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NEWPORT

At about 8 o'clock Monday morning Dorothy Holcomb, the little four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene L. Holcomb, was drowned at West Yaquina, in the slough that enters the Bay near the foot bridge. It appears the child left the kitchen where it's mother was preparing breakfast and walked over the little foot bridge leading from the Holcomb house to the tramway. This little bridge is over the slough and from this point the child must have fallen into the slough. The mother missed the child in a few minutes and search was immediately made and she was found about one hundred yards from where she fell in, floating on the water face down. Chas Willis took her out of the water and with the help of his father and Mr. Miller, tried to resuscitate her but failed. About one quart of water came out of her mouth. She never sank and this seems to be a strange part of it. A telephone message was sent to Captain Stuart to bring the life saving crew. The crew promptly responded and for one hour and a half worked with the modern appliances, but could not resuscitate her. Mr. Holcomb lived at Mansfield, Eastern Washington, where he has a fine wheat farm. He came to Yaquina Bay for the benefit of the health of his family. He first went to Nye Creek, but the roar of the ocean and the heavy wind storms disturbed them so they went to West Yaquina, where it is more sheltered. This was about two weeks ago. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church Tuesday at 11 a. m., conducted by Rev. George E. Pratt, pastor of the Church. The interment took place in the Eliza Cemetery. One lesson to be learned by this sad accident is that children should not have a play ground where walks and bridges are over the water. The wonder is more children are not drowned.

Commissioner O. V. Hurt returned Saturday from Portland, where he met with the state highway commission. Mr. Hurt said they had a good session and the meeting was well represented by the county officials of every part of the state. Mr. Hurt thinks that if these automobile enthusiasts have their way about it in building roads they will bankrupt the state. He don't go much on bonded debts.

The local institute held Saturday in the High School auditorium by Superintendent Goin was well attended and very interesting. All the teachers of Newport being present and took part in the program. Several teachers from abroad were present and took part in the exercises of the day. Among them we noted Prof. Blough, principal of the Toledo high school, and Prof. W. C. Fischer of Yaquina and Miss Branch, teacher in the West Yaquina public school. Several interesting papers were read and discussed. The High School Glee Club sang some very charming selections. A motion was made to appoint a committee to draw up a resolution asking the County Court to appoint a medical examiner for the schools of the county. Prof. Blough is chairman of this committee. I did not get the names of the other members of this committee. This service might be done by the County Health Officer. The reading and training of the children under the new system is being taken out of the parents' hands and placed in the teachers'. The home has been the corner stone of our civilization, but now it is only the boarding place for the children. It is the duty of the parents to look after the health of the children and, if necessary for the health and welfare of the child, to have it examined once or twice a year by a competent physician. It was the contention of the teachers at this institute that the children were loaded down too much with books; that the pupils were not thorough in their studies; that the more weighty studies, such as reading, spelling and mathematics were neglected; that the essentials of an education should be taught and the frills and fads cut out; that the hobby of labor should be impressed on the mind of the pupil if he expects to succeed in the world. The Newport school has a good corps of teachers and they are doing good work. Prof. Artman is well fitted for the important position he holds. He has the good will and confidence of every teacher and pupil in the school.

The Salado correspondent seems to be grieved because the people of that section are accused of killing salmon during the spawning season. It has been reported that hundreds of salmon in the small streams and creeks during the spawning season are shot by the boys and girls just for the amusement and the salmon are thrown on the bank for the hogs to feed on and for fertilizer. The warden has been on Big Elk river a number of times but has not been able to catch the offenders. When the warden goes into a section of the county to catch law breakers he don't go beating a gong as though he was at a Chinese funeral, but he goes quietly along and you would hardly know he was around, but at such times the boys seem to "smell a mice" and keep under cover.

Mrs. Frank Grant and her son, Lesley, are at Newport visiting Mrs. Grant's daughter, Mrs. Charles Godley. Mrs. Grant is one of the pioneers of Lincoln county and notes with pleasure the improvements Newport has

made within the past ten years.

Hon. B. F. Jones, wife and daughters of Roseburg came in Tuesday evening and registered at The Abbey, and will go to Otter Rock to spend Christmas with Mr. Jones' sister, Mrs. Thomas Horning.

Thomas Vandyne, wife and daughters from Coburg came to spend Christmas at the sea shore. These people are all early pioneers of Oregon and are proud of the state and the great progress it is making, and in a modest way, feel that they have done something to help this progress along. May God bless the pioneers of Oregon.

Going out of business Saturday, December 11th is the last day. Mrs. Frederick.

BAY VIEW

Bay Viewers are nothing if not boosters. They have just boosted a creamery up, just across the road from Mr. Barnes' store.

Mr. Dyer, at the postoffice, has set up a wheel for grinding agates. Bring on your agates!

Miss Emma Simonson started for Los Angeles, California, last Thursday. She will spend the winter there with relatives.

Mrs. J. M. Bowers of Upper Beaver visited the last of the week with her son, Frank Huntsucker.

Mrs. Huntsucker has been on the sick list for the past week, but is slowly improving.

Burt Twombly is also on the sick list.

Mrs. Jesse Lindquist, who has been spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Oakland, started Thursday for her home in Portland. She was accompanied by Miss Hannah Hanson, who will visit relatives in Portland for several weeks.

Mrs. Myrtle McWilliams spent Thursday with Mrs. Geo. Stevens.

Johnnie Hanson was a visitor at the Henderson home Tuesday evening.

We understand that Mr. Simmons intends to put up a cannery in connection with his creamery at this place. Good luck to all such enterprises, say we.

See the Xmas Goods at Bonboniere.

WINANT

I guess we can't complain about the weather, for we were surprised to see the sunshine a little while last week.

School started December 6th with Chas. Gildersleeve as teacher.

Lloyd Lewis missed school last week on account of a sore foot.

Mrs. John Sugg was clerking for Henry Lewis last week.

Miss Mae Adams is visiting with Cara Boone.

Johnnie Emerson and brothers made a trip to Newport Friday.

Miss Violet King, who has been teaching school at Ona, returned home to attend the teacher's institute.

It wouldn't do for the people of Poole slough to take a scow load of wood to Newport every day if they make so much noise as they did last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Huntsucker visited at the Frank Shermer home Sunday afternoon.

Quite a few people from this vicinity attended the dance at Yaquina Saturday night and all report a good time.

Henry Shermer made a trip to Toledo Monday.

"Buy Early" while our stock is complete. All new, fresh stock, and prices are right. Toledo Drug Co.

LITTLE ELK

This rain is some cold but stock of all kinds are doing fine.

H. O. Boynton is blasting stumps and clearing a spud patch.

Roger Loudon is doing some slashing on his ranch this winter.

C. H. Wakefield is moving into his new house this week. He says he will be looking for a cook soon.

Our school is doing good work this year. Under the able management of Prof. John Miller.

Albert Beers of Nortons was visiting on Little Elk last Saturday and Sunday.

Sheriff Bert Geer passed through Little Elk valley on business last Saturday.

The Stanton school and Little Elk football teams played a game on the Eddyville grounds December 4th. It was a hard fought battle all the way through; neither side scored until the third quarter, when one of the Little Elk boys got away with the ball and made a touchdown, and then when all was over the score stood 10 to 0 in favor of Little Elk.

Little Elk Grange, No. 428, held election of officers last Saturday. The following were the new officers elected: C. H. Wakefield, master; Earl

Weltin, overseer; Mrs. L. L. McBride, lecturer; Christ Weidman, steward; Clifford Hunt, assistant steward; Mrs. H. B. Sparks, chaplain; R. V. Loudon, secretary; H. O. Boynton, gate keeper; Mrs. Margo, Ceres; Mrs. Albertsen, Pomona; Mrs. M. J. Flora; Miss Maud Albertsen, lady assistant steward. There is always a new set of officers and much good can be expected of them.

We will give away the Big \$8.00 Boy Doll. One chance with every 25c. purchase. Toledo Drug Co.

ELK CITY—Proper

(Wednesday to Wednesday)

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Van Allen returned from Albany Wednesday evening.

Charles Van Orden and family left for Oregon City Friday morning.

E. B. Graves and son, Scott, are doing some work on a wagon road for themselves.

Jim Winskill came in on the Saturday evening train.

Ed LaPine came up from Storrs Friday afternoon.

The Grange held a card social Friday last. An enjoyable evening being spent.

A. B. Clark went to Toledo on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schmitt and children were passengers on the Transit for Toledo Saturday morning.

E. B. Graves had the misfortune to have a calf drown in the river last week.

An old landmark has been taken down in this place. The old shed which was standing between the Wm. Enos house and the street is no more. Things look better there now.

Again I repeat what I said in the issue of this paper of December 2d. Salado is a little mixed in his or her impression. I said in part—"before passing their private opinions," not as he or she has it, "we should privately pass our opinions. I am not putting myself up to be a person fully versed in the hatchery business, but I do claim that the fish hatcheries of our state do benefit the fishermen. I am not talking of any one certain hatchery or the management of the same. Hatcheries are a benefit. You know it. What the real cause here is that some are sore because they themselves are not the ones who manage the hatchery.

Please, please, Mr. Newport Writer, give me something easy. Don't take me away back to the Dark Ages. I am afraid of those places. I never hung any witch or witches and I'm not going to, but let me whisper something in thine ear, dear friend: "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all that thou hast to do, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work: thou and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man servant, and thy maid servant, thy cattle, and thy stranger that is within thy gates." (in part). Even before the days of Thomas Jefferson were these words spoken and the same being handed down from one generation to another. If it were true then, why not now? Why? Because the people of today do not think of the things they should. In reading an article the other day I ran across these words: "That it had been found that the man who works seven days in a week does not live as long as the one who works only six, and not only that, but the seven day man turns out an inferior grade of work." Tell me how you do it, Skookum. I can't do it, nor any the rest of us.

Mrs. Jacobson, accompanied by Mary Holm, paid a visit to Mrs. Myrtle Allen on the Brook Dale place.

Mrs. Holm, accompanied by Mrs. S. J. Whitford, were visitors at the Jacobson home last Sunday.

"Showers of blessings we Lord," but please cut out the rain.

A great, big line of Boys, Underwear just received. Yerex Brown & Co.

WEST YAQUINA

Monday morning the Angel of Death came suddenly and took from our midst the dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Holcomb.

The tragic death of the little girl has cast a deep shadow of sadness over the entire community. It is not definitely known how the fatal accident occurred but the fact that the body, badly bruised about the right shoulder, was found floating face downward in an eddy in the slough indicated that the child's death was not due wholly to drowning but that in falling from the bridge she had probably struck on a log, rendering her unconscious before she reached the water. The body was recovered by Chester Willis a few days from the little girl's home, a little after eight o'clock in the morning—about fifteen minutes after the child had first been missed by her parents. Dr. Faucett and the life saving crew were immediately summoned from Newport, but all efforts to restore life proved unavailing. The little spirit had passed into the great beyond into eternal rest. Dorothy Mae Holcomb was born at Mansfield, Douglas county, Washington, June 10th, 1911 and died

Monday, December 13th, 1915, at the age of four years, six months and three days. Besides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Holcomb, she leaves to mourn her loss, her twin brother, Donald Holcomb, and three sisters, Ethel, Grace and Bernice Holcomb. The funeral services were conducted at Newport Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church by Rev. Pratt. Burial took place at the Newport Cemetery where many beautiful floral tokens made beautiful the last resting place of the departed. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of all who know them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Phelps of Ona were guests Sunday at the R. A. Miller home. They left Monday morning for Eugene, where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Phelps' brother, Arthur Head.

Bob Weber and R. W. Ohmart came in yesterday from Beaver with a four-horse team. They took back a load of household goods.

Clifford Phelps was a West Yaquina visitor Saturday.

Chauncey Ohmart was in from Beaver Creek Sunday.

Our holiday stock is more complete than ever. Come and see our line before you purchase. Toledo Drug Co.

GLEN

A surprise dance was given on C. W. Brown, last Saturday night. The evening was most pleasantly spent.

Mr. Williams returned to his home at Lyons Tuesday, after an extended visit with his son, Luke, and family.

J. E. Crooks and Elmer Watkins went to Toledo last week.

Miss Clara Moore spent Monday night with Mrs. W. W. Grant at Harlan.

Jesse Davenport went to Harlan Tuesday evening.

Miss Clara Moore and Lige Grant spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Davenport.

All kinds of Christmas Goods at the Bonboniere.

SILETZ

Mrs. A. C. Crawford and daughter, Florence, of Lower Farm went to Toledo Saturday to spend a few days, returning Tuesday.

Joe Windred went to Toledo Friday on business.

Dr. Abbott, district superintendent of the M. E. Church, came over to Siletz Saturday and held the usual quarterly meeting Sunday at 11 a. m.

Sam Brassfield went to Toledo Friday, returning Saturday.

Al Taylor of Camas Prairie was up to Siletz Monday and went on over to Toledo on business, returning Wednesday.

The company of loggers and mill men started their engines rolling toward the mill site Monday morning.

E. T. Radant returned home Saturday after an absence of four weeks on business.

D. S. Hubbard, the carpenter, came over from Dallas Saturday, on business.

Warren Hall went to Toledo Tuesday on business.

Everybody is getting ready for the big Xmas tree to be held at the M. E. Church by the M. E. Sunday School on Christmas Eve.

Mrs. E. L. Chalcraft and daughter, Miss Alice, went to Toledo Monday and from there went to Chemawa and other Valley points Tuesday morning. Miss Alice will go on to Portland and visit a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Holdiman returned from the big fair at San Francisco Monday. The government team was at Toledo to bring them on to Siletz.

Andy Goodell was over from the logging camp Sunday to visit his family. He is employed at the camp loading logs with a donkey engine.

Mrs. Robert DePoe went to Salem Wednesday morning to visit her brother, Emil Hauser, and family for a short time.

Lester Waugh is over here to look after his stock interests. He has a large number of cattle to winter here.

Miss Cook, principal of the Siletz school, went to Toledo to take the examination for a certificate in Oregon, as she only has one for the state of Washington. She left G. C. Scudder in charge of her school room while away.

The teachers of the public school are preparing for a Christmas tree at the schoolhouse on Thursday evening for the pupils of the school. They will have an interesting program also.

POOLE SLOUGH

Well, I guess if we are all going to talk of wanting the rain to quit and it is going to act like this, we will all have to do as the Upper Beaver writer suggests, "Not say anything about it."

Dick Huntsucker has moved his floating house from here.

W. D. Roberts and Mrs. Roberts sister and little girl, who are visiting with the former, were in our vicinity Saturday.

Our community was shocked Monday to hear the news of the drowning of little Dorothy Holcomb at West Yaquina. There has been so many fatal accidents around here the past year, but it seems that when God calls to us to leave this land and come to him it is not in our power to stay his commands. We all extend our sympathy to the loved ones that this little one leaves behind.

Leland Wright is visiting his sisters here this week.

Chas. Brown was at the W. D. Roberts ranch Sunday.

Buy your Christmas Pop Corn at Al's Smokehouse.

R. F. Baker of Newport was in this city Monday.

Mrs. R. B. Hoffman of Elk City was in this city Monday.

John Nye, the Newport butcher, went to Siletz Monday looking for cattle.

Miss Bernice Han-on was a passenger for Portland this morning.

Grover Cleveland Tison of Drew is visiting at the Andrews home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Sellinger and Mrs. I. R. Wishart went to Albany this morning for a visit.

Mrs. Roy Walker went to Eddyville this morning for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bachman.

Robert McFarland of Summit was transacting business in this city Wednesday.

Mrs. Catherine Collins returned home last evening from a month's visit at Oakland and San Francisco, Calif.

Edgar Johnson of Pioneer was in the city last evening interviewing Dr. Greer, the dentist. He returned home this morning.

Miss Essie Ball is assisting in the local telephone office, while Miss Freeman is at Newport.

Elmer Horning went to Corvallis Monday to take the examination for service on the C. & E. bridge crews.

Miss Nadine Copeland of Upper Depot slough was visiting with friends here Monday.

Mrs. J. H. Sagg of Winant was assisting at Henry Lewis' big sale the first of the week.

Mrs. A. C. Crawford and daughter, Miss Enna, were over from Siletz the first of the week visiting at the fra Wade home.

Mrs. S. S. Gossman of Chitwood was visiting friends in this city Tuesday night, returning home Wednesday morning.

Mrs. C. G. Copeland was up from Newport visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Esther Copeland, the first of the week.

Miss Bertha Andrews arrived home for the Christmas holidays last Tuesday evening. Miss Andrews is teaching school at Drew.

Miss Queens Freeman went to Newport Wednesday evening to assist on the switchboard in the telephone office there for a few days.

The Ever Ready Bible Class held its regular monthly meeting in the parlors of the Church last Friday evening. A goodly crowd was in attendance and a good time was had by all.

Bert Geer and O. R. Hollingsworth have been having lots of fun these days shooting at snipe down on the tideland.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walker returned home from the Lower Columbia river, where Mr. Walker has been operating the dredge Chetco during the past several months. He will now operate the port dredge Lincoln.

Rev. Abbott, district superintendent of this district, of the M. E. Church, was in this city over Sunday. He held quarterly conference at the Church and preached Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Holdiman of Siletz returned Monday evening from a month's visit to the world's fair at San Francisco. Mr. Holdiman is the Agency clerk.

County Judge R. R. Miller returned home from attending the state highway meeting at Portland last Saturday evening. The Judge was accompanied home by his mother, who will visit here with the Judge and family.

Rev. Searles of Salem, of the Friends denomination, will hold services in the building formerly occupied by Jacobson's school on Water Front. Meetings will be held every night.

W. D. Satterlee of Tidewater this week went to C. B. Cronso a sample of corn raised on his farm. The corn stalks stand twelve feet high and the ears are well filled out and large. In fact old Missouri has nothing on this corn. Why do not the farmers of Lincoln county raise thousands of acres of this corn. It surely isn't because it can't be done.

H. G. Guild and family have moved here from Newport and will make their home in the A. L. Jacobson residence. Mr. Guild has purchased the Sentinel of J. H. Davis and will now be a permanent fixture in Toledo. Mr. Guild is an old newspaper man. A few years ago he edited the Newport Signal. We extend to Brother Guild the hand of fellowship in the newspaper field again.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL ITEMS

Miss Mabel Booth taught the Seventh and Eighth grades this week during the absence of Mr. Ports, who was taking the teachers' examination.

Edna Altrey quit school Monday. She will leave soon for her home in Portland.

At present the Eighth grade is demonstrating bacterial fermentation.

The Seventh and Eighth grade pupils worked hard to decorate their room for Christmas. The school Christmas tree and exercises will be held Friday afternoon, on account of the school closing for the holidays on that day.

Come in and see our line of Holiday Goods. We will gladly show you the line and give you price below any catalogue. Toledo Drug Co.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our heartfelt appreciation to our neighbors and friends for their comforting sympathy and assistance in our great sorrow, and for the beautiful floral tributes received.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Holcomb and Family.

I have Celery, Lettuce, Sweet Potatoes, Oranges, Bananas and Lemons for the Holiday trade. R. S. Van Cleave.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS AGO TODAY

An 1,100 pound horse was sold by the chief of police of Corvallis at auction this week, and brought the sum of one dollar.

At last Astoria has the contract signed up for a railroad.

The proposed new county to be formed from western Lane and Douglas counties does not meet with much opposition. It is proposed to call the new county Blaine.

The steamer Homer has been kept inside the bay and the steamer South Coast outside for several days on account of a rough bar.

Jesse Craft and Geo. Hodges of Big Elk were in the city this week.

Assessor T. E. Parker and wife are at Salem, where the Assessor is attending a convention of the assessors of the state.

A. T. Peterson is extending the telephone line from the rock quarry to Elk City.

Miss Sada Chambers is assisting in the county clerk's office this week.

Mrs. Wesley L. Davis expects to go to Monmouth for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cressey, next week.

Arthur Rochester is in Portland this week.

Hon. J. W. Ball of Newport has been nominated as collector of customs at Yaquina.

Word comes from Corvallis that Prior Scott, an old resident of this county, is missing and it is feared he has committed suicide.

County Commissioner Chas. H. Williams has been elected mayor of Newport.

Married—Robert Campbell and Miss Nelly Briggs were married at the home of the bride at Cape Foulweather Monday, December 10th, 1894. Rev. Chas. Booth officiating.

With every 25c. purchase we will give one chance on the big boy doll. Toledo Drug Co.

NOBODY

Can afford to miss the big Moose dance to be given at Oddfellow Hall in this city on Christmas Eve, Friday the 24th, by the members of this flourishing order. The committees having the work in charge are working like beavers and are leaving nothing undone that will tend to make this dance one of the big events of the season. The music will be fine—the very best. The supper, under the supervision of the noted chef, R. V. Mann, will be good, and everybody is assured a good time. You are invited.

Don't wait until the last few days before Xmas. Come in early and make your selections. Our stock is complete. Toledo Drug Co.

TO EXCHANGE

Willamette Valley farm, 160 acres, to exchange for small ranch in Lincoln county. If interested investigate. John Bradbury, Aurora, Oregon.

Ladies' Hose, to clean out the balance of the stock—10c. a pair. Mrs. Frederick.

See the big Boy Doll in our window we will give away. One chance with every 25c. purchase. Toledo Drug Co.

Fancy Bon Bon Boxes, Candles, Toy Tree Decorations, Xmas Cards, at the Bonboniere.

Lots of untrimmed shapes 50c. each. Lots of trimmed hats \$1.00 each. / Few \$5.00 and \$6.00 Hats left, your choice, \$2.00. Mrs. Frederick.

Ladies velvet grip Hose Supporters, a regular 25c. seller. To close them out, 10c. pair. Mrs. Frederick.

Yerex-Brown & Co. offer extra quality Outing Flannels at 7 1/2c. per yard.

Children's Underwear, to close out will sell at about the price of the buttons, 12c. to 15c. a garment. Mrs. Frederick.

You will strike some extra good bargains at Mrs. Frederick's tomorrow.