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Owing to the impaired condition of the Youngs bay draw bridge the milk men are obliged to transfer their milk cans via small boat. This will necessitate a delay in the local delivery of about an hour.

Athel Macharoni died Thursday afternoon. Deceased was the three year old son of Joseph Macharoni and death was the result of an attack of scarlet fever. The funeral was held from the family residence yesterday with interment at Greenwood cemetery.

Olaf Anderson yesterday assumed the duties of police judge recently assigned him by the city council. Judge Anderson is eminently fitted to perform the duties of the office and the city can be congratulated upon obtaining such an efficient official as he will doubtless be.

Special music by the Sunday school pupils, assisted by adults, will be given in the Presbyterian church tomorrow evening. A part of the Christmas music will be repeated and other selections will be rendered. The singers will be assisted by four violins and violin-cello. The entire program is under the leadership of Miss Katie Flavel.

Ladies, be sure and secure one of Miss Margarita Fischer's souvenir photographs, given away by herself to ladies only, Monday evening, December 23, at Fischer's opera house. The company will present that beautiful border drama "The Golden Giant." Admission, reserved seats, 50c; gallery 25c. Seat sale opens this morning at Griffin's book store.

Terry McKean, who is now in San Francisco, will probably effect an engagement with the Margarita Fischer company which opens in this city next Monday evening for a week's engagement. Mr. McKean is recognized by the best dramatic critics to be the leading man of the coast in light comedy roles and striking character parts. He recently showed with Bob Fitzsimmons in the "Honest Blacksmith."

A small boy by the name of Hansen fell overboard near Ross, Higgins & Co.'s store Christmas day but was rescued without a great deal of difficulty. The incident created considerable excitement at the time and quite a crowd collected on the spot, and the story that was passed around was to the effect that the lad had met his death. He is alive and hearty enough however, at the present time to live through several more Christmases.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thompson and son Harold of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Higgins and Mr. L. C. McCloud of this city, were entertained Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Warren in Warrenton. The beautiful residence was profusely decorated with holly, palms and other appropriate plants and greens of the season. Besides an elegantly served dinner, a Christmas tree, attended with charm and beauty, delighted the hours away making the day only too brief for the honored guests.

Mrs. Julia Price of Skamokawa was found dead in her bed early Christmas morning by her son. Mrs. Price was 72 years of age and had not been well for some time, but was considered much improved of late and Wednesday evening attended a Christmas tree entertainment and seemed to enjoy the festivities. This extra exertion is thought, however, to have been too much for the aged lady's feeble strength. About 1 o'clock the following morning her son entered her room, presumably to see how his mother was resting, and was greatly shocked to discover that she had died during the night. The funeral was held yesterday with interment at Skamokawa.

The bark Madagascar has troubles of her own and there seems to be no letting up on them. Two capstans have been broken and an anchor became fouled several days ago. After that there was a brief respite, but Christmas day she broke out again. The first thing that happened was the dragging of an anchor. Another was dropped and then the two of them got fouled of each other. Tugs put to the vessel's assistance and she was towed to Flavel dock on the west side

where her gearing will be repaired. This was all bad enough, but to cap the climax six men took French leave during the night and have since managed to elude all efforts to retake them.

John Olin and wife are in the city from Chinook and will remain here a few days before leaving for Little Rock, Ill., where Mr. Olin will enter a conservatory of music. Mr. Olin is a performer of ability on both organ and piano, considering the limited time he has applied to those instruments, but is desirous of becoming more proficient and eventually adopting music as his profession. He intends making pipe organ his specialty.

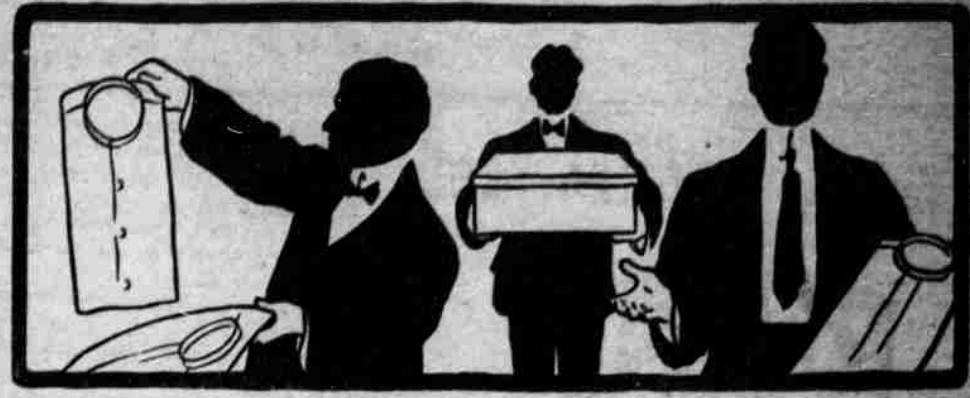
Mr. Ranle Mayhan and Miss Beatie Shepard were married at the home of James Mahan, Franklin avenue and Fifteenth street, Christmas eve, Rev. William Seymour Short, rector of Grace church, officiating. After the ceremony, which was performed in front of a Christmas tree, the couple and the few friends present sat down to a dainty lunch. The gifts were a full set of china from the brother of the groom and a water set from friends in Portland.

The members of the Waukow club entertained their friends with an enjoyable dancing party last night in Hanthorn's hall. A feature of the evening was the presence of Santa Claus, who courteously kept the guests supplied with liquid refreshment. The young men used every effort to cause the evening to pass pleasantly and these efforts were certainly not unavailing. Excellent music was furnished by the Columbia orchestra.

Though it has been suggested in some circles that the prevailing disease in this city that has been termed scarlet fever is in reality some other malady, it is, nevertheless, true that it is proving quite as fatal as though it were in fact the dreaded contagion. A prominent physician has advised that the schools be indefinitely closed as the disease is rapidly assuming the proportions of an epidemic. It is very probable that the malady is the scarlet fever, as reported, and every precaution must be used to keep it down.

There is an unsightly condition of things on Ninth street between Bond and Astor that requires looking into. M. Susman, fictitiously known as the cattle king, sold three quarters of beef last Wednesday to a local concern and the customer, being for some reason or other dissatisfied with the purchase, returned the goods. Mr. Susman refused to accept the beef and so the quarters were dumped on the sidewalk in front of his place of business. Susman insisting they have passed out of his hands, refuses to remove them; the other party, having repudiated the purchase, declines to further concern himself in the matter, and so for three days they have remained distributed about on the sidewalk. It might be well for the right authorities to bestir themselves and get the obstruction out of the way. Some of the visitors to the big Portland fair might visit the city and it wouldn't be nice for them to see.

The custom followed by many residents of this city in allowing wood piles to remain on the streets for a length of time is not only shocking from an artistic point of view but is a decided menace to life and limb. Wednesday night the No. 1 hose wagon narrowly escaped getting demolished by a number of these obstacles. In such an event it is only reasonable to suppose that the driver and his team would not have escaped unscathed. The spirited animals were tearing up the street in the direction of the fire in the Welch block. The wind was blowing a gale and beating rain in the driver's face, so that it was with difficulty anything could be seen. To add to this there was no street light, at the very point where it was most needed, so that the team was fairly upon a wood pile before it could be seen. The horses instinctively leaped, jerking the wagon after them, and landed in the middle of the pile. A few more leaps and stumbles and the obstacle was cleared. Not half a block beyond, behold, another wood pile. Fortunately there was a little more light at this point, and the obstruction was avoided, but



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another one was encountered a few seconds later on the opposite side of the street. It seems a miracle that a serious mishap did not occur, but the hose-wagon managed to reach the Welch block in time to assist in extinguishing the most menacing incipient conflagration that has occurred in this city for years. It has been suggested that if wood piles must be kept on the principal streets in the city, it might be well to hang out danger lights for the safety of the public.

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