

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

California papers announce the marriage at Redding, December 26, of Alfred N. Beck and Nola Pearl Trefren, both of this city.

D. M. Watt of Ashland left Wednesday morning for Butte, Mont., on a business trip. He was accompanied by his wife, who will visit relatives and many friends.

Miss Ruth Turner, student at the normal school at San Jose, Cal., is home for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Turner, residing on Union street.

Evangelist Frank Mathis and party, who conducted a series of revival meetings in this city last winter, will begin a series of meetings at Salem next Sunday and continue for three weeks.

C. B. Lamkin has sold to Henry Bestwick, residing near Eagle Mills, ten acres of alfalfa and potato land, located on Bear creek bottom land in that vicinity, carrying with it a tree water right.

Simpson's hardware store is a busy place these days, with ten high school students applying practical business methods incident to the annual invoicing of the big stock in all its departments.

Mrs. B. M. Wasson, who has been living on Factory street, moved to Medford on Wednesday. Her daughter Ursel, who has been clerking at Beebe & Kinney's store, accompanied her and will enter the employment of the Medford Mercantile Company.

H. C. Galey has taken the position of bookkeeper for the Overland agency at Ashland and its branch at Medford.

E. Hodge of Oregon City, express messenger from Ashland to San Francisco, was a Christmas guest of Dan Applegate.

The postoffice reports incoming mail much heavier and outgoing mail lighter than usual during the Christmas rush.

Mrs. Bartow of Seattle was a visitor during the holidays season with relatives in the Grainger and Vining families of this city.

Miss Jessie Jarvis of San Francisco, trained nurse under Christian Science auspices, is visiting her parents here during the holidays.

Donald Sutherland of "Arden-craig," near Grants Pass, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. May Whitney, and other relatives during the holidays.

Horace Badger is here for a few days from Oakland, Cal., which is the family home during the winter, on a brief trip connected with business matters.

Dr. T. A. Hall, dental practitioner, is able to be around again after protracted illness, during which time he has been a patient at the Granite City hospital.

Dr. Jarvis and H. T. Elmore each won the gratitude of the Ashland mail carriers by donating their autos a day each to help get away with the Christmas packages.

Harry Bates, employed in Southern Pacific offices at Madera, Cal., is home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bates. He was formerly in the dispatcher's headquarters here.

The directors of the Pompadour Springs Company met Wednesday at the office of Director Harry Silver. George Sorenson of Grants Pass and M. P. Schmitt of Medford were up for the meeting.

Prof. Irving Vining left Friday for the east, where he will take up his lecture work again during the winter months. Most of his lecturing is

done in New York and vicinity. He hopes to return in July bringing with him a couple of eastern friends for a hunting trip. En route east he will visit in southern California.

Mrs. Robert Hall of Harvard, Ill., was a holiday visitor with relatives in the Nims, Saunders and Bagley families. She is on her way to southern California and will visit here again before returning to the central west next spring.

Merle J. Maxey is home for the holidays and to recuperate from injuries sustained while working as fireman for the Southern Pacific at Oakland. He was thrown from an engine two weeks ago and was in the hospital for a week.

F. E. Moore, George A. Briscoe and Miss Gertrude Engle are in Portland attending the State Teachers' Association. Besides the regular sessions there was a banquet at Hotel Portland Thursday evening, followed by a reception given by the Oregon Congress of Mothers at the Chamber of Commerce.

O. J. Rathbun is receiving a visit from his nephew, H. C. Rathbun of Bellefourche, S. D., whom he has not seen for the past ten years. The visitor is a stockman of that Dakota section, which is located near the Black Hills. He is accompanied by his wife and is looking over the southern Oregon country with a view of permanently locating hereabouts.

Louis H. Plymale, aged about forty years, committed suicide Friday afternoon about 2 o'clock in Medford, by slashing his throat with a razor, near the home of Tom E. Collins, 110 Almond street, a relative. He died at Sacred Heart hospital in Medford at 6 o'clock Friday night. The tragic act was impelled by despondency, due to a nervous breakdown. He was born in Medford. Relatives live there.

Mrs. J. Wendell Wright of Roseburg arrived Thursday for a few days' visit with friends in this city.

G. C. Worthington and family of Roseburg came up Thursday for a few days' visit with friends in this city.

Mrs. Frank Swingle started for Pasadena Friday morning and will visit friends there, at San Diego, Los Angeles and other southern California points.

Mrs. Emil Peil will leave Sunday for San Francisco. Her mother, who lives in Klamath Falls, has been in ill health of late and Mrs. Peil will meet her at Weed and make the trip with her.

W. H. Gore, representative-elect from Jackson and Douglas counties, will leave for Salem next Tuesday afternoon to attend the sessions of the legislature. Representatives-elect Sheldon and Thomas will leave the same day.

Medford Tribune: With the opening of the high school next Tuesday, Coach Klum will begin the work of drilling the basketball squad for the annual campaign. The local team gives promise of being the strongest in the history of the school. The schedule will include a series of games with Ashland at the finish of the season.

Automobiling on the ice of Upper Klamath lake is being enjoyed for the first time this winter. The ice does not usually freeze thick enough to support autos, but this year Clarence White, a Klamath Falls driver, has made the trip several times from Modoc Point directly across to Odesa, about twelve miles, in a big touring car. Ice men are now busy putting up ice which measures from four to six inches thick. A great many fine trout are caught at this season through holes in the ice.

Yreka News: William Miller of Dorris, generally known as "Dad" Miller, the trapper, was in Yreka Friday with eighty very fine mink furs that he had trapped this fall. He also had several cougar and cat skins. He had his large Airdale dog Jim in town with him. He says the dog has killed his cougar and has caught over \$1,000 worth of furs for him. At the time Mr. Miller was lost in a very heavy snow storm in the foothills of Mt. Shasta Jim was his faithful companion for over a week.

The board of directors of the Phoenix Farm Loan Association held its first meeting at the town hall, Phoenix, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and elected the following committee of appraisement: T. E. Scantlin, Medford, chairman; John A. Gammel and M. J. Norris of Phoenix. It is the desire of this committee to get into communication with similar associations throughout the county with the view of establishing uniform land valuations so essential to the success of the individual associations and of the system itself. There should be some sort of co-operation, either organized or informal.

Miss Josephine Saunders, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Saunders, over Christmas, will leave Monday for Portland, where she is attending Reed College.



HAPPY NEW YEAR, men and women!

Happy New Year, girls and boys! Let me wish you all sincerely Twelve months brimming full of joy.

May new hopes and aspirations Stir within your hearts today, Searing last year's disappointments From your memories away.

Turn around and face the sunshine With its constant warmth and cheer, Firm resolving you will seek it Every day throughout the year.

Clouds which darken your horizon, While you're gazing toward the light, Are collections of thin vapor Which will soon drift out of sight.

Let unselfish love for others Prompt you oft to noble deeds; Flowers blooming by the roadside Are more beautiful than weeds. Through life's mazes we all wander, Many stumble as though blind, So a helping hand be often Stretching forth to lift mankind.

May this New Year be much better Than the other years you've passed; Let it be a strong foundation, Built to hold your future fast. Use enough good bricks and mortar So your edifice won't snake Should the earth begin to tremble With a war or giant quake.

—Grace Sorenson in Omaha World-Herald.

A New Year's Day Reflection

ALL years are not alike in value to the race or the individual; neither are all days. There are black days and white days, weeks that are burdensome and weeks that are like a merry chime of bells, months that rumble with the thunder of defeat and months that resound with the shouts of victory.

There is no monotony in time. It varies as does the landscape. In one period it is as level as a western prairie, with no special experiences to mark its passage; in another changes come and events occur which make the weeks resemble the Alleghenies, mountain heights gathered together like a great company of giants whose shining helmets are visible though you have traveled far away and stand on your horizon line; in still another some day or week with its wondrous happenings rises from the plain of memory like a veritable Mont Blanc, and though seventy years be counted in your calendar you still see its summit and say, "That was the hour when my new life began."

New Year's Eve Among the Rayahs. The Greeks who dwell in Turkish territory and are subjects of the sultan are known as Greek Rayahs. They follow the Greek calendar, according to which Jan. 1 comes on our Jan. 14. New Year's eve is a great time for the Rayah boys. As soon as they ring the bell of a house the door is thrown open and the voice of the master is heard, saying, "Let the boys in at once! Give them money, fruit and all that they can carry of St. Basil's cake. Come on, servants; fill their pockets while they give us their song!"

Then the poor children, delighted by the warm welcome of the host and the profusion of dainty things given them, sing with frenzy the romantic little tale of St. Basil, patron saint of the home and of the young, and end with the calling down of numerous blessings on the generous family during the new year.—Youth's Companion.

On the First Morning. It is curious to find the Puritan Judge Sewell a hater of all holidays and set days, recording with much pleasure his being awakened on New Year's morning in sober Boston in 1698 by a levell or blast of trumpets, and he celebrated Jan. 1, 1700, which he thought was the opening of a new century, by writing a very poor poem and causing it to be cried or recited through the town by the town crier.

Old Council Goes Out of Business

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down because of lack of funds. E. M. Wilson, public accountant, who has audited the books of the city of Medford on several occasions, explained the cost of auditing and it was found that it would cost between \$1,000 and \$1,500 to bring the audit up to date, as the books have not been audited for several years.

There being a surplus lying idle in the water sinking fund which would not be needed for paying water bonds until 1919, a note was taken up on a land purchase and a saving of 2 per cent interest saved.

The old bugaboo of the bill for park lighting was brought out of the skeleton closet and aired and trotted back in on a motion to leave it to the new council to fight out.

A few minor matters were discussed, but no definite action taken, and the meeting adjourned into a hand-shaking session. The mayor and retiring councilman seemed almost jubilant. No tears were shed.

THE CITY ATTORNEY.

No other position of the city has been subject to the criticism that has fallen to the lot of the city attorney. The reason lies entirely in the fact that the work which he has to do is not comprehended by the citizens.

Who know nothing of it and therefore think the \$30 monthly paid him a waste. Elsewhere in this issue is published the report of the city attorney, which was deemed by the council such an educational report as to be well worth printing for the public. Every citizen should read it. It contains not only a comprehensive report of the attorney's duties and the work which he has done, but gives some enlightening insights into affairs of which the citizens generally know but little. No citizen should be so unfair as to advocate doing away with the city attorneyship without first reading the report. Councilman Nininger says that a prominent citizen dropped into his store the other day and Mr. Nininger asked him what he thought of the city attorney. "Perfectly useless and a waste of money," replied the visitor.

Mr. Nininger asked him to read the report, saying, "I haven't got time and I will rely absolutely on your opinion." After spending a half hour or so studying the report the prominent citizen stated: "By George, I had no idea of what he had to do. We sure must keep an attorney, and I would favor paying him more money. This has changed my mind." So read the report.

Vampire Will Vamp At Vining Sunday

Theda Bara, original vampire of the screen, will have an exceptional opportunity to show her best wares that famous old play, "East Lynne," at the Vining Sunday night. Theda is a cute kid and has put across some mighty strong stuff, but in "East Lynne" she has an opportunity to breathe life into the strongest role she is yet attempted, and the manner in which she does so is said to be enthralling in the extreme.

Monday.

Monday night Lionel Barrymore will be the attraction in "The Brand of Cowardice."

Chief Engineer of S. P. May Retire

According to parties from San Francisco, William Hood, long chief engineer of the Southern Pacific system and one of the foremost railroad construction engineers in the United States, will retire February 1, says the Coos Bay Times of Marshfield. The announcement comes as a great surprise to all here, and while it is not officially confirmed, it is declared to be authentic.

The possibility of the change is said to have come up within a short time. Mr. Hood, although considerably past 60, is an especially vigorous man and will scarcely retire from active life. He has been most active, last summer calling attention to the fact that in years he had not taken a vacation.

A river road from Pendleton to Echo is the latest.

Advertisement for McGee's Goods. Text: "We extend greetings of the season to all those who have helped make this year a better year than the preceding and to all those who will help us make the coming New Year the best of all. We Thank You. McGee's Goods."

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Mrs. H. L. Whited left Thursday evening for Los Angeles, being called south by word that her mother, Mrs. W. B. Colton, was seriously ill.

Clarence Hatcher is holding down Harry Sayles' job in the offices at the S. P. station while Harry is enjoying a layoff. Sayles has been studying as a switchman in the yards for some time and may enter that branch of service.

Miss Bertha Eliason, who is home from her school at McCloud for the midwinter vacation, tells of an entertainment program and dance given by the McCloud school which netted the sum of \$181.50. The amount was used to purchase a piano. The McCloud community must be a loyal one, such an amount seldom being raised by a school in a single evening.

Ed Dews, fireman on the Southern Pacific, is located in Ashland for the present, having bid in one of the Ashland Siskiyou helper engine runs. These days of extraordinary freight traffic and hiring of firemen make "whiskers," as high place on the seniority list is called, fast. Several Ashland boys who entered the service of the road but a short time ago are now on the main line.

Kenneth Lilly came up Thursday from Redding, where he has been spending the holidays. He returned south Saturday after a short visit with friends in the city. He will return to Stanford University at the beginning of the spring term. He says Stanford will have a great baseball team this year and that the sum of his ambition is to get to swing at a couple when the team plays the White Sox.

Roy Sanford is spending the holidays with his folks here. He is employed with a large firearms concern in the east. He states that the war prosperity is something amazing in the ammunition towns. Men who ordinarily could not hold down a mechanic's job get away with the bluff, are paid fabulous wages and from \$8 to \$15 a day, wear silk hats and fur-lined overcoats and ride in their own automobiles.

Oregon's 1916 fruit crop will net growers fully \$9,000,000. This is the valuation placed on the commercial shipping crop, and does not include the value of fruit consumed at home. Taken altogether, the crop was worth \$1,000,000 more than in any previous year. The apple crop proved to be better than had been anticipated. The total shipping crop is estimated at about 3,000 cars. On account of the continued car shortage a large proportion of the crop remains yet to be moved. While apples head the list in point of value, the prune crop takes first rank for the amount of outside money brought into the state. The 1916 production of Oregon Italian prunes reached the 40,000,000-pound mark, the shipping value of which was \$3,000,000. There was a creditable showing of other varieties of fruit.—Oregonian.

Ashland Tidings wants ads bring results.

Needs Are Studied

A conservative bank is not necessarily behind the times. This bank is thoroughly modern, yet it is a conservative institution. The officers study your needs and the needs of the community and are always ready to assist in meeting them.

The depositor's interests are carefully safeguarded.

First National Bank ASHLAND, OREGON.

Oldest National Bank in Jackson County

Advertisement for L. J. Orres. Text: "New Year's Resolution. After January 1, 1917, I will operate my tailor shop on a strictly cash basis. You who pay cash will not have to pay some one else's debts. My prices must be right, my work must be right, and everything must be right. This is one of my New Year resolutions, and I hope to keep it. L. J. Orres."

Died.

Harriet Chance Pierce, wife of B. A. Pierce of Central point, passed away at Granite City hospital at Ashland on the evening of December 21, 1916. Mrs. Pierce was born at Hampton, Iowa, November 3, 1872. Her family moved to Linn county, Oregon, in the early '80s, where she grew to womanhood. Besides her husband she leaves to mourn her loss a son, Harold Smith, of Central Point, and Mrs. Bernice Wynkoop of Portland, a sister, Mrs. P. A. Goodwin of Albany, and two brothers, W. B. Chance of Albany and Harry O. Chance of Agania, Guam.

A WOMAN'S BACK.

The Advice of This Ashland Woman is of Certain Value. Many a woman's back has many aches and pains. Ofttimes 'tis the kidneys' fault. That's why Doan's Kidney Pills are so effective.

Many Ashland women know this. Read what one has to say about it: Mrs. J. Galbraith, 136 Sherman street, Ashland, says: "Five years ago my kidneys were in a bad way. At times they acted too freely and then again not often enough. My back felt weak and lame and I was tired and languid all the time. Finally I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills and they helped me wonderfully. They regulated the action of my kidneys. Since then I have always used Doan's Kidney Pills whenever I have felt my kidneys needed attention and they have done me good."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Galbraith had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Notice.

To Milk Consumers of Ashland: On and after January 1, 1917, the price of milk and cream will be governed by the following schedule of prices:

MILK— 1 pint daily, per month, \$1.35 23 pint tickets, 1.00 11 pint tickets, .50 5 pint tickets, .25 1 quart daily, per month, 2.50 1 1/2 quarts daily, per month, 3.75 2 quarts daily, per month, 4.75 3 quarts daily, per month, 6.75 12 quart tickets, 1.00 6 quart tickets, .50 20 cents per gallon for single gallon or by the month when delivered to private families.

25 cents per gallon to hotels, restaurants, bakeries and confectioners. CREAM— 1/2 pint whipping cream, \$1.15 1 pint whipping cream, .25 1 quart whipping cream, .45 1/2 pint coffee cream, .10 1 pint coffee cream, .20 1 quart coffee cream, .35

No reduction will be made in price when bills are paid in advance. Tickets are to be paid for when obtained.

E. N. NORTON, C. N. WAITE, C. T. PAYNE, STANLEY HAKE, MR. BAMFORD.

Advertisement for THE CITIZENS BANK OF ASHLAND. Text: "In Starting the New Year. It is customary to strike a balance of resources and liabilities and find out if there has been a gain or loss. Have you ample banking connections? Consider the prudence of having a checking account with this strong bank. 4% ON SAVINGS DEPOSITS."