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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Christmas spirit in Hillsboro has been splendidly displayed in the Community Chest to which everyone gave so liberally. This shows the true feeling of "It is better to give than to receive."

This cooperation among the various organizations of the city to aid those who are not so fortunate wasn't possible a few years ago. Through more organization we are realizing the greater need of working together for the common good. Never before have we seen the desire to help worthy causes so great as has been manifested this year by every organization in Hillsboro. The spirit of sacrifice is seen on every side and appears inspired by Him who actuates Christmas.

The spirit of the Golden Rule is seen in this movement, for we would doubtless appreciate aid if we were in unfortunate circumstances. These organizations have made Christmas a real Christ day by insuring life to some of those who are in want.

AMENDMENT RESENTED

Massachusetts squelched the child labor amendment to the federal constitution in a decisive manner. It is legislation that we can very well do without, for it proposes to dictate what a parent shall permit his child to do. It is argued that the conditions are so bad in certain parts of the country that this is necessary—but why punish the majority of the states for the faults of the few?

The states seem to resent giving Congress the power of regulation over child labor in industries up to the age of 18 years. Advocates argue that the states where industrial interests are large are a menace to the American youth. It would be a great misfortune if they were not permitted to work, for idle hours produce idle thoughts and lead to wrong doing. Let them form habits of industry rather than habits of idleness. Work in moderation never hurt anyone.

Thirty Years Ago

(Argus, December 27, 1894)

A large number of Hillsboro people went to Portland last week to lay in Christmas presents.

The people of Beaverton will dance the old year out and the new year in, the occasion being a Mother Hubbard masquerade.

The Southern Pacific shipped 27 carloads, out of here to Portland and vicinity during the month of November.

The Masons are out in full force today at the public installation and basket picnic.

The large incandescent lights are now burning throughout the night, and the luckless wight who stays "just a little longer" will have their cheerful gleam to guide him home. Hillsboro beaux and belles are not complaining.

There will be a grand ball at Hendrick's hall, Cornelius, New Year's under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias.

Oliver Gates and John Gates are home from Corvallis, where they are attending school.

These high winds from the east are liable to blow up a storm.

Gibson Shares Honors

Hoot Gibson shares honors with a new star in his latest Universal Western thriller, "The Hurricane Kid," which comes to the Liberty theater Friday and Saturday. But there's no cause for professional jealousy in this—for the new star is a horse. "Pal," the wonderful new "Golden Mare," a palomino of remarkable beauty and latest addition to Gibson's ranch stable, is the new aspirant for screen fame.

THINKS ITEM SHOULD BE VOTED DOWN

Editor of the Argus:—The writer was present two years ago at our annual budget meeting and as you will perhaps recall, made a plea for a decent appropriation for a fruit inspector, who then received the magnificent sum of \$100 per year, and he had to pay his expenses out of that. What kind of fruit inspector did we have?

Now I notice that there is an item of \$400 for a fruit inspector, if I can believe my eyes (I was reading without my glasses, so I may have not read correctly) but what is coming over us, or is there a "nigger in the woodpile?" There must be something wrong somewhere. I am well aware that there is not a county in the state that needs a fruit inspector more than Washington county. One that understands his business and one that will enforce the law, as I have stated before in my previous letters. Most of our trees are in such a condition that they should be cut down and burned (if they will, which I doubt on account of scale, worms, etc.) Last spring I happened to be on the Multnomah boundary when a stranger happened to look at an orchard and asking the owner if he was going to spray this, received this answer: "No, I am right on the boundary of Washington county and they don't spray." The stranger gave him 30 days to change his mind. This man happened to be the Multnomah county inspector. Suffice to say, he didn't have to be reminded again.

Knowing the possibilities of Washington as a fruit center, I have tried for over 30 years to get them interested in the fruit business, but I am told this is a dairy county, etc. I have had packers from Hood River, who have packed 100,000 boxes of apples, tell me that they never in all their packing experience tasted a better flavored apple than those that I raised on my place, and everybody can do as well as I have done if they will take care of their trees. This thing of setting out an orchard and say, as a man told me some time ago, "Let them grow and be d—d," does not work any more, if it ever did.

I am making this too long and will write of this later. However, I wish to state that I have already shipped three cars of apples and have more than three cars to be shipped as soon as the weather permits. Part were shipped to California and the balance to Chicago. I am stating this so that you can see what can be done in Washington county.

When I argued an increase for the fruit inspector before the budget meeting, I was told that we were here to reduce taxes and not increase them, with the result that we have no inspector and we are better off, and other counties cannot have the laugh on us now about the \$400 a year.

Now permit me to ask, is there a man in the county that is competent to be a fruit inspector that would work for \$400 per annum, pay all his own transportation expenses and raise a family? I say it can not be done. Hence my opinion is that if we cannot pay a man a decent wage we had better not have any (as this is a cow county, anyway).

Our neighboring county pays its inspectors \$1500 a year and has two inspectors. We should at least be able to pay \$1000 per annum, for, as we know, the laborer is worthy of his hire.

Now this is what I think of it: If Washington county cannot afford to pay the fruit inspector more than \$400 a year, this item should and I sincerely hope, that it will be voted down, for, as I said in the beginning, there is a motive of some kind back of it all.

Again hoping that this item may not carry, I am as ever before, yours for better fruit,
The Aetna Orchards,
By B. Leis.

FARM REMINDERS

Grass seed for spring planting in the coast and irrigated districts will be wanted in about eight weeks or more. Samples should be secured now so that tests may be made in time. Two-ounce samples are tested free of charge at the O. A. C. seed laboratory.

Potatoes for seed purposes should be kept from extreme chilling, but stored at as low a temperature as possible to keep them dormant until planting time. A temperature of 36 to 38 degrees is a satisfactory storage temperature, advises the experiment station. Potatoes affected with rot can be sorted out before the trouble spreads to other tubers.

Vetch and oats planted early in the spring make a good hay crop for western Oregon. The sowing should be shallow—as 1½ to 2 inches—and before March 1. In the lower Willamette valley seeding may be done one or two weeks later due to cooler climate conditions and more summer rainfall, but the earlier plantings are more successful, says the state college experiment station.

Production of orchard grass seeds on Oregon farms is about 450 pounds per acre, reports the experiment station. Oregon farm lands produce 700 pounds of ryegrass per acre. Both of these yields are unusually good. Until Oregon farmers grow enough to stop the million pounds importation of these seeds annually into the United States, her farmers have a share in this 6500-acre, \$350,000 opportunity.

North Plains

Mrs. J. W. Trimmer is spending a few days at Roseburg with her husband. During her absence her sons, Glenn and Lester, are visiting with Mrs. A. Anderson.

A very successful bazaar was held Monday night at the Woodmen hall, under the auspices of the Rebekah lodge. A large number of fine hand-made articles were sold and the lodge members were pleased with the results. The latter part of the evening was spent in dancing.

E. M. Mays is again on duty at the bank, after several days' absence, caused by an attack of la-grippe.

All grades of the school have combined efforts in preparing a Christmas program to be given at the school house Monday evening. Two plays and several musical numbers will be the main features of the evening. The teachers and pupils will be pleased to have everyone come and appreciate their efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clarno just received word of the arrival of a grand-daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller of Des Moines, Iowa. Mrs. Miller was formerly Miss May Clarno and made her home here until her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walter returned Thursday from California, after a several weeks' motor trip through that state and into Mexico. James Doel is at home for a few days from the Bonney Shingle mill above Shadybrook.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. D. Meek were joyful over the news of a fine 8½ pound grandson, born in Portland, December 18. The baby's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Meek, Jr., and the baby will bear the family name of Joseph.

Miss Ethel Sumner is at home for the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Sumner.

A fine baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller, December 18.

M. Sumner surprised his family Friday evening, when he returned from Eastern Oregon several weeks earlier than he had been expected. He had visited there with relatives since Thanksgiving.

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Orengo

R. E. Dunsmoor went to Forest Grove last Friday to spend a week or two with relatives.

Miss Freda Kehrl, who is attending the state normal school at Monmouth, came home Saturday to spend the holidays.

W. W. Huntley and family left Monday for Albany to spend Christmas with relatives near that place. Misses Juanita Wolff and Florence McDonald came in from Eugene Saturday to spend the holidays with their home folks.

About a dozen of our citizens paid a visit to the county seat Saturday.

Miss Eloise Barker of Aloha was in town a day or two the first of the week, the guest of Mrs. Mamie Hatfield.

J. H. Lester went to Portland Monday to spend the holidays with his son, Gordon and family.

Hugh Burdette, Mrs. Elmer Billings and Misses Alegra and Juanita Wolff were in Portland Monday.

Hugh Burdette returned from a visit with his parents at Blaine, Washington, in time to spend Christmas with his family.

Three members of the county Christian Endeavor union will visit

the local society next Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Alexander and young son, Gerald of Taft, are spending the week as guests of Mrs. Alexander's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Carlyle.

A wedding supper was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lindberg of Hillsboro, who were married December 17, Saturday night. Those present were Mrs. Minerva Bradley of Hillsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Searey, Florence Brown, Harold Miller, Elwood Brown, Irene Searey and Ruth Brown, all of Beaverton, Grace Guy, Floyd Guy and Tom Miller, of Portland.

State Veterinarian Will Discuss County Herd Law

On invitation from the Washington County Dairymen's association, Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, will discuss the county herd law and testing dairy cattle for tuberculosis, at a meeting of dairymen at the Hillsboro chamber of commerce, December 27, at 1:30 p. m. Dairymen will be interested in recent developments regarding this work in Oregon. Come!

H. T. Hesse, President Washington County Dairymen's Association; Robt. Warrens, Sec.



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Thomas Wilkes of Corvallis is Mrs. Frank Goenans of Laurel visiting relatives in this city. was a Hillsboro visitor Monday.

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