

Fire of Unknown Origin Destroys Home; Loss Big

Independence, Dec. 23.—The origin of a fire in North Independence one night last week is the occasion of considerable speculation. The building belonged to Mrs. W. D. Miller who was in Portland at the time of the fire. She had not occupied the residence for some time. The house was partly furnished and a tenant had moved out only a short time previous.

Monmouth News

Monmouth, Dec. 23.—Mulkey Adams have been clearing six acres of stump land in the vicinity of Monmouth and will plant the acreage with alfalfa. They expect to plant about 14 acres in all during the winter.

A full in the freight business at the Monmouth station has made it necessary for the company to reduce the force of employees and as a result "Tab" McNeil is taking a vacation at the present time.

Geo. W. Chesney left Saturday for The Dalles where he will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Rural Mail Carrier Henkle met with an accident at Independence one day last week in making a short turn at Sixth and C streets and both front wheels of his machine were broken when he came in contact with the cement curb.

The autumn term of the state normal closed Friday afternoon and nearly all of the students and members of the faculty departed for their respective homes to spend the holiday vacation.

Friday marked the consummation of the second 6-weeks term of the Monmouth high school and to celebrate the event the seniors gave their annual reception Saturday evening. The invitations extended included the faculty, students and the alumni of the school.

Dallas, Or., Dec. 23.—The following well known young people, formerly high school students of Dallas, have just returned from the University of Oregon for the Christmas vacation: Maud Barnes, Hattie Smith, Helen Loughary, Pauline Coad, Gilbert McEee, Echo Baldareo, Hollis Smith.

Those that have been attending the Oregon Agricultural college are as follows: Gertrude Ellis, Ernest McCallon, Wilbur Hamilton, Carol Campbell, Ross Jennings, Caron Edom, Lenore Preston and Irving Baldareo.

Bringing Up Father—By George McManus



E. Brandaw, relatives of Mrs. Ballantyne.

F. L. Senter and family will leave tomorrow for Eugene where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. They will make the trip by auto.

H. A. Joslin drove to Portland the first of the week to do his Christmas shopping and returned today.

Mrs. Jody Morrison and Mrs. Will May journeyed to Salem Monday to interview Santa Claus.

Mrs. Tyler Smith of Sheridan is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Craven of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Craven of Monmouth will be guests of their son, Riley Craven, during Christmas vacation.

Helen Loughary has just returned to Dallas from Hood River where she attended the funeral of her cousin, the late Herbert Hirschmeyer.

A fine 9 1/2 pound boy was born at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Ahlp last Monday. Mrs. Ahlp and the baby are doing nicely and Mr. Ahlp is strutting around like a peacock.

Frank McCann, who is employed at Bay City for the winter, spent the week-end with his people in Dallas.

W. M. Mahony, who are spending the winter in San Diego, that they are in splendid health and are having a good time in general.

Ray Lenard has moved to Republic, Wash., for the coming year and Charley Moore has rented his farm.

Miss Agnes DuRette and C. A. DuRette of O. A. C. are spending their two weeks holiday vacation at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. DuRette.

Mr. and Mrs. John Imlah and family visited Sunday at Harrison Jones.

Leonard Mahony is in the hospital in Portland receiving medical treatment.

The social to be given at the Fairfield church is postponed until some time in January.

Frank Short of Idaho is visiting this week with his daughters, Mrs. Heber Pratt and Mrs. Ralph DuRette.

Misses Margaret and Nellie Marthaler were in Salem shopping Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Postler were in Salem Tuesday doing Christmas shopping and visiting friends.

George Clunfield, a prominent farmer of Salt Creek, was transacting business in town Monday.

Mrs. P. A. Fineth, wife of the proprietor of the Bee Hive store, just returned from Seattle where she has been visiting her brother, Mr. Paulson.

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J. A. Baxter of Ballston, one of the recall delegates to the recall convention in Dallas last Saturday, was in town the first of the week assisting in the preparations for the recall work.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson, farmers of the Pioneer district, were in town shopping and visiting with friends, Saturday.

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Mrs. Charles McCann returned last evening from Roseburg, where she had gone to bring her father to Salem. He will reside there this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Soderstrom left Tuesday morning for Divide, Oregon, where they will spend Christmas with Mr. Soderstrom's parents.

Interest Lively In Basketball at Independence

Independence, Ore., Dec. 23.—From the ranks of the American Legion and Company K, of the O. N. C. a fast basketball team has just been organized.

Bliss Byers has been elected as manager and the coach is O. D. Byers, his brother, and superintendent of the Independence schools.

Ira Mix, cashier of the First National bank of this city will be assistant coach. New uniforms have been ordered and practice will begin with the completion of the armory hall in the opera house block.

Both the legion and the guard boys had planned to organize a team but it was finally agreed to combine forces and make a substantial team from the best players of the organizations.

There is likely to be much activity in the basketball forces during the remainder of the season.

New uniforms have also been purchased for the high school team which is under the management of "Bob" Craven.

The lack of a suitable place to play has retarded the progress of basket ball here to some extent, but as the work of

remodeling the opera house for an armory progresses interest in the sport increases.

Lodge Initiates. Independence, Ore., Dec. 23.—Homer Lodge No. 43, K. of P., put on another large class adoption Monday night and a number of candidates appeared for initiation in first, second and third ranks.

Grand Chancellor Clark and Grand Keeper of Records and Seals Walter Gleason of Portland and Grand Vice Chancellor Fineth of Dallas were present and assisted in the work.

Supper was served during the evening.

Milton Soule, 12-year-old son of L. E. Soule, was drowned in Necanicum river at Seaside last week, having dropped overboard from a log.



Laugh and Be Happy. "FATTY" ARBUCKLE in "THE LIFE OF THE PARTY"

By Irwin Cobb Sunday Monday Tuesday

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\$2.50 Wagons, Sale price, each \$1.75
\$1.75 Wagons, Sale price, each \$1.25
\$1.48 Wagons, Sale price, each 98c

DOLL CARRIAGES:

- \$4.98 Values, Sale price, each \$3.75
\$7.50 Values, Sale price, each \$6.50
\$10.00 Values, Sale price, each \$8.75
\$14.50 Values, Sale price, each \$11.50

ALL FANCY DISHES AT ONE-HALF PRICE

- 150 Neckties, Sale price, each 75c
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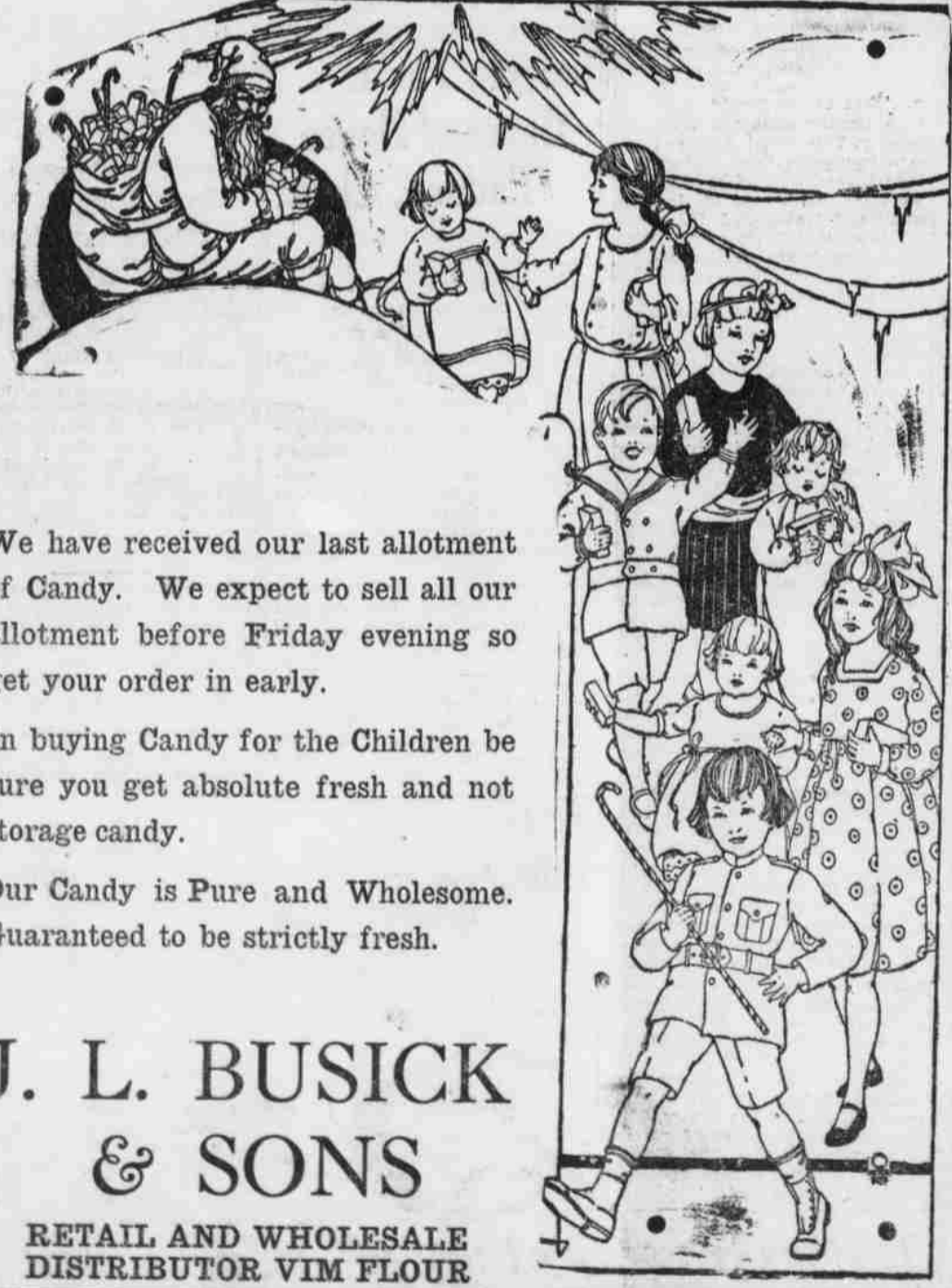
LAST DAY SOUR DOUGH CHARLEY

(in person) and "BACK TO GOD'S COUNTRY"

FRIDAY AND CHRISTMAS— FOUR BIG ACTS VAUDEVILLE

and HARRY CARREY in "Blue Sreak McCoy"

BLIGH THEATRE



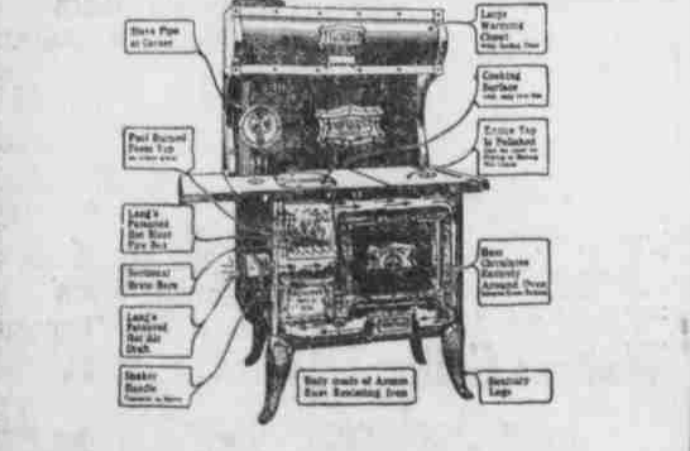
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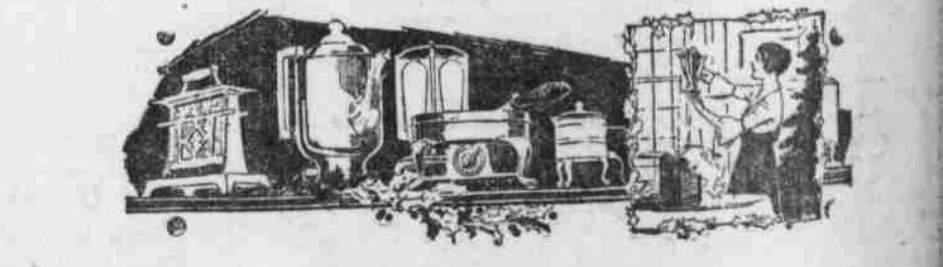
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