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NEWPORT

The joint meeting of the port commission and the citizens was held Friday evening at the council chambers for the purpose of discussing and submitting all the facts and data in support of an official survey of the Yaquina harbor and bar, according to the request of the U. S. board of engineers as published recently. The meeting was well attended by the business men of the town and surrounding country. The meeting was called to order by Captain Jacobson, president of the port commission, who acted as chairman of the joint meeting. A Kirkland was elected secretary. The chairman briefly stated the object of the meeting and called on Hon. B. F. Jones for some remarks on the question at issue. The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to gather statistics and data for the use of our delegation in Congress: B. F. Jones, R. A. Bensell, S. G. Irvin, L. C. Smith and M. W. Wygant. Mr. Jones was made chairman of the committee. Mr. Jones has made a study of the Yaquina Bay harbor and its improvements for years. He therefore prepared a resolution supporting it and arguments asking the Board of U. S. Engineers to recommend an official survey of the Yaquina harbor and bar. This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote. This resolution, with all other facts connected with the matter will be sent at once to Washington, D. C. Col. E. Hofer was present and, by invitation, made a very able speech in favor of the improvement. Mr. Hofer thought the improvement of Yaquina harbor and bar had been shamefully neglected. He thought not only Lincoln county but all of the great Willamette valley should unite in urging the improvement of this harbor. Water transportation is the cheapest and by deepening the channel over the bar the products of Western Oregon could be shipped to the markets of the world over this route. He suggested that the people of Newport and Yaquina Bay unite in drawing up a map and place on that map just what they want done in the way of harbor and river improvements for the next five years and then work to secure it. We must be united. "I am interested," said the Col. "and expect to spend my last days on earth at my Agate Beach cottage overlooking the blue Pacific," and he hoped to see the last sunset beyond the western sky. Mayor Bensell, S. G. Irvin, Fred Whitten, M. W. Wygant and others made speeches in support of the survey and further improvement of the harbor. Several letters were read from prominent persons in regard to the survey and improvement, among them one from Senator Chamberlain and F. R. Pendleton, a large timber holder on Siletz, and others.

The masquerade ball given by the Rod and Gun Club at their hall on New Year's Eve, was well attended and a most enjoyable time was had by all present. A good deal of pains was taken in getting up the masques and they were ridiculous enough to make a statue laugh. The music by the orchestra was better than usual. About fifty couples were present. Twenty gay young people came from Yaquina to attend the ball.

The chicken dinner given by the people of Nye Creek at the banquet room of the L.O.O.F. hall on New Year's Day was well patronized. One hundred and fifty persons partook of the feast which was fine, gotten up to suit the queen's taste, and would satisfy the most fastidious epicurean. Seventy-five dollars was taken in, which will be applied on paying off the small debt on the rest and reading room at Nye Beach.

No special change occurred when the New Year came in. The fire bell was rang a few times to welcome the new year.

The dance kept merrily on most of the night.

Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock a visible earthquake was felt in Newport. It shook the houses and rattled the windows but no one was scared, no disturbance occurred in Newport.

The people realize the saloons have been put out of business in this state and the whiskey put in the homes and the road houses and the money sent to other states to get booze. A great many people have gone to California to make their homes and I understand the devil has gone there too. His Satanic majesty will not operate in Oregon any more. The people will be good and we won't need any special appropriations to enforce the laws.

Prof. C. J. Bushnell, president of the Pacific University, preached at the Presbyterian Church Sunday at 11 o'clock.

The new city council took their seats Tuesday evening. The officers were sworn in and the Mayor read his inaugural address, setting forth the condition of the city and suggesting reforms and plans for the future. The intent of it all was, we must have an economic administration. It's like putting old wine in new bottles. The councilmen are older and much wiser than they were a year ago and the city will get the benefit of that wisdom. They start off well and full of hope for the future.

The holidays are over and most of our visitors have gone home.

Captain Wellander, wife and son left Monday for their home in San Francisco. Hon. Sam Garland and family have gone home to Lebanon.

"Skookum," I understand, is a dead Indian returned from the happy hunting ground. I would like to hear from him about that mystic country. The Salado scribe got a solar plexus blow under the belt and may never come again, though I would like to hear from him often. The Elk City scribe lives in the mountains, is superstitious and much worried over the hooting of the owls. He thinks it is a bad omen. Hope he will continue to write. The owls wont hurt him.

We wish you all a Happy New Year.

FIEGLES CREEK

Christmas goose!
Oh, how we spent the Yuletide.

T. J. Buford and son, Jay, dined at the Van Orten home at Sweet Home, where a fine fat goose was discussed.

Mrs. Z. A. Keess and children, Mary, Delbert and Donald, were passengers on the outward-bound stage Xmas day.

Eskolt Darting visited Corvallis for holidays.

Chas. Lindley visited at Peak during the fest.

Darting children made merry over Xmas budgets from Santa by post. Old St. Nick would scarcely overlook this interesting family of little ones.

Frank Mulvany and family took in the Christmas tree and program at McClelland school, also dinner at the Frank Davis home, Harlan.

This is the sum total as far as is known by your correspondent; however, only the All-Seeing Eye could possibly interpret inner causes for thankfulness and good feeling. Blessed Yuletide!

Z. A. Keess is busy these days attending to dairy, etc., in the absence of his family.

Frank Mulvany is trapping for predatory animals.

Clarence Davis is hauling fencing for Sure Thing ranch.

SALADO

Old Man La Grippe is visiting in our community. He is not very welcome, but he has a good grip on some of us.

Four inches of snow New

Years day here. Quite a change in the last week. On Christmas day we noticed a fine patch of early potatoes at Mr. Hodges' place, averaging 40 inches high and looking as good as in June.

The article in last week's Leader, "Something to Think On," certainly hits the nail on the head. If we wish to save our fish it is time to get busy. It looks like a closed season is the only way to have much effect. And feed the little fish after they are hatched until they are able to care for themselves. Heretofore the little fish were hauled about the streams and dumped in to fatten up on sand, as the old fish were not used to any great extent in feeding the young. We hope the good readers of the Leader will not be prone to think we are against the betterment of the fish conditions, for we are not.

There are a few Chinese pheasants along the Big Elk valley and some silver gray squirrels. They should not be killed but given a chance to increase.

Three of our popular young men started to celebrate the New Year right so they thought, but they have another guess coming; while they sing, "How dry I am."

NORTONS

A. J. Warnock returned from Portland the last of the week.

E. T. Raddant passed through here Saturday evening on his way home from Portland. Mr. Raddant took a carload of cattle to Portland a few days ago.

Gerald White returned to Corvallis Saturday morning, after spending the holidays with his parents at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hamar spent Sunday with Mr. Hamar's brother at Nashvile.

Fritz Michel of Eddyville was a Norton visitor Saturday.

Mrs. H. S. Porter and daughter, Mildred, returned to Newport Monday evening after spending the holidays here.

Miss Crystal Warnock and Ormie Welch attended the Grange dance at Summit Friday night.

The Nortons Swiss Society held their annual New Year's celebration at the residence of Emil Ruprecht Saturday. All report a good time. They believe in starting the new year out right.

Geo. Wigle of Rock Creek was transacting business here the first of the week.

R. C. Benrose passed through here Saturday on his way home from the Valley.

Henry Tinner is carrying mail for Lloyd Porter, the latter being employed on the railroad as trackwalker.

Renold Lindquest has recently moved into his new house.

Frank Borton took advantage of the snow and came in from his homestead with his oxen and sled after a load of supplies.

Carl Edwards and Darl Peck returned from Newport Friday morning.

ONA

Good bye to old 1915. Welcome to 1916.

The ground was dressed in white on New Year's day. How beautiful she did look.

Arthur Holmgreen of Bend, Oregon, came in Friday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Holmgreen.

Mr. and Mrs. John Coovert and Fay Selby spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Parks.

Mrs. Geo. Selby was a visitor at L. M. Commons' Sunday.

Arthur Holmgreen and Fay Selby called on Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Weber.

L. L. Parks and W. C. Weber had business at Poole slough Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ohmart were at Waldport Sunday, Mrs. Ohmart having some dental work done while there.

Geo. Selby and W. C. Weber were Toledo visitors Wednesday.

WEST YAQUINA

The Mirene landed at the West Yaquina docks Wednesday morning and took on a consignment of freight for Santa Cruz, California.

Clifford Phelps, accompanied by his brother, Arthur, of Portland passed through here Tuesday evening on their way to Ona. Clifford reports very cold weather and plenty of snow at Woodland, Washington, where he spent several days visiting his sisters.

Lloyd Parks was in from Beaver creek Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. McPharland and son and John Hanlon came in from Beaver creek Tuesday. Mrs. McPharland departed Wednesday morning for Portland, where she will place her little son, who accompanied her, in school.

We've had plenty of east wind, snow and cold rains. Wouldn't it be nice if the weather man would prescribe a few sunny days for a change?

GLEN

Xmas and New Years passed very quietly in this neighborhood, without any snow, even.

The school had a week's vacation for Xmas, which the scholars enjoyed very much.

Johnny Neathamer of Toledo spent Xmas with his sister, Mrs. R. T. Moore.

Mr. Moffit spent his vacation at Toledo.

Miss Edith Davenport spent Xmas with her sister, Mrs. S. J. Stewart.

Miss Georgia St. John of Corvallis is visiting with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Brown.

Mr. Moffit was a dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crooks Xmas.

W. R. Moore lost a fine cow last week.

Raleigh Crooks spent Xmas day with Freddie Brown.

R. T. Moore went to Toledo last Sunday.

We had our first snow last Wednesday night.

A large crowd from this neighborhood attended the dance at Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Grant's at Harlan.

ROSE LODGE

Rose Lodge wishes all the readers of the Leader a very happy and prosperous New Year.

The masquerade character dansant given at the Grange Hall last Saturday night was a success and well attended, there being over one hundred guests. A free supper was served to the best masked couple. Those who were victorious were, Mrs.

Henry Deakins and Oscar Sider. This event easily surpassed any held in the building before. Special preparations were made for the decorations and the good music which we had. A number of the young folks from Neskowin were there, among them being Fred and Walter Afolter, Sack Franklin, Harold Scheringer, Till Trent and Ralph Sutton. A good time was had by all and a big oyster supper was served.

Miss Bernice Welch, a teacher from Taft, passed through this vicinity on her way home to spend the holidays.

Harry Pierce from Alaska visited at the Harding home for a few days last week.

Miss Lucy Gardner from Otis visited Miss Mildred Harding last Sunday.

Alfred Bauman has returned home from Portland where he has been working all Fall.

Ralph and Mildred Harding visited at the Messinger home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Olline spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Pabo and family.

Frank Mann seems to have found some attraction at Otis these days. Come on, Frank, tell us all about it.

Edith Bauer from Neskowin spent the week-end with friends in this vicinity.

The road supervisor of district No. 17 has a crew of men laying corduroy near Pitner.

Several of the small foot bridges washed out during the last high water, compelling some to do without their mail until repairs were made.

Gertrude and Inez Adams have returned home from Dallas where they have been working.

OYSTERVILLE

It snowed quite hard around this vicinity during Friday and Saturday and of course it had to turn in and rain.

School is now going again, after a week's vacation.

Trace Huntsucker has moved his float house up Poole slough, where he will cut wood.

Mrs. Dora Huntsucker returned to her home Sunday. She had been spending Xmas with relatives at Beaver creek.

Francis Ferr and V. D. Boone are building a new culling house this week.

Chas. Gildersleeve returned to Winant Sunday after spending the holidays with relatives at Toledo.

Miss Cara Boone returned home Saturday morning, after staying a week at Yaquina.

Burl King visited at his home in Oyster City Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hath were spending the holidays in Elk City.

ELK CITY—Proper

Harry Divilbiss of Newport was in this city transacting business last Wednesday.

Herman Schmitt was helping his neighbor, the writer, do some butchering the fore part of last week.

Mrs. R. A. Abbey and daughter Ella were visiting and trading in town Wednesday of last week.

The holidays have been enjoyed by the school children and others who came in from the Valley.

Willie and Scott Graves were fixing one of their floats Wednesday last, same having broken loose during the high water.

The writer omitted to mention that Benny Graves came home for Xmas. He returned the following Monday.

Ye writer wishes all the readers of this paper a Happy New Year, as well as the editors and associate editors.

The old year has passed bringing joy to some and sorrow to some. What will the New Year bring is now thought. If we try our best to do that which is right, ought we not to expect joyous results?

One thing that is hoped the New Year will bring is peace to the warring nations, for more

reasons than one.

Water, they say, purifies itself every three hundred yards or feet. If the same snoud apply to the human race for swearing and if every one who swore would run that many yards or feet, what a lot of foot races we would have.

Hymen's Hymn—Her name was Mrs. Wilkins-Harding-Grant-McArthur-Stone. For every little husband has a hyphen all his own.—Life.

Mr. Urdike of the Upper Elk who was in town last week is rather laid up with the la grippe.

Mr. J. E. Van Allen was trading in town last Friday and he reported the loss of his cow. This is rather a hard blow as he had only bought her last Spring. He also reports that his wife, who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, is improving slowly.

Well, boys, you can't buy booze in Oregon now. Guess you will have to take to the water wagon. Good thing, anyway.

Silently and softly fell the first snow of the winter last Friday afternoon. The hills and valleys look beautiful in the coat of ermine.

It was reported to the writer today (Friday, the 31st) that an epidemic of la grippe and pneumonia was going through the Valley cities and that a few deaths were reported from it. This changeable weather causes a lot of hard colds and if they are not taken care of will turn into something worse. It shows us that we can not be too careful of how we take care of ourselves.

The railroad bridge crew was employed the latter part of the past week renewing one of the small trestles near the Schmitt place.

Herman Schmitt has caught himself a bad cold. He could hardly talk the last of the week, but is getting better of it today, Saturday.

Mrs. H. A. Norton returned from California Friday evening.

Our local grange held its monthly session on New Year's day. They elected a new set of officers for the ensuing year and had a good time in general.

R. A. Abbey was a Toledo visitor Saturday.

Jim Derrick, the county surveyor, who has been doing some surveying in this neighborhood, took the evening train for Toledo Saturday.

It is reported that the railroad company is going to open a rock quarry near here to obtain rock to place on or near the track on the lower bay.

A good many of our young folks enjoyed a rare treat Saturday in coasting down the hills on their sleds. Sliding doesn't come often, but its fun while it lasts.

Miss Fay Tillotson returned from her Xmas vacation to resume her school work here, last Saturday.

We regret to learn of the death of Jack Davidson. He died at the home of his parents in Philomath Saturday morning at 7 o'clock. He leaves a wife and daughter. Mr. Davidson had been sick for a long time. He appeared to get better at one time, then would suffer a relapse, each time sinking lower, till at last he has been taken from those he loved and has crossed the Great Divide from whence there is no returning.

Those who play with fire may expect to get burned. At least that has been the experience of some young men here according to the report we received through the columns of this paper. It is hoped that it will prove a lesson not soon forgotten.

Rev. J. R. Devenport failed to make his regular service here last Sunday. Weather conditions were probably the cause.

Mrs. Jack Davidson returned home Tuesday evening from the death bed of her husband. We extend our sympathies to her.

Our weather seems to be breaking a little. Here's hoping it breaks altogether.

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