and all the families that were without necessities were given out of the fund that the organizations had raised.

In addition, the children were given toys, candies, and nuts in abundances and Santa Claus visited the homes of many who would not have otherwise seen him this year.

The Willamette river fisherman for the first time received turkeys for Christmas presents, the donar being the Pillar Rock Packing company of Pillar Rock, Wash. Antone Naterline, the agent, received a crate from the company and the fowls were given to the men employed here.

TO SPEAK FOR GOOD ROADS.

New Yorkers Will Attend Congress in Detroit Next Month.

Many persons interested in the good roads movement are preparing to go to Detroit to attend the third annual convention of the American road congress, which will be held there. Laurens Enos, president of the American Automobile association of New York, will head a party which will make the trip and will make one of the opening addresses.

The congress is to be held under the auspices of the American Highway association, the American Automobile association and the Michigan State Good Roads association. Twenty chiefs of state and national highway departments will personally take part in discussing ways and means of constructing and maintaining highways, according to every known method and under all conditions.

J. T. Pennybacker, secretary of the congress, in explaining the arrangement of the program called attention to an innovation in the method of discussing the subjects that come before the congress. "Heretofore," said Mr. Pennybacker, "the set papers have all been read at the sessions and not published until after the congress had adjourned, thus making general discussion difficult both on account of lack of time and inability on the part of the audience to give sufficient consideration to the papers before entering upon discussion. This year we shall have all of the set papers printed in advance of the congress and read only by title. The general discussion will be opened by selecting specialists of national reputation, who will be provided with copies of the papers at least ten days in advance of the meetings."

A sister ship to the Imperator is to be built. This is the day in which the sea, if not the earth, has giants.

Dogs attired in silt skirts appeared at a ball at Dinard, France—a costume for greyhounds, not dachshunds.

By sentencing a tango dancer to six months in prison Germany shows its intention to take the tang out of tango.

Spoilsmen on public payrolls are of no value to that part of the community that does the work and pays the taxes.

The latest drink in Washington is known as Wilsonade, but unsuccessful office seekers complain that it is a bit tart.

As autumn is upon us the people who cannot tell a mushroom from a toadstool should be restrained by their friends.

After his experience with the militants John Bull will probably welcome war with the mad mullah as an agreeable change.

Speculation as to what the new Temple of Peace stands for suggests that it will have to stand for much that it doesn't want to.

Maybe after awhile science will spell all the months with an "r," and we can have oysters the year round. Won't that be nice?

Though M. Pegoud can successfully loop the loop in the air, there are others who come to grief by getting off a street car backward.

The German explorer eaten by cannibals while searching for radium in New Guinea at least managed to penetrate the unknown interior.

In The Social Whirl

Current Happenings of Interest in and About Oregon City

CHARLES T. Sievers, a promising young attorney of this city surprised his many friends here and in Gladstone, when he left for Castle Rock, Wash., Saturday morning to claim Miss Mina Mulkey as his bride. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents at Castle Rock at 8:15 o'clock Saturday evening by her father, Rev. A. H. Mulkey of the Christian church of that city. Only a few friends and relatives were present.

Mrs. Sievers is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Mulkey, who were former residents of Gladstone. She was born in Missouri and came west with her parents a number of years ago an resided in Gladstone until last August, where she made many friends.

Mr. Sievers is the son of Mrs. Mary Sievers of Gladstone. He was a graduate of Parkplace High school and attended the University of Oregon at Eugene, where he was a popular athlete and held the record for a numbr of years as a long distance runner. He later attended the University of Oregon law school at Portland. He is now practicing law in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Sievers will reside in Gladstone ,after a short honeymoon.

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THE First Church of Christ of Molalla was the scene of a pretty wedding Sunday at high noon, when Mr. Harry Schoenborn and Miss Mable Marsh were united in marriage by Rev. Witty, the pastor. Miss Elsie Schoenborn, sister of the groom acted as maid of honor and Edwin Marsh, brother of the bride was best man.

The church was artistically decorated by friends of the bride. The bride was unusually pretty in her gown of white silk with a chifon overdrape and silver trimmings. She carried an arm bouquet of white carnations while her maid of honor wore pale blue silk with silver trimmings and carried pink carnations.

After the wedding ceremony a large reception was given at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Marsh at Molalla, where about fifty friends of the bride and groom were present.

Mr. Schoenborn is the youngest son of Mrs. Augusta Schoenborn and the late Richard Schoenborn. After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Schoenborn will reside in this city

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Babe Announces Arrival.

Mrs. Edward Harrington, of Gladstone, is in receipt of a cablegram from Dawson Y. T., dated December 18, which reads: "Miss Dorothy Jane Pierce begs to announce her arrival yesterday, via the Stork route, weight seven and one-half pounds; a perfect babe and joins her parents in sending a Merry Christmas to all." The parents of the babe are Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Pierce. Mrs. Pierce was before her marriage Miss Wava Harrington, of Gladstone.

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Birthday Party.

Clarence Dallas was the motif at a party at his home near Damascus celebrating his twenty-first birthday Friday afternoon and evening. About fifty guests were present and Mr. Dallas was the recipient of a number of pretty birthday gifts. Mrs. George Dallas was assisted in serving refreshments by Mrs. R. A. Gay of Gladstone.

The decorations of the house, consisting of Oregon grape and carnations were artistically arranged.

Various games were played and music was furnished for the occasion on the graphanola.

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Surprise Party.

Misses Beulah and Lulu Hornshuh were agreeably surprised Friday evening when a number of their young friends called at their home of their sister, Mrs. Chris Muralt. Games and music furnished entertainment for the evening.

Refreshments were served to the guests present including. Misses Katy Parry, Myrtle Henrici, Irene Henrici, Bertha Eggermann, Mina Bluhm, Emma Derrick, Erma Smith, Grace Horton, Beatice Horton, Edith arker, Ruth Parker, Edith Wanke, Katherina Rosery, Myrtle Muralt and Mrs. Chris Muralt, Chris Muralt, Charles Derrick, Wallace Lewis, Juy Hortan, Gean Horton, John Parker, Frank Rosery, Edward Rosery, Flethcher Mighles, Willard Pierce, Pierce ,Henry King, Alvin Hornshuh, Walter Hornshuh, Fred Bluhm, William Eggermann, Humphrey Parry, Harry Parry, David Harris and Willamette Harris.

Magnetized by Booth.

The late Bishop Potter of the Episcopal church and Edwin Booth, the actor, were very great friends, and the bishop, in telling of his first meeting with Mr. Booth, said: "I was preaching a sermon at Newport, R. I., and it was a very hot summer's day. The door of the church was open, and I noticed a gentleman get up from a rear pew and go and sit down on the doorstep, but thought nothing of it until after awhile I realized that I was talking to this man only. When the services were over I found out that he was Edwin Booth—that I by some unknown influence had been drawn to speak to him—as if my sermon was to him alone."

Then She Recovered.

"For weeks and weeks after my husband died I was unable to sleep."

"I hope you are all over that now," her sympathetic friend replied.

"Yes. The lawyers finally found his insurance policy in a safety deposit box that he had never told me about." —Chicago Record-Herald.

Where He Drew the Line.

"Come, come, don't be too angry at your son. You ought to make allowances for the extravagances of youth."

"Yes, but not cash allowances."—Baltimore American.

Broadminded.

"I have no grudge against fat people," said the steamboat agent, "but I always give them a wide berth if I can."—Boston Transcript.

According to a Delaware judge, idleness is a crime; also a disease.

What has become of the old fashioned year with four well defined seasons?

New York has added 500 policemen to the force. Those New Yorkers are fiends for punishment.

ROAD DISTRICTS ARE NUMEROUS

FARMERS THINK COURT OUGHT TO CUT DOWN LIST AND MAKE LARGER ONES

ROAD MASTER TO BOSS ALL JOBS

People of Country Come in to Talk Over Budget for Year and Learn Many Facts as to Annual Expense

Sweeping changes in road management have been recommended to the county court by the farmers who attended the hearing on the budget in the court house Thursday.

The number of districts in the county was lookekd upon by some of the farmers as one of the obstacles in the way of better roads. They believed that better work could be done on the highways were the court to reduce the districts and to make one man responsible for the work in all of them.

Want But Five.

Instead of the 59 districts as the county now has, it would then have but four or five The highway work in each of these would be under the direction of a supervisor, as at present, but there would be in charge of all of the construction a man who is a capable and thoroughly scientific road engineer.

The farmers believed and said at the meeting that the time had come in Clackamas county when all of the roads should be built by one man and that he should have charge of all of the forces of the county. They thought that the supervisors in the districts would be able to materially aid him in the work and could carry out the plans that he might have for the improvement of the roads. They would act as contractors for the job and would take his instructions and follow out his ideas in the same way that a contractor would do were he successful in bidding for any job under an architect in charge of the erection of a building.

Too Many Districts.

The point was made that the county now has too many road districts. The county court cannot get to all of the districts in the course of its term of office and the supervisors each have their own ideas of construction. It may be that their ideas are good ones for their particular localities, it was pointed out, but the general belief is that the county would get better work were the whole matter entrusted to one man, responsible to the county court alone.

This same plan has been adopted in other counties of the state and has been found to work. Probably because of the success of it in other places, it was mentioned at the meeting Thursday when the question of road appropriations was discussed. Multnomah and Wallowa counties have reduced their road districts and have given one man whom they call a roadmaster full charge of all of the work that is done. He is held responsible to the county court alone. All of the road money is placed in his hands and he is given a free reign to work out his own salvation on the roads.

Has Worked.

The fact that the plan has been tried elsewhere and has worked was brought out at the meeting. Several of the farmers spoke along the same line. Some of them thought that the county court could get all of the information that it needed in the construction of better highways and that the supervisors could be instructed as to the methods and courses that they were to pursue.

Many of the others, however, opposed such a scheme on the ground that it would be expensive and ineffective and that the better way would be to appoint a gneral roadmaster with full charge of the road work through the county. With four or five supervisors working under him, the engineer would be able to really accomplish something definite in the way of work on the highways, the farmers thought.

Learn New Things.

The meeting was an interesting one all of the way through. Though the persons present at first believed the county court could down expenses materially and save something for the taxpayers, the court showed them where it needed every cent that was included in the budget. Before the meeting was over, the crowd had gained a new understanding of the work of the county court and the money that is needed to handle the regular routine work of the various departments.

A motion was carried by the audience asking for the reduction in salary of the fruit inspector. There was some sentiment in favor of the abolition of the office but it was later decided to ask the court merely to cut his salary.

Want to Cut Fees.

The sentiment was expressed, too, that the fees of the justices of the peace ought to be limited to $2000 instead of the $2500 shown by the last year's report. It is hardly probable that this can be done, however, as the laws of the state require the justice of the peace to perform certain duties and prescribe certain fees that he is to receive for the work. It is suggested that the county will have to pay him the money that he earns and that the court cannot take the fees from him, as the law now stands.

The county court room was filled with persons eager to learn the details of the budget which was, in general, approved by those who attended.

BANK OFFICERS CHANGE AT CANBY TRUST COMPANY

Carlson & Rosenkrans have disposed of their interests in the Canby Bank & Trust company to L. M. Meeker, cashier of the Hubbard State bank, and H. B. Evans, recently one of the officers of the First National bank of Lincoln, Neb. The new stockholders have been elected directors in place of those selling out, and Mr. Walker resigns as cashier, and with Mr. Meeker, will serve as vice-president, Mr. Evans taking Mr. Walker's place as cashier. Mr. Evans is moving his family here and they will make Canby their future home. Both come highly recommended as business men and good bankers. No changes will be made in the clerical force of the bank. The new stockholders are well pleased with Canby and its people. It is reported that the bank has made application for a national bank charter.

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YELLS FIRE, MANY DIE

Eighty Lose Lives In Hall When Cry of "Fire" is Given

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 24.—Four score persons, mostly children, were killed tonight at a Christmas celebration held by copper mine strikers in Italian Hall because of a needless panic caused by a flase alarm of fire.

While several hundred miners and their wives looked on and scores of children presed eagerly towards the stage to receive Christmas present, a man resembling Santa Claus stuck his head in at the door of the hall and yelled "Fire."

The cry was taken up at once by those in the hall Everyone started for the doors. The weaker persons persons were thrown to the floor and those behind tried to climb over the human barrier.

In a few minutes the panic was stopped by the fact that the stairway and the other ovenues of egress were blocked so effectually that those within could not get out and those without could not get in to aid the maimed and remove the dead.

The alarm was spread outside the hall by a few persons who had been near the door and escaped unhurt. A crowd soon assemlbed and the work of clearing the hall was begun.

The only regular exit was a stairway at the back of the hall. When this had been cleared of the bodies that filled it to the top and a quick accounting had been made it was found that 74 corpses had been piled up beside the hall building. It was believed that perhaps a hozen more had been carried away by friends.

GALLOWAY STANDS PAT ON DECISION

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 23.—Judge Galloway in circuit court today ruled that the Harrisburg local option election, like those at Salem and Stayton, on which he previously ruled, was illegal and void. Harrisburg voted dry in the election.

Judge Galloway, in giving his decision, said that there is a remarkable tendency to criticise a court for a legal decision, but a judge is cowardly who will not stand in the face of opinion and rule justly in accordance with what he honestly believes to be the law in the case.

1,1180 LICENSES ISSUED

Up to December 1, 1,180 trappers' licenses had been issued for the 1913-1914 season, which extends from November 1st to February 28th. Before the close of the season it is probable that over 1,500 trappers' licenses will be issued, which would indicate that the fur-bearing animals are of great economic importance to the state, furnishing employment to a small army of men for at least a portion of their time when it is lawful to trap.

The Mexican "congress' has voted to leave Huerta in power till next September. But this does not give him any assurance of his seat until then.

DRILL WELLS IN HUNT FOR WATER

WILLAMETTE PULP & PAPER COMPANY PLANS TO GO AFTER BIG SUPPLY

TO SELL LAND TO ITS EMPLOYES

Tract of Fifty-Five Acres Will be Furnished if Reservoir is Found At End of Long Drive In Rock

Wells 12 inches in diameter and 300 feet deep are to be drilled on the top of West Linn hill through solid rock by the Willamette Pulp & Paper company to supply a tract of about 55 acres, which it intends to dispose of to the employees.

The land joins the site of the Sunset school and has been divided into quarter acre tracts. The land has a high elevation and the question of where it could secure water had held back the plans for some time. It would be impossible to connect with the Oregon City reservoir as the top of the hill on the west side of the river is much higher than the supply.

The first attempt to drill a well proved a failure and the tolls were lost. Last week the contract was let to Mr. Scott, a West Linn contractor, to bore the well and he has now started work.

FRIGHTENED HORSE IS KILLED BY CAR

After dashing from Gladstone through Oregon City and partly to Canemah, a run-away horse was struck by a car at about 5:30 Tuesday afternoon and instantly killed.

The horse was the property of J. Maddox of Gladstone. A little after five o'clock in the evening he was being hitched to a small sled and became frightened. He jumped over a fence and started off toward Oregon City at full speed. He dashed through Oregon City and started toward Canemah but was struck by the car.

CRUEL HUSBAND USES BAD LANGUAGE TO WIFE

Cruelty and inhuman treatment form the basis of the complaint in the circuit court by Ella B. King against Ralph W. King. She alleges that he used vile and profane language in her presence and that he conducted a regular campaign of annoyance that greatly disturbed her peace of mind.

They were married at Vancouver, B. C., May 6, 1911. She asks for the restoration of her maiden name of Ella B. West.

ENGINEER'S BODY GOES TO MEDFORD

The body of James Gillespie, the engineer who was killed at the Southern Pacific depot by extra 2539 Tuesday night, was taken to Medford Thursday night where the funeral services will be held.

The father, James Gillespie, came to the city Thursday to take charge of the body of his son. The wife and children from Forest Grove also notified the authorities here to turn over the remains to the father for interment and the funeral will be held at Medford, probably Friday.

Nickels And Dimes Shower on Street As Boys Scramble

With his pockets bulging out with small change, "Dad" Leary stationed himself on Main street Wednesday afternoon and for an hour threw nickles, dimes and quarters out into a crowd of small boys. Many persons passing by joined until it is probable that twenty or twenty-five dollars was scattered on the street.

One stranger, who passed along the street and saw the crowd of expectant youngsters, disposed of four dollars worth of pennies within a few minutes. Many other joined in until the entire street was covered with scrambling boys.

Before the scramble was over, Mr. Leary ran short of change and called for a boy to go to a store to secure nickles and dimes. A boy appeared, took the money, and left his cap as security until his return. But he thought the money worth more than the cap, and failed to come back. Leary then announced to the crowd of waiting boys that he would scramble the cap and the one to return with the largest piece of it would receive a suitable reward. The cap was thrown and, after a mix up in the street, lasting several minutes, one of the smallest lads in the bunch marched up to Leary to gain his reward.

Yes, My Child, Better Roads Would Help Old Santa Make His Trips

Snow and floods in the east sent mail shooting through the postoffice of the city in a mass the past few days and the employes worked night and day to keep ahead of the procession there and to handle the Christmas business on time.

A total of 200 acks of mail passed through the office with an average weight of 35 pounds or 7000 pounds of mail. The business of the office this year has been larger than ever before because of the parcels post. Most of the packages that had been sent by express before were given into the keeping of the government and were sent through by the new service.

The heaviest part of the load, however, came on the rural carriers who were unable to take large hauls of mail and had to make their loads light on account of the condition of the roads. Several of them got stuck in some of the mud holes in the county on their routes but managed to pull themselves out after some dificulty. For this reason, more trips had to be made and the carriers were on the run most of the time from the postoffice to their patrons along the routes. Delivering packages on muddy roads is no joke, the postman believes, and he recites all sorts of stories to prove his point. The muddy highways and the frequency of holes that bog the wagon delayed matters considerably but the carriers worked overtime, too, and the mail got through with prompt delivery of the packages.