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Christmas at Siletz.

was one of, if not the very best, in the history of the school. The good. Standing by the platform, which extended across the building, was the largest Christmas tree we have seen, loaded with presents, beautifully decorated with candles, ribbons and glittering ornaments. Underneath were three large baskets nearly filled with presents. Great credit is due Superintendent Betz and all the employes who labored zealously to make it a success. The people commenced assembling early, and when the doors were opened at 7:30 p. m. the building filled rapidly until every available position was occupied, When the curtains were drawn the school, arranged on the platform sang the opening song. The scene was inspiring and, everyone happy. Lena Charley read in a pleasant way "The Story" about the babe of Bethlehem. The piano duet by Mrs. Betz and Miss Kruger was well rendered and well received. W. H. Brown's comic recital of a German's trials and tribulations captured the audience and deserved the hearty applause that followed. Esther Copeland never sang better, Quiet reigned until the last word, when the usual expression of appreciation was awarded her. The recitation, "Our Redeemer," exercise, "Christmas picture and song," "The Child and the Shepherd," 'Ring, Merry Christmes (Bells,' were all given in a very delightful way by the pupils, and their teachers are to be congratulated on the admirable success of their training. Rev. Father Bucher, in a fiveminutes' talk, plucked some beautiful flowers of truth from the past, present and future. His face glowed with enthusiasm and he received, as he richly deserved, commendation for for his aid in the entertainment. The vocal duet by Miss Chambers and Mrs. Bryant was generously applauded. The cantata, "We'll Have to Mortgage the Farm," was received with the warmest applause. It well merited all the many expressions of pleasure heard on every hand. Major Buford, as the old man, in full gray beard, gray bair and patched pants, and Mrs. Betz, as the old lady, brought down the house, Misses Mary Buford' and Auna Chambers, as the daughters, were richly robed in dresses with long trains. W.H. Brown and Superintendent Betz found it so easy to play dude and beaux to the girls. It was superb, and must be seen to be thoroughly appreciated. All sang and acted their parts to perfection. Surprise was depicted on many faces at the ability of Major Buford as an actor. Many were the expressions of encouragement given to all. Gladys and Edna Peairs touched all hearts with their little motion song. Olla Johnson gave us "The Christmas Tree" and Roy Bryant "Just Before Christmas." Both were firstclass. Miss Mary Buford has established her reputation forever as one of our best planists by render-Flower Song." Robert Emmet's plea for vindication, given by Mr. to hear him again. Cecil Clay, a tiny tot, with her childish innocence baby song in a way that brought forth great applause. The cantata, "The Ten Virgins," with its many lessons of divine truth, impressed apon all that there is a "too late" for everything. The five wise, dressed in flowing white robes, hair falling over their shoulders, carrying lights in the darkness, present-

lamps, made a sad picture of pro-The Christmas entertainment crastination, negligence and indifgiven at Siletz Saturday evening ference. As they approached the close of the last verse they assumed attitudes of entreaty and dispair. decorations by our artists were Kneeling upon the stage when the colored lights were burning in the darkness the effect was striking. The tableau was impressive. Alfred Lane recited "Merry Christmass" in an entertaining way. Richard Anderson in a clear voice spoke "Tommy's Lament." Messrs. Brown and Towner sandwitched in some soul stirring violin solos with piano accompaniment. The choir done their part. After the distribution of treats and frefreshments Major Buford addressed the people. His remarks were very interesting as he summed up the, work of the school and reviewed its work in the past calling our attentions to the prominent positions occupied by those who had started in Siletz. A tableau entitled "Good Night" closed the exercises. Three angels hovering over a household scene where three little tots were in the attitude of prayer, another engaged with its hose while the haby lay asleep on its mother's lap all combined to make it one of the most beautiful and thrilling tableaus of the evening. Praise was given in every form imaginable. May we live to enjoy many returns of the day in remembrance of Him who remembered us. Santa Claus was a number all by himself, coming unexpected down a chimney prepared for him, he rang the bell, landed on the stage and commenced business at once, throwing popcorn balls at the audience and dealing out presents with a lavish hand. It created great merriment among the children. W. H. Brown officiated in that capacity. PASTOR.

YAQUINA ITEMS.

L. J. Deffenbacher's children are still very sick.

The password: What did you get for Christmas?

Miss Sadie Dixan came home to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. A. S. Casteel.

Miss Cora Litchfield came in Saturday to spend the holidays with her brother and sister.

George Hyndman, a nephew of D. P. Blue, arrived Saturday from Montana. He is very much pleased with the bay.

Another family of emigrants came in the other night from northern Minnesota. They occupy the Pattee cottage.

We are all pleased to see Lloyd Pruett's happy face, and hope he will enjoy his brief visit among his Yaquina friends.

As a marksman little Claude Toner can't be beaten. He was seen to kill an owl by starlight. Bogardus isn't in it.

Mr. Fairweather of Yambill came in last week with his family and is settled in the Stratford cottage. Is it any surprise that we have had sunshme ever since?

Robbie Rowe is home from Sodaville having a good time with the boys. He thinks vacation rather short. His friends were pleased to ing so perfectly the solo, "The meet him and to see him looking

Yes, we had a Christmas tree-a Center, was a rich treat. We want great big tree-and the many dolls, books, toys and lots of apples made all the little people happy. The of manner, sang and acted the ladies deserve great credit as decorators. We never saw the church look as beautiful. The program was good. Vern Blue carried off the palm as an orator. JERRY.

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