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LOCAL BRIEFS

Frank Miller, of Clarkes, was in the city Thursday. Lawrence Noel, of Sheridan, was in the city Thursday. Thomas L. Dibble, of Molalla, was in the city Thursday. E. S. Horaman and family, of Oakland, Cal., are in this city. A. B. Turner, of Alberta, Canada, was in this city on Thursday. J. A. Crowl, of Ballston, was in this city on business Thursday. Fred Schaefer, of Molalla, was in the city Wednesday and Thursday. Miss Louise Flanders, of this city, is in Portland for a few days visiting friends. Brooks Frost, of Portland, is in this city visiting his mother, Mrs. Julia Frost. Mrs. Phil Graves and daughter, of Astoria, were in this city on business Thursday. Attorney W. A. Heylman, of Estacada, was in this city on legal business Thursday. Hon. H. E. Cross left Thursday morning for Salem, where he goes on legal business. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Spangler, of Carus, were in Oregon City on business Wednesday. Charles Mulvey, of Seattle, Wash., is in this city visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rechner. Mrs. G. E. Eastman, of Centralia, Wash., is in this city and is registered at the Electric Hotel. D. A. Hazelton, of Sonoma, Cal., is in this city for a few days, registering at the Electric Hotel. Henry Hettman, of Schubel, one of the well known farmers of that place, was in this city Thursday. Bert Cummins, of Beaver Creek, a sawmill man of that place, was in this city Thursday on business. County School Superintendent Gary is in Portland attending the Western Division State Teachers' Association that is being held in Portland. Lake Casto, one of the prominent farmers of Carus, was among the Oregon City visitors Thursday. Miss Miller, of Aurora, who is a student of the Oregon Agricultural College, was in this city on Thursday. Miss Bernice Daulton, teacher of the Lion's Mill school, is in this city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Daulton. Miss Mary Dolan, a professional nurse of Portland, and formerly a resident of Oregon City, was visiting friends here Thursday. Miss Marie Paisley, formerly of this city, but now of Portland, is in this city visiting the Misses Edith and Bernice Daulton. Miss Paisley recently completed her term of school at Gardner, Southern Oregon. Miss Mary Scott, teacher in the Trout Lake public school, who is in this city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Scott, of Falls View, will leave Sunday evening for Trout Lake to resume her duties. Mrs. W. A. Holmes, who was operated upon several weeks ago at St. Vincent's Hospital, Portland, is improving, and will be able to return to her home at Parkplace in about ten days. T. B. Fairclough, Mr. Hunter and Mr. McDonald, who were in this city visiting with relatives over Christmas, left Wednesday evening for Ogilvie Mountain Mines. They expect to encounter much snow before reaching their destination. Miss Addie Clark, one of the prominent instructors of the Portland schools, is in this city and is spending her holidays with her brother, Attorney John F. Clark and family, of the West Side. Miss Clark was formerly superintendent of the Oregon City school. Lawrence Natch of this city, was operated upon for appendicitis at the Oregon City Hospital Thursday morning. Drs. B. A. Sommer, of Portland,

Stories from Out of Town

MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Willie Schob was on the sick list last week and at home from the mill. Frank Bullard and family, of Redland, are visiting relatives and friends here during the holidays. Henry Beard, who is working in Portland, is at home for the holidays, visiting parents and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hoot, of Logans street and Molalla avenue, are spending this week in Portland among relatives. Walter Mann is on the sick list with a severe cold. Mrs. R. A. Martin and daughter, Pearl, are visiting relatives in Kelso, Wash., this week. Master Virgil Merrill is spending his holidays in Portland. L. Joseph Francis, of Tualatin, spent Christmas here with his brother, S. V. Traver and family, and on Tuesday went to Montavilla, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. S. A. Gillett, and attended the funeral of their uncle, William Howitt. O. A. Vanboy returned from Goldendale last week and left his brother a little better than he had been. The Misses Alice and Florence Brown, of Salem, are spending the holidays here among friends. Mrs. A. L. Hickman gave a Xmas dinner for her children and families. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Warner, of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hickman, of Spokane, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hickman, of Portland, and Little Wanda Hickman. Miss Mabel Francis, of Clackamas, is spending the holidays at home. Misses Pearl and Ruby Francis and Louisa Kordenant visited St. Vincent's hospital patients in Portland Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. J. N. Harrington, of Sellwood, and Mrs. Ernest Harrington and son of St. Johns, were calling on old time friends here Christmas. The Mountain View Sunday school has lost a very faithful member in the death of A. B. Humphrey. He helped to organize the Sunday school in December, 1890, and has been a regular attendant until August, 1911, when his health failed. Hose Company No. 4 is having its hall raised and will have the fire bell placed over the building and the chemical engine under the hall in the new part. W. G. Hall, of Rockwood, is spending the holidays with his family and will return to his work Friday. Mrs. Mabel Osmond and children, of Portland, made a flying trip to this burg Sunday. Francis J. Quinn and family, of New Era, spent Christmas here with his mother. The Xmas presents are so numerous this year that our mail carrier has a substitute to help him. H. Waldron has all he can carry every day. We had some snow in this burg last Sunday morning.

SHUBEL.

Mrs. Clarke, of Marmot, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. Ginther a few days last week. The Christmas tree at the school house Friday night was enjoyed by all present. The Misses Laura and Gerlie Shubel came home for Christmas. Henry Moeckne had a runaway Tuesday but fortunately no one was hurt. Oscar Benson and family, of Logans, are spending a few days with their folks here. Mr. and Mrs. Godfred Moeckne. The Christmas trees at the Lutheran church, and the Congregational church, were well attended Sunday night. E. W. Hornschub has a number of Italians clearing land for him. Mrs. Goucher and Miss Daniels, of Multnomah, spent Christmas with Mrs. C. Noblitt.

NEEDY.

Christmas is over and everybody is happy and well. The hall at Thompson's hall was a grand success. Everybody had a fine time. Walter Noblitt has gone to Salem for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fish spent Christmas with the Johnson family at Needy. Mrs. C. Miller was visiting at the home of Ed. Miller Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Scheir, of Aurora, are spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elliott. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fish, Ivan and Anna took Sunday dinner with the former's daughter, Mrs. Elliott. The Needy school is having a vacation for a few days. Mrs. John Galar, Jr., is home, after spending a week at the home of her parents at Newburg. Mr. and Mrs. Dozier spent several days at Canby with their son, Pat. Mr. and Mrs. C. Miller and son, Mrs. Goucher, Mrs. Daniels, Carl Raddatz spent a pleasant day Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noblitt. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Hal's spent Christmas with Mr. Thompson's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hilton had a pleasant Sunday by having the children all come home to dine with them. The children of Needy, wish to thank Old Santa for his many presents and good times they had and wish a Happy New Year.

STAFFORD.

Christmas, as usual, passed off very quietly in Stafford. The school had a tree. Mrs. Knowles, the principal's wife, assisted by Mrs. Holmes, made 125 pink candy sacks and they and Mrs. Gage made a mistake on Friday afternoon, and with the help of Mrs. Elliken and daughter, Gertrude, filled them with nuts and candies ready for the tree on Saturday night. There was a short program at the school. Then, then one at the Lutheran church in Frog Pond, besides numerous home trees, and thus is kept alive the Christmas spirit. Mr. and Mrs. Gage drove to Oregon City Saturday where the latter took the car for Portland and St. Helens to spend the holidays. Mrs. Gage says your scribe or the printer's devil made a mistake last week in saying the Oswego Grange gave her a picture when in reality it was a picture of her. Miss Gertrude Elliken spent Christmas with relatives in Portland. Mr. Nusbaum and C. Tiedeman went Sunday morning to attend the Assembly of the Church of God at the home of B. B. Gibson and helped fill the candy sacks for the Christmas entertainment. A few neighbors came to Mr. Cahill's last Thursday evening to string

the popcorn for decorating the Christmas trees. Last Saturday evening Miss Duncan gave her Christmas entertainment which was quite largely attended. The school house was very nicely decorated with evergreen and paper decorations. The program, which was well rendered, was as follows: Song, "The Shining Star"; school; recitation, Lena Cahill; recitation, Glen Douglas; song, Bobbie Cahill; recitation, Myrtle Cahill; music by phonograph; drill, "The Crow Drill"; Glen Douglas and Albert Affolter; recitation, Mildred Douglas; song, by the school; recitation, Ernest Hoffmeister; duet, Hunter and Lena Cahill; recitation, Winifred Fleck; recitation, Ed Chapman; music, phonograph; dialogue, "The Census Taker"; Ernest Hoffmeister, Lena Cahill, Grace Cahill, Myrtle Hoffmeister and Miss Anna Duncan; recitation, Bobbie Cahill; violin solo, Perry Murphy; recitation, Mrs. Cahill; song, "Bethlehem Babe"; school; music, phonograph; "Goodnight Drill," three little girls. Distribution of presents and candy. Mrs. Kitzmiller is on the sick list. Ray Woodie and family and Guy Woodie and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Woodie. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Douglas and children, Mildred and Florice, and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Gibson took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Sunday. Ed Chapman spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Gibson. Mrs. Viola Douglas and daughter, Miss Bina, were visiting over this way the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Udell and children spent Christmas with James Gibson. Sherd Jones was calling at home Christmas. Ray Woodie, with Fred Hoffmeister's help, butchered hogs Tuesday.

BARLOW.

The Christmas cantata Friday night was well rendered, showing the work done by the teachers and pupils to prepare the entertainment. It was a success all the way through. A tree was beautifully decorated and the little folks were made happy with candy, nuts, oranges and presents for all. Iva Harter furnished the music for the evening. Miss Lewis and Miss Anderson left Saturday morning for their homes in Astoria, where they will spend the holiday week. They will re-open their school Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gilbertson, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Tull, Bernard Berg, Walter Howe and Miss Olga and Lena Howe were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith, of Canby, Christmas. W. B. Tull was in Portland Christmas.

DOVER.

The Dover country was covered with snow for Christmas. Miss Leah Morrison came home from Portland for the holidays. C. A. Keith spent two days of last week in Portland. M. M. Reid returned Saturday from Oregon City, where he took the teachers' examination. Mrs. Olive A. Hayes, from Newport, Wash., is visiting her brother, C. A. Keith. Viola DeShazer was quite sick last week but is better now. John Roberts is home for the holidays, from Corvallis. M. M. Reid and family took dinner Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Bewes. Mrs. J. W. Exon was home for Christmas. The Sunday school entertainment and Christmas trees exercises were well attended and much enjoyed Saturday evening. Road district No. 41 held a meeting December 23rd and voted a special tax of ten mills to improve the roads. C. A. Keith was nominated for supervisor. The church has new gasoline lamps.

TWILIGHT.

W. A. Dodd and Curtis Dodd and family spent Christmas in Canby with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harvey were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Smith at Multnomah, Christmas. Clyde Harvey is home on a visit, after an extended trip through the East. Miss Anna Wilehart, of Oregon City, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. James Hylton, Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. George Lazelle and M. J. Lazelle were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Meindl Christmas, in Sellwood. Mr. Currant and daughter, Lois, of Portland, have been visiting the for-

FIRWOOD.

The heavy fall of snow Saturday enveloped the country in white, and seemed very appropriate for Christmas time, also making it easy for old Santa and his sleigh, as he has to discard his airship in this part of the country on account of the tall trees and snags. Mrs. Eva R. Hart and children and John Stalair spent Tuesday at Cottrell with I. P. Hart's family. Miss Ida Stock spent Christmas with her folks at home. Mr. Cupp, of Dover, is moving into the Firwood district. Mrs. E. R. Hart spent a few days in Portland this week. Clair Corey was a Portland visitor Tuesday. A. J. Moxley is making a line fence for Mrs. E. R. Hart, on the east.

CHERRYVILLE.

Dr. Botkins has returned to Cherryville from Portland accompanied by his nephew, Harold Graham, who will spend the holidays with him. A number of people gathered at the home of Mrs. J. T. Friel, Jr., Christmas Eve, to a Christmas tree, and Mrs. Johnson acted as Santa Claus, and Christmas evening Mrs. Friel gave an entertainment and supper and singing and dancing, etc., and three native Syrians danced and sang after the manner of their country. The Cherryville school district is in a bad mix-up. J. T. Friel, Sr., decided the school acre over to Roy Murray and wife during their life, and to go to their children at their death. Mr. and Mrs. Murray say their deed calls for the whole 40 acres, including the school acre. Some four years ago Mr. Friel promised the school the acre of land and then made the stipulation that land should be cleared before he would give a deed. Mr. Friel says he decided the acre over to Mr. and Mrs. Murray by devise in a special meeting of board and tax payers has been called to devise some manner of recovering the school acre.

EAGLE CREEK.

Last Tuesday evening about thirty of the relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Gibson gathered at their home and spent the evening with them in honor of their 11th wedding anniversary. The evening was pleasantly spent in listening to the phonograph, playing games, and listening to Ed Chapman, the brother of Mrs. Gibson recite, after which refreshments were served and soon after all departed for their homes. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Douglas were Estacada visitors last Wednesday. On Wednesday evening last Miss Leah Jones and brother, Russell, and Dave and Ernest Hoffmeister gathered at the home of B. B. Gibson and helped fill the candy sacks for the Christmas entertainment. A few neighbors came to Mr. Cahill's last Thursday evening to string

Secretary, Kate Casio; Treasurer, L. Bolstead; Gatekeeper, C. B. Bolstead; Assistant Steward, E. W. Bolstead; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Hawie; Flora, Mrs. Florence Robb; Pomona, Mrs. Lydia McConnell; Queen, Mrs. Jennie Davis; J. D. Daugherty, Committee Chairman. The regular meeting of the grange will be held Friday, Installation of officers will be held the 30th of January. Mrs. Maggie Burnett, of Bremerton, Wash., arrived Tuesday evening and will spend the balance of the year with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Large entertained Mrs. Large's parents Sunday at dinner, and on Christmas day Mrs. Maggie Johnson entertained her daughter and family. The United Artisans will give a leap year party January 6 in the city hall. Mayor Streib, with his wife and daughter, spent Christmas at their farm near Cedar Mills, returning home that evening. Mr. Bolstead, and A. Hanson were in Oak Grove on business Wednesday morning. W. A. Hanson has sold his two drug stores to Mr. Peery, of Newburg. The Mothers and Teachers Club will hold their regular meeting the 18th of January at the school house. Wednesday evening the Boys and Girls club will meet and have their work under the direction of Prof. J. Rev. E. Radebaugh went to Tacoma, Wash., to assist Rev. Hornschub with a two weeks' revival meeting. E. T. Elmer has taken charge of his store again.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Harry and Etta Rand to Sarah G. Elsner, 20 acres of section 29, township 1 south, range 5 east; \$3,000. Sarah G. Elsner and J. J. Elsner to Harry Rand, 20 acres of section 29, township 1 south, range 5 east; \$3,000. Charles T. and Lettie G. Toose to Hazel Toose, lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, block 28, Gladstone; \$10. Hazel Toose to Minnie W. Henderson, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, block 28, Gladstone; \$10. Henry Truffert et al to John Tautfest 5 1/2 acres of section 31, township 3 south, range 1 west; \$1. John Tautfest et al to Anna Cudloip, 5.34 of section 31, township 3 south, range 1 west; \$10. Alice M. Starkweather and H. G. Starkweather to May Wieland Wallace, 2.21 acres of D. L. C. of J. B. Risley, township 2 south, range 1 east; \$3,840.

PLEA FOR BETTER TEACHERS IS MADE PORTLAND Dec. 28.—That an effort be made to eliminate from Oregon's public schools all teachers who have not had a high school training, and to that end to have laws to that effect passed by the next Legislature, was urged at the annual meeting of the Oregon State Teachers' Association by J. H. Ackerman. The meeting was held at the Lincoln High School. Mr. Ackerman is president of the Monmouth State Normal School. "A Higher Standard for the Preparation of Teachers," was Mr. Ackerman's subject. He said that in one county of the state 80 per cent of the teachers have not had more than an eighth-grade training, and that in many counties 60 per cent have not had high school training.

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