

TURNER MILL IS BURNED

Oregon Grain Company Plant and Contents Destroyed

TURNER, Dec. 13.—The Oregon Grain company mill, one of the old landmarks of this district, was completely destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning.

The city's night watchman had been at the mill on his usual rounds and everything seemed satisfactory. In a very short time after this as he was returning from another part of the town he discovered the mill in flames. The blaze was first noticed at about 2 a. m. Local fire fighters were assisted by the Salem fire department but the fire was such a hot one that nothing could be done.

The mill was practically full of grain much of which belonged to farmers in the Turner district. It is understood that much of this grain was not protected by insurance.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. The blaze evidently started from under the mill. There was no store in the building and no way that the fire could have started so far as local people know unless it was set deliberately. No proof of this however has been found so far.

The loss is estimated at between \$60,000 and \$70,000, only partially covered by insurance. In addition to the mill two box cars on the siding near the mill were burned. These however were empty.

It is planned to use the Henry Earl building as a temporary location for the mill operations. So far no rebuilding plans have been made. All of the machinery of the plant was destroyed although the safe is thought to be unharmed.

GIFT GIVING OLD AS MAN HIMSELF

The Christian church observes the anniversary of Christ's birth annually on December 25, and the custom of making presents at Christmas is derived from an old heathen usage, according to some authorities. This custom has become consecrated by ages, and contributes greatly to the interest of families in this event.

The custom of sending Christmas cards by way of greeting and remembrance is declared to have grown up within the last 75 years. The Christmas tree as a symbol of the holiday season has been traced back to Roman customs. It spreads from Germany to Great Britain and later to the United States where it is universally used by all classes of people.

Custom dictates that the tree be a young spruce or similar tree with its branches gaily illuminated with colored candles and hung with gifts and ornaments, this usage having originated in Germany.

Farm From North

Santa Claus is identified with St. Nicholas. Santa is supposed to come from the far north on Christmas eve with his reindeer and sleigh laden with toys, tradition dictates. Other Christmas traditions indicate that Christmas eve is the time for placing the holly and it was often declared to be unlucky to bring the greens into the house before that time.

The Christmas season is varied but it is usually considered to end on the Twelfth Night although by some groups it is prolonged until Candlemas. The mistletoe and holly are declared to have originated with pagan customs.

Music Significant

Christmas music occupies a large part in the Christmas celebration. This music is commonly known as carols and is of a joyous nature and sung in honor of Christ's birth. In France this music is known as Noels. Carol singing or the "waits" (strolling street musicians) is an old British custom which is being revived in many towns and cities.

The custom of sending cards has grown to such a proportion that it is a flourishing industry. Artists of considerable fame often devote much of their time to the designing of these cards.

Lighting of the Yule log on Christmas eve, once a widespread European custom, was a function of such importance that the evening was literally signified as "log evening."

In rural sections of the United States where suitable Christmas trees are not obtainable, the custom of hanging the children's stockings from the fireplace is a common practice. Where trees are obtainable, gifts are usually found under the Christmas tree on the morning of the 25th.

The fact that Christmas was regarded as a great festival date by some churches rather than a religious celebration accounts for the fact that the dinner is such an important item in the recognition of Christmas.

Woodburn Plans Special Service

WOODBURN, Dec. 13.—Special services are to be held at the Woodburn Methodist church Sunday, both morning and evening. The morning service is under the auspices of the Women's Federation and is dedicated to that organization of the church. The president of the Federation will have charge of the meeting and the pastor, Rev. Glenn S. Hartong, will bring the message. The

SLAYER



Mrs. Clara Grace Prophet in the coroner's office, Philadelphia, at the inquest into the murder of her husband, William F. Prophet. Both Mrs. Prophet and her brother, Harold E. Williams, confessed to the crime and were speedily indicted.

entire service will concern love, as expressed through womanhood and is the title of Rev. Hartong's message. Special music and hymns will also serve to harmonize with the theme.

A Christmas music festival will be held in the evening, starting at 7:30. Music will be provided by an orchestra from Hubbard under the direction of Dr. A. F. DeLespinasse. There will also be vocal instrumental solos.

BAZAAR IS PROFITABLE

MILL CITY, Dec. 13.—The annual bazaar, cooked food sale, supper and program of the Presbyterian church women held Thursday at the Hammond hall was a decided success. Articles of all kinds were for sale in the various booths. In the evening a program consisting of music by the Millsap orchestra, vocal numbers by a quintet, reading by Mrs. L. E. Dike, musical skit under direction of Miss Zella Hickey and a playlet "See Yourself as Others See You" by local talent and directed by Miss Ethel Hickey, was given.

LABISH CENTER MEN VICTORIOUS

Women Badly Defeated in Club Attendance Contest Recently

LABISH CENTER, Dec. 13.—Defeating the attendance record of 125 set by the women of the community last November by almost a score, the men were declared winners of the community club attendance contest Friday evening when they presented their program at the Labish Center school house.

The program included instrumental music by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mikkelsen of Silverton and Earl Isham of this place, a Swannee river minstrel act by Delbert Bibby, John Dow, Harry Bennett, and George Dow, piano solos by William Hornschuch; a southern interpretation by Earl Isham; a one-act play, "Millions in It," played by Jim Sewell, Valmer Klampe, W. R. Daugherty, Willard Hornschuch, John Dow and H. M. Bibby; a pantomime, "Simple Simon"; and a monologue, "Columbus Discovering America," by W. R. Daugherty.

During the business session announcement was made by the executive committee of the club that the next meeting will be held on the regular meeting date, the second Tuesday of the month.

Prizes for the writing improvement contest which the teacher, Mrs. Burr and the community club sponsored the past month were awarded to Bruno LaRosa and Eddie Mae Page. Three outside teachers, Mrs. Kittleson, Miss Emma McLaughlin and Miss Grace Klampe were the judges.

Refreshments of cup-cakes and coffee were served after the program.

Standard Oil Manager Made District Agent

SILVERTON, Dec. 13.—E. V. Johns, who has been manager of the Standard Oil company tank station at Silverton for the past five years has been advanced to agent of the entire Salem territory. Mr. Johns began his new duties this week and the family will move to Salem in the near future.

R. D. Blyeu of The Dalles has succeeded Mr. Johns as head of the Silverton plant.

KEIZER, Dec. 13.—A Christmas program is being arranged by the four rooms of the Keizer school. A cantata will be rendered—bright with costumes and jubilant with songs. The program will be given Tuesday evening December 23.

FATHER, MOTHER, THE ENTIRE FAMILY MAY MAKE CANDY NOW

"Sugar and spice and everything nice" seems to be what big folks as well as little girls are made of, if we are to judge by the amount of sweets that are annually consumed at holiday time. The real holiday treats are those that are made at home and taste so much better than the more perfect appearing ones that are professionally made.

Wholesome sweets are easily made at home if carefully tested recipes such as the ones that follow are used. These recipes, making use of Oregon nuts and fruits, were collected by Frances Clinton of the home economics department of the extension service at Oregon State college.

Oregon homemakers are fortunate in having the finest quality of home grown nuts and fruits to use in making confections. Sweets such as the ones that follow can safely be given to children or can be packed attractively for gifts.

All of the following recipes are carefully tested.

Salted Nuts

1 cup filberts, walnuts or almonds, ½ tablespoon butter or salad oil, salt.

Blanch the nuts by covering with boiling water about three minutes or until the skins will slip off. Drain and plunge quickly into cold water. Place nuts in a shallow pan and dot with butter or oil. Brown slowly ¼ to ½ hour in a slow oven (355 degrees F.) Stir frequently until a delicious brown. Drain on absorbent paper.

Filberts may be blanched more easily by putting in a moderate oven (310 degrees F.) until well heated, then rubbing between folds of a towel to remove the skins. This mixture is used for all the nut meats.

Spiced Nuts

One cup blanched nuts as: walnuts, almonds, pecans, and filberts, 2 teaspoons salt, ¼ teaspoon nutmeg, ¼ teaspoon allspice, ¼ teaspoon cloves, 1 teaspoon salad oil.

Place the nuts in a shallow pan, pour the oil over them, stir well. Put in a moderate oven to brown, stirring frequently. Remove to soft paper to drain. While still warm sprinkle with the spice mixture. Cool thoroughly before serving.

Glaze' Nuts

One cup sugar, ½ cup water, pinch cream of tartar.

Boil these ingredients together until the hard crack stage is reached (300 degrees F.) Drop the nut meats into the syrup one at a time or several together in clusters. Remove with a fork, draining off the excess syrup. Place on oiled paper to cool. Set the pan of syrup over another pan of hot water while dripping to prevent the syrup hardening too quickly.

Parisian Sweets

One pound of seeded dates, 1

pound figs, 1 pound Oregon walnuts, 1 tablespoon orange juice, ¼ cup Oregon honey.

Cleanse fruits and nuts. Put through fine knife of meat chopper, twice, and mix thoroughly. Add orange juice and honey. Shape, roll in chopped nuts, coconut, or chocolate. Chill thoroughly and slice thin or cut in fancy shapes. Candied cherries add color to the roll.

Wash and steam Oregon prunes until soft. Dry well, remove stones by cutting the prunes lengthwise. Stuff with a marshmallow or half walnut and roll in granulated sugar.

Pralines

One cup brown sugar, 2 cups granulated sugar, 3 tablespoons of corn syrup, ¼ cup milk, 2 teaspoons maple, 1½ cup nutmeats.

Cook all ingredients, except nuts, to soft ball stage (236 degrees F.) Cool. Add nuts. Beat until stiff and creamy. When mixture is stiff, drop rapidly from a spoon on to a buttered sheet in patties about four inches in diameter. Press several pecan halves into top surface of each praline. Candy should stiffen immediately. Wrap in oiled paper.

Candied Grapefruit Peel

Four to five grapefruit shells, 2 cups granulated sugar, 1 cup water.

Select smooth, thick skinned fruit. Remove peel and cut into long narrow strips ¼ to ½ inch wide. Place in sauce pan, cover with cold water and boil 1 hour draining and adding fresh water twice. Place skin side down in pan. Add sugar and water. Cook until syrup is nearly all absorbed, being careful that it does not scorch. Roll peel in granulated sugar and dry. Red or green cake coloring may be added to the syrup to give additional color.

Mexican Orange Candy

One cup granulated sugar, caramelized, ¼ cup boiling water, 2 cups granulated sugar, 1 cup milk, pinch of salt, 2 teaspoons grated orange rind, 1 cup Oregon walnuts.

Caramelize the 1 cup sugar by sifting slowly into a hot frying pan. Shake the pan vigorously to prevent burning. Add boiling water to caramelize sugar and boil until sugar is dissolved. Add 2 cups sugar, milk and salt. Boil to soft ball stage (235 degrees F.) stirring constantly. Just before the candy is done, add orange rind. Remove from fire, cool, beat and add nuts. Drop from a teaspoon on to oiled paper.

Date Nut Roll

Two and one half cups granulated

sugar, 1 cup milk, 1 package dates (10 oz.), 2 cups Oregon walnuts.

Boil sugar and milk to soft ball stage (235 degrees F.) Add dates that have been washed, pitted and chopped and cook until dates soften and blend with the mixture (236 degrees F.) Add nuts and cool, then turn into pan and knead until creamy and stiff. Shape neatly in a roll. Wrap in a damp cloth and place in covered container until ready to slice.

Honey Popcorn Balls

Honey can be heated up to about 245 degrees F. without being greatly changed in color or flavor. If it is heated carefully most of the water is expelled. The honey then becomes hard on cooling and can be used for making popcorn balls. To make them, dip the popped corn into the hot honey, shape into balls and cool. Honey popcorn balls absorb moisture on standing in the air. They must therefore be either kept very closely covered or reheated and dried before being used.

Mehama Women At Quilting Bee

MEHAMA, Dec. 13.—A quilting bee was held at the home of Mrs. Floyd Monroe Wednesday afternoon.

Those helping quilt were Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Cardwell, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Ber-

ringer, Mrs. Dick Phillips, Mrs. Clinton Phillips, Mrs. Moe, Clara Mulkey and Lorena Landers.

Mrs. Landers furnished music and at four o'clock a dainty lunch was served by the hostess.

MEHAMA, Dec. 13.—Perry's mill, located about nine miles above Mehama, are closing down for the winter.

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