

# LATE CLACKAMAS COUNTY NEWS

## CASE OF MELLIEN CHILDREN HEARD

### Court Decides of the Evidence That Father is Blameless—Are Left in Custody.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Oregon City, Dec. 25.—Almost the entire day was taken up in the county court before Judge Dimick yesterday in hearing the case of the Mellien children. Mrs. George Brown filed a complaint Wednesday night alleging that Wanda and Thelma Mellien, the 4 and a year old daughters of A. H. Mellien, a furniture dealer of this city, were without proper parental care, and asking that their custody be taken from their father. Assistant District Attorney Stipp appeared for the complainant, and C. Schaeffer for the defense. It was shown during the trial by the testimony of witnesses, that Mellien's wife had deserted him and the children about six months ago and after the desertion Mellien had placed the children under the care of his mother-in-law, who is also the mother of Mrs. Brown, the complainant. It was also shown that Mellien had paid for everything the grandmothers of the children ordered, and although it was admitted that the children had some hard usage since their mother's disappearance, the fault was not placed on the father. Judge Dimick decided to leave the children in the father's keeping, subject to further order of the court.

## Personal Mention.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Oregon City, Dec. 25.—Carlton Harding is back from California, spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harding. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hasler, who have resided on Duane street for the past two years, have left the city to reside on their farm on rural route No. 3, near this city.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Duffy were in the city from Beaver creek yesterday. Rev. Father Mathew of New Era was a visitor with Father Hillbrand in this city yesterday.

## Schools Close.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Oregon City, Dec. 25.—The Barclay and Eastham schools, and the McLoughlin Institute closed at noon yesterday until the first Monday in January.

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# LA EST NEWS FROM VANCOUVER

## BANK DRAFTS LAY IN HARRIS' DESK

Representing License Funds That Should Have Been Paid State, According to Accountant.  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 25.—Further investigation of the books of former City Clerk J. E. Harris, by the council, reveals the fact that Harris' lack of attention and gross mistakes will result in no end of trouble to the city. From the condition of the city books, Harris did very little work on them during the last few months he was in office.  
In the case of that portion of the liquor license money which should have gone to the state, Harris permitted bank drafts in favor of the state to remain in his desk for several months and in some cases for nearly two years. City Treasurer G. W. Daniels, who has been checking up the case account, has discovered a bunch of these drafts, drawn when the license was paid over to him, in the desk of the former clerk. This failure to remit to the state may mean the loss of considerable money to the city for interest due on the state's portion of the license. Recently the state won in a suit against the city of Aberdeen, which was said to be similar to the situation here.

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## MRS. SAMARED FIRES AT FLEEING HOLDUP

### Mount Pleasant Woman is Robbed While at Work in Her Home.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Oregon City, Dec. 25.—A tramp entered the home of the Samared family at Mount Pleasant, close to this city, last night and held up Mrs. J. Samared, who was alone at the time, and robbed her of a nickel. Mrs. Samared had paid off the tramp a few minutes before. As soon as he had secured the nickel the tramp left the house. Mrs. Samared picked up an old muzzle loading gun and shot at him. He ran for the timber close by. She fired two more shots from a 22 caliber rifle, and then telephoned to Chief Burns.  
The Yeggman is described as being middle aged, of medium height, gray mustache and wearing dark clothing. Mrs. Samared was at work in the field, quite a distance from the house, at the time of the robbery.

## VESPER STELLAS DANCE TONIGHT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Oregon City, Dec. 24.—The Vesper Stellas, a social club composed of many of the prominent young men of this city, will give a grand ball at the Armory this evening, which promises to be a decided success, socially and financially. Parsons' eight-piece orchestra from Portland, will furnish the music. Twenty-one numbers will be danced. A special car will leave at a later hour for Portland for the accommodation of guests from this city.

## Umbrella for Janitor.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Oregon City, Dec. 25.—The county officers and their clerks and deputies presented Janitor Pete Nehren of the courthouse yesterday afternoon, as a token of appreciation of his attention to the duties of his position.

## Larson-Lanun.

Oregon City, Dec. 25.—Miss Oleva Larson of Mount Pleasant and Joseph Lanun of Eugene were joined in marriage by Judge Samson Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Ole Larsen.

## SANTA CLAUSE GETS EXTREMELY BUSY

### Makes Most Everybody Glad in the Clackamas Metropolis—Many Have Christmas Trees.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Oregon City, Dec. 25.—Santa Claus paid a visit to the pupils of the McLoughlin Institute yesterday and left a box of bonbons with each pupil.  
The Sunday school of St. Paul's church gave a Christmas tree at the church yesterday afternoon. The exercises consisted of Christmas carols, hymns and recitations. Gifts were distributed to the children.  
The Sunday school of Zion's Lutheran church had Christmas tree last evening, and selections in instrumental and vocal music were rendered and recitations in the German language were delivered.  
The Eagles will give a Christmas tree to the families of members of the order and invited friends tomorrow evening. A good musical and literary program has been prepared.  
The Yeggs herein will hold a Christmas tree at Knapp's hall, tomorrow evening.

## FOUNTAIN HOSE COMPANY'S DANCE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Oregon City, Dec. 25.—One of the greatest social affairs of the season was the sixth annual ball of Fountain Hose company, No. 3, one of the pioneer fire companies of this city, held last night at the armory. Fox's orchestra of Portland furnished the music and over 100 couples danced. Eight waltzes, five two-steps, two three-steps and four extra were on the program.  
The following committee worked hard to make the affair a decided success: William Peters, Colonel Montgomery, Roy Woodward, Harry Wilson, Al Knapp, Louis Nobel, George Woodward and Ray Sellar.

## Peanut Roaster Explodes.

Oregon City, Dec. 25.—A gasoline peanut roaster, which was being used in the room building on Main and Eighth streets, exploded yesterday forenoon, owing to some defect in the burner, scattering flames around. The machine was taken out and the flames extinguished before any injury was done to the building.

## Celebrate China Wedding.

Oregon City, Dec. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Green celebrated their china wedding at their home on Center street. A large number of old friends surprised them with a "china rush," about 50 guests being present.

## Dancing Horse Coming.

Miss Summerville and her dancing horse, Columbus, will be the chief attraction at the Grand next week. This is a second later a splash was heard along the track near the car barns.  
The swimming expert had been taking a number of lessons at internal irrigation at down town thirt emporiums, it is said, and when the conductor noticed him start for the door, he called to the man to wait until the car stopped. But instead he bolted off into space and a second later a splash was heard along with many curses on the luck.

## Hotel Arrivals.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 25.—The following are registered at the Vancouver hotels:  
St. Elmo—Dr. E. T. Parker, C. P. Alexander, Portland; A. C. McFadden, Cathlamet; Mrs. Belle Long, Long Beach; Minnie Marks, Ilwaco; F. Jackson, Dallas; M. J. Oughlin, wife, T. Fayette, M. M. Hoff, Harris, Maud Hoff, W. Laundry, Charles Ferrier, Sara, J. Russell, city; A. Dushney, Kelso; A. Watson, Brush Prairie; Fred Donmayer, Scappoose; W. L. Hoff, D. G. Hodges, J. Page, Sara; C. H. Siems, St. Paul.  
Columbia—J. Bolick, C. Whitfield, city; T. J. Connor, St. Paul; Elsie Key, Olney; Perrydale, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Waters, Miss L. Waters, South Bend; D. McNamara, Mrs. J. Smith, Spokane; H. Clark, T. M. Wilson, Ridgefield; W. J. Brown, E. C. Townsend, Celilo; E. R. Butler, Woodland; M. A. Clark, Centralia; L. A. Ellsworth, Rufus; W. H. Coffey, Wasco; J. Sinclair, Portland.

## Masons Elect Officers.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 25.—Mount Hood lodge No. 32, A. F. and M. held its annual election of officers last evening. Following are those who were elected: W. Oughlin, W. J. Brown, J. Knapp, S. W.; W. S. Miller, J. W.; Judge Abe Axtel, treasurer; Wallace Eastham, secretary.

## Line Nearly Ready.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 25.—A shipment of copper wire sufficient to complete the streetcar line to Rice's road has arrived and the work of putting it in place will be completed as soon as possible. The road bed up to the city limits is ready for service and cars will run to that point by tomorrow evening or Sunday. The grading on Moore avenue from the city limits to Rice's road is advancing steadily and will be ready for the wire gang by the first of the week.

## Annual Firemen's Ball.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 25.—The annual firemen's ball on New Year's eve this year will far surpass any previous one held in Vancouver. The fire fighters, the members of the department are bending every energy to make the affair a success.  
This year there will be several special features that will lend much to the evening's amusement. The committee in charge has arranged for excellent music and the floor of the Auditorium will be especially prepared. Tickets may be secured from any member of the company.

## Alarm of Fire.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 25.—A telephone call at 8:30 o'clock this morning took the fire department for a run to the home of J. V. McCavit, at 305 Fifth street. An overheated chimney was the cause and the chemical engine came into use for the first time since placed in service. It did good work.

## Personal Mention.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Farber of this city, and Mrs. L. J. Mills of this county, are

## A Merry Christmas

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## AT THE THEATRES

### Christmas Night at the Hellig.

The attraction at the Hellig theatre, tonight and tomorrow night, will be the favorite actor Louis James, in Henrik Ibsen's "Peer Gynt." Special price matinee will be given tomorrow.

### Musical Play Next Sunday.

Seats are now selling at boxoffice the Hellig theatre, for George M. Cohen's greatest musical play, "50 Miles from Boston." This merry offering will be the bill at the above theatre all next week, ending Sunday night. Special price matinee, New Year's day and Saturday.

### "Are You a Mason?" Next Week.

Next week at the Bungalow means a happy New Year for it will start out with a round of fun and laughter. The Baker Stock company will play the musical farce comedy, "Are You a Mason?" which has made thousands laugh for many years.

### A Night With the Poets.

The Pantages management takes much pleasure in announcing for next week George Foman's masterpiece, "A Night With the Poets," one of the most beautiful and sumptuous scenic productions in vaudeville. Twelve people in the cast.

### Conn, Downey & Willard.

There is a comedy playlet at Pantages theatre this week that is worthy of the name. "Conn, Downey & Willard" is presented by Conn, Downey and Willard, the different characters are comically and cleverly sustained.

### Tomorrow at the Baker.

A strong holiday attraction for all classes of theatre goers is Augustus, which is at the Baker all this week. Tomorrow there will be a special matinee at the regular hour.

### Play That Delights Children.

The children find special delight in the Baker Stock company's play this week, "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." It is an ideal Christmas week attraction.

### Shore Acres Next Week.

Sunday night one of the foremost plays on the stage, "Shore Acres," will be given at the Baker American playhouse and the coming of this splendid play with the well known character actor, Archie Boyd, is hailed as one of the events of the season.

### To Lyric Theatre Patrons.

Manager Dan Flood and the members of his Lyric Theatre Stock company are wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

### Christmas Vaudeville.

There is Christmas vaudeville at the Grand this week and there will be a special matinee on Christmas eve. The evening, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Esmonde, who are presenting their playlet, "A Soldier of Provville."

### Henry's Minstrels at Star.

Henry's big minstrels, now one of the largest in the world, is the attraction of the Star this week. Everyone remembers what a sensation was a performance caused with its excellent performance on its former visit.

### "Why Girls Leave Home" Coming.

A novel and decidedly original offering is "Why Girls Leave Home" coming in "Why Girls Leave Home" or in other words, "A Danger Signal on the Fifth Floor," which will be presented at the Star theatre next week.

### May Lose Eyesight.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 25.—As the result of the injury received by Fred Bowne who was struck with a beer glass that is said to have been thrown by Joe Mulligan, he feared Bowne will lose the sight of his right eye. The attending physician is doing everything to save the eye, but the cut is a bad one and particles of glass make it doubly worse.

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## PORTLAND CHOSEN BY HIBERNIANS

The National convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians is to be held in Portland in July, 1910. E. H. Deery, secretary of the local committee, which is in charge of arrangements, said this morning that the published report that Seattle had secured two conventions was incorrect. The Seattle delegates, he said, worked hard for Portland and did everything they could to help this city secure the convention.

Although the convention is still 18 months away great interest in already being manifested in it throughout the country and clubs are being formed in several states to come to Portland. Connecticut has already arranged for a big excursion to this city, and in other states women's clubs are being organized to arrange for similar excursions for the convention of the L. A. O. H. the ladies auxiliary of the order is to be held here at the same time. Everything possible will be done to make the convention a success.

There are now 100,000 members of the order in the United States, besides those in Canada who will also take part in the convention. In addition to this the Ancient Order of Hibernians is affiliated with the German-American Alliance, and it is proposed that one day of the convention be held as German-American day.

The local committee is working hard and is sending out many letters in reference to the coming event, which is expected to be a big thing in the history of the order.

## CITY PRISONERS HAVE CHRISTMAS CHEER

The 31 most thankful men in the city were those given their freedom early this morning from the city jail where they had spent what was left of Christmas eve.

Thirty-one men were taken to jail last night because of surplus exhalation. They were turned loose this morning. They had started home with a bottle and a goose early in the evening, and was greatly pleased when the officers returned the makings of his Christmas dinner to him.

Turkey dinner was served the prisoners in the jail this afternoon, according to the usual custom. A wholesale house presented the prisoners at the Kelly street jail with a big box of corn-cob pipes and dozens of packages of tobacco.

## PERSONALS

Edgar Hafer, manager of the Crater Lake Lumber company plant at Medford, accompanied by Mrs. Hafer, arrived at the Hotel Portland this morning to spend Christmas here.

W. D. McCulley and wife of Joseph, are at the Oregon.

Miss Carrie Dickinson and H. L. Dickinson of Bellingham, are guests of their brother, M. C. Dickinson, manager of the Oregon Hotel, for the holidays. Mr. Dickinson is accompanied by his wife.

Charles McCrum, formerly of Portland, now running the Collegiate Hotel in Seattle, arrived this morning to spend the holidays. Mr. McCrum left Portland more than a year ago, soon afterward opening his store at University station, which is not far from the new exposition grounds.

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## LOUIS JAMES PORTRAYS PEER GYNT TO PLEASED AUDIENCE

By J. F. S.  
The esthetic criticisms and discussions of Ibsen that have been rife for the past 10 years have not escaped Portland. This fact was made plain last night when most of the audience, awed by they knew not what, in much the same mood as Peer himself when he attacked the Gygis, invaded the Hellig and composed themselves to see Louis James in the role of Ibsen's lovable ne'er-do-well, Peer Gynt.

This attitude was made the more conspicuous because of the acting version of the play itself, which necessarily, perhaps, mutilated many of the most enlightening scenes. A simple recipe for enjoying the acting of the play is to read it beforehand. If you don't do that avoid all studies, all press notices, all considered discussions of it as you would the plague. Then, with your mind free from shadows, you can go to the Hellig and witness a series of animated pictures of a man's life. The humor is good, straight, simple humor. The character drawing of Peer, of Aase and of Solveig is most remarkable. And above all, don't go moaning around for a lesson. Ibsen was an artist. He said of Peer that its lesson was that it had no lesson. If it is not asking too much of you to grasp the paradox, take it to heart.

The advantage to be gained from reading the play—aside from the mere pleasure of perusing it, which is very considerable—lies in the advantage it will give you of being able to piece together the scenes of the acting version. The first act, at the best, is unsatisfactory, and extravagant in its use of time. The bitter comment of the neighbors which Peer overhears while on his way to the wedding of Ingrid is cut out entirely. The encounter of Peer with the Gygis is made to follow so suddenly, without a pause to show the minds of the audience to readjust themselves to it, that its sense is utterly lost. Everyone uttered an exclamation with a yawn the problem of what the talking was all about.

To chronicle the other omissions would take a column, and avail nothing.

Mr. James' playing of Peer was no much better than most had expected that because near to being a shock. It's so natural a part, of course, but it's a comparatively simple matter to make it fairly presentable without any great display of talent. But Mr. James did surprisingly well. Laura Frankenteld was very good as Aase and Aphie James was quite well enough as Solveig, excepting in the last scene, where she was a bit disappointing. The company is a large one and is adequate, while the stage settings are most lavish and make the production memorable.

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