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# NEWS OF NEARBY VALLEY POINTS

By Capital Journal's Special Correspondents

## PROHIBITION OFFICER LEAVES TRAIL OF UNPAID BILLS

Dallas, Or., Dec. 24.—A prohibition officer who put in some time in this vicinity and who left a trail of bad accounts behind him when he moved on to another town, has been continuing to set a rapid pace in other parts of the state, according to information received by E. K. Plasecki, who has been working in behalf of local people who lost accounts.

The man is understood to have been arrested a few days ago in Marshfield, where his car was found to have liquor in it. He posted \$250 bail to appear, but jumped the bail. He was found to have reappeared in Salem a couple of days ago where his children are living but it is not known if he returned long there.

The man, who was formerly connected with state prohibition enforcement work, is thought to be a free lance now. His knowledge of methods in vogue has been capitalized in his recent operations. He is understood to operate by approaching county sheriffs and district attorneys tipping them off to supposed stills or liquor violations and seeking a commission as a special deputy. Once he gets this commission he capitalizes it as much as possible, but does not create much of a disturbance among the bootlegging fraternity.

He had worked in Polk county in previous years and succeeded in securing a special deputy's commission this fall. Sheriff Hooker, however, called in his star when he found that his operations were not panning out.

## ALUMNI QUINTET BEATS HI SCHOOL

Woodburn, Dec. 24.—Taking the lead early in the game, the Alumni basketball aggregation defeated the Woodburn high school quintet on the high school floor 19 to 14 Wednesday afternoon. The first half ended with the graduates leading 10 to 6. Lack of training was evinced by the Alumni players, who were obliged to call time out occasionally to get back their wind. The high school players were in better physical condition. Coach D. R. Ravey refereed the game. Practice will be discontinued until school work is resumed January 4, school closing for the holiday season this afternoon.

## STAYTON MASONS AND STAR INSTALL

Stayton, Or., Dec. 24.—The Masonic lodge, Eastern Star held joint installation of officers for the ensuing year here on Friday night. A short program was arranged for the occasion, Mrs. George Korinek and Mrs. A. P. Speer presenting vocal numbers and readings being given by members of the organizations.

Following a program and installation a supper was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. Harry Humphreys, worshipful master for the ensuing year presided as toastmaster at the supper and short speeches were given by several of the members.

The principal officers installed were: For the Eastern Star—Worshipful matron, Edna Slopier; worthy patron, L. S. Lambert; associate matron, Mrs. Raleigh Harold. For the Masons—Worshipful master, Harry Humphreys; senior warden, V. Lyle McCroskey; junior warden, T. L. Sanders.

## RARE DAYTIME STAR VIEWED AT WOODBURN

Woodburn, Dec. 24.—Necks were craned by Christmas shoppers Wednesday as attention was called to a star while the sun was still shining. The star presented a silver appearance and was visible around 2:30 o'clock. The sight of one person staring at the walk gazing heavenward caused others to stop and see what the first observer was looking for.

## ENTERTAINS WELFARE CLUB

Sidney, Dec. 24.—The members of the Ankeny Welfare club were delightfully entertained at the home of Miss Louise Ralle, Thursday afternoon. This being the last meeting before Christmas the club members enjoyed a beautiful ly decorated tree prepared by Miss Ralle. After a short business meeting and study hour gifts were exchanged, each member having brought something for the tree. During the afternoon refreshments were served by the hostess. Club members present were, Mrs. G. H. Marlett, Mrs. C. O. Whitman, Mrs. J. M. Parr, Mrs. R. H. Farr, Mrs. Fred Myers, Mrs. G. M. Bolman, Mrs. G. H. Tharp, Mrs. C. E. Meier and the hostess, Miss Louise Ralle.

## Court Business Piles Up With Governor's Failure To Name New Prosecutor

Dallas, Dec. 24.—With the resignation of District Attorney J. N. Helgeson effective within a week and a court session and grand jury session due early in January no indication is forthcoming from Governor Pierce as to his selection of an appointee to fill the vacancy. Mr. Helgeson submitted his resignation over a month ago as soon as he learned that he had been selected as assistant United States attorney under George Neuner at Portland.

Governor Pierce was out of the city Wednesday but a long distance call from the Observer to Wm. A. Deitzel, his private secretary, elicited the reply that no selection had been announced by Mr. Pierce and as far as was known he had not made a decision in the matter.

Just what sort of a monkey wrench has been thrown into the governor's selective machinery is not known here, but it is certain that something has occurred to delay his announcement of a new district attorney.

Whoever is selected will be faced with several weeks of hard work and handicapped by lack of

opportunity to get in touch with the affairs of the office before Mr. Helgeson leaves Dallas. The circuit court session is due to convene on January 11, while if the grand jury findings are secured in time to allow court to proceed without delay, that body should be called for service by January 4.

The appointee, whoever he may be, will be entirely unfamiliar with cases to be presented to the grand jury for investigation and will be forced to rely on the records in the district attorney's office rather than a personal knowledge of the cases that could have been gained by working with Mr. Helgeson during the past month.

There has been little change in the lineup of candidates so far as is known with William W. Harcombe and E. K. Plasecki of Dallas and C. R. Ellis of Independence looked upon as the chief contenders. One or two others have been mentioned and there is a possibility that the delayed selection may result in Governor Pierce naming a dark horse candidate.

## MACLEAY SEEKS RETURN OF \$5000 OIL WELL FUND

Portland, Dec. 24.—Hope of discovering oil near Yamhill, Yamhill county, went aglimmering as soon as a geologist looked the field over, according to a suit filed in circuit court yesterday by Roderick L. Macleay against two co-owners and the Yamhill State bank.

Mr. Macleay sued to enjoin the bank from distributing \$5000 belonging to him among the defendant landholders.

The money was placed in the bank in escrow as an earnest of Mr. Macleay's good faith in a promise to have drilling operations to a depth of 500 feet in the Yamhill district before January 1, 1925. In the event that the well had not been sunk by the stipulated time the money was to be distributed among owners of property, representing a total of 2623 acres, for allowing the search of oil.

Mr. Macleay set forth in his complaint, however, that before starting his experiments, but not until he had spent considerable money in preparation for them, he employed L. C. Declus, geologist, to look the field over. Mr. Declus reported back to Mr. Macleay, according to the complaint, that it would be useless to expect to get oil anywhere in the vicinity of Yamhill because the soil formation there is not at all suitable for oil deposits.

Mr. Macleay contends that inasmuch as the defendant's property has not been damaged, and as it would be useless to drill a well as originally planned, the earnest money held by the bank should be returned to him.

## RAILROAD IMPROVING BAD GRADE CROSSING

Woodburn, Dec. 24.—The rough grade crossing where the pavement crosses the main line of the Southern Pacific in South Woodburn is being eliminated through construction of a new plank crossing and the application of concrete. It is announced by P. G. Vickers, agent for the railroad company. Work of installing a warning bell is under way and will be completed in the near future.

## FUNDS DONATED FOR XMAS TREE AT BROOKS

Brooks, Dec. 24.—The Messes of Brooks school were about town Thursday evening with a "touching" story about Santa Claus being broke. Some few must have believed them or thought the cause a good one for the little ladies claim the school Christmas tree is going to have a little fruit on it this year regardless of the onion market.

## Mrs. Elizabeth Maltzer is home from San Jose, Cal., to spend the holidays with her parents on Lake Lahleh, she is intending to take a position in Salem and remain in Oregon for a while.

## Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Sturgis Tuesday, a son.

## RIDES HORSE ON WALK; PAYS \$5 FOR PRIVILEGE

Falls City, Or., Dec. 24.—O. E. Weathers was fined \$5 in the police court Monday for disorderly conduct. He was riding his horse upon the sidewalks.

## Visits In Silvertown

Silvertown, Dec. 24.—(Special)—Miss Hazel Filbert of Hollywood made a short stop at Silvertown on her way to Seattle. While here Mrs. Filbert visited with the De Sert brothers, who are old time friends. Miss Filbert remarked that she was so well pleased with Silvertown that she might return to make this her home.

## NORMAL SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL OPEN NEW WORK

Falls City, Or., Dec. 24.—Professor Beatty, a member of the normal faculty at Monmouth, was in Falls City, Tuesday, making final arrangements for the sending of 17 student teachers here to take up work in the grade schools on January 4. The regular corps of teachers will supervise these students. This will be a fine thing for the pupils of the grade school as many advantages will be enjoyed under the supervision of the normal school that otherwise could not be obtained.

A number of the teachers will board at the home of Mrs. Cleveland.

## XMAS PROGRAMS ATTRACT CROWD

Woodburn, Or., Dec. 24.—Both the First Methodist and Presbyterian churches were taxed to capacity last night for the annual Christmas exercises given by the Sunday school departments. Pageants were offered with a varied program and musical numbers.

The Christian church, Church of God and the Free Methodist churches will hold their annual exercises tonight. St. Luke's parish of the Catholic church will observe Christmas with a special midnight mass tonight and a 10 o'clock mass Friday morning.

Saturday night the Lutheran church will hold its Christmas day program. A special assembly at the high school and exercises at the West Side grade school were held this afternoon.

## CANCER OPERATION BELIEVED SUCCESS

Stayton, Dec. 24.—Mrs. J. C. Adams owner of the Adams Hardware company of Stayton, was operated on Monday at St. Vincent's hospital at Portland to relieve what was thought to be a cancerous growth in the breast.

Telephone reports received by relatives here indicated that the operation had been highly successful although Mrs. Adams was suffering some distress following the anesthetic.

## WOODBURN STORES TO CLOSE LATE TONIGHT

Woodburn, Or., Dec. 24.—Merchants in general are planning to keep their places open as late as there is demand tonight. Several remained open until nearly 8 o'clock last night.

Christmas purchases have not been as heavy as in past years, it is reported, and there has been no general rush for last minute purchases.

## STAYTON DENTIST OPERATED ON HERE

Stayton, Dec. 24.—Dr. C. W. Davis, local dentist, was taken to a Salem hospital Monday for an operation for hernia.

Dr. Davis sustained an injury to his side a few days ago while assisting in moving a heavy box at the home of his father at Jefferson. Doctors pronounced the condition an advanced hernia and advised immediate surgical attention. It was thought that recovery would be rapid, however.

## WATCH PARTY IS PLANNED

Woodburn, Or., Dec. 24.—A watch party and chicken dinner will be held at the Oak Lawn Community hall December 31. Dinner will be served between 6 and 8 o'clock while entertainment is to pass away the intervening hours until midnight.

## XMAS PARTIES AT SILVERTON ARE NUMEROUS

Silvertown, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special)—Christmas parties are starting in with a vim at Silvertown. A great number of large social are planned besides a greater number of smaller dinner parties and family gatherings. The return of the college and university students was the signal for a number of pleasant small dinners.

Tuesday evening the Pine Cone girls scouts enjoyed a Christmas party at the social rooms of Trinity church. A Christmas color scheme was carried out with crepe paper and covered lights. A small Christmas tree was ornamented and a reading desk while a large tree graced the center of the room. The girls gathered about the tree and sang Christmas carols, following which they drew numbers for presents. A Christmas supper was served at the close of the evening. Chaperoning the girls were four members of the troop committee, Mrs. M. Larson, Mrs. M. Thompson, Mrs. George Henriksen and Miss Thea Jensen.

The Commercial club girls, chaperoned by Miss Madeline Larson, commercial instructor, also enjoyed a Christmas party Tuesday evening. The girls with Miss Larson met at the music room at the Eugene Field building at seven o'clock. The room was beautifully decorated for the occasion. A Christmas tree playing an important part. Christmas carols were sung, and Christmas stories told. Miss Larson told the story of "The Other Wise Man," by VanDyke. Following the story hour, the girls drew names for presents, while Miss Larson was presented with a surprise present, a pair of candle sticks from the girls. At the close of the present distributing the girls and Miss Larson attended the theatre in a group.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sater were hosts at a dinner party at their home Tuesday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. O. Sater, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sater, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hattberg and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Madson.

The Loyal Berean class of the Christian church gave a Christmas party Tuesday evening in honor of their husbands. Eighty members and husbands were present. At 6:30 a Christmas supper was served following which a Christmas tree was relieved of its many gifts. Everyone present received a Christmas present.

Another part at the Christian church was that of Monday evening when the Christian Endeavor class entertained the Epworth League of the Methodist church at an automobile party. Christmas decorations of evergreens, crepe paper and tinsel were used.

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## FEDERATED POLK CLUBS DISCUSS PROPOSED PLANS

Dallas, Dec. 24.—A number of important questions affecting Polk county were discussed Tuesday night at the December meeting of the Polk County Federated Clubs held in the chamber of commerce rooms. Due to the holiday season the attendance of members from various parts of the county was light.

The county unit system of schools, which the club has had under consideration, was given considerable discussion. It was moved that the county unit plan be referred to the member organizations for discussion.

P. O. Powell of Monmouth moved that the federation extend an invitation to the state tuberculosis association to send a part time nurse to the county again this year. It was found that communications where Miss Margaret Ellis worked last winter were much more favorable to hiring a full time county nurse than committees that had not been visited.

H. B. Black of the Dallas chamber of commerce reported on the public market which will probably not be attempted until spring. Mr. Black advised a canvass of the membership of member organizations of products they can supply the market and the making of plans to provide produce when the market is begun.

The comprehensive flax report prepared by a committee of the federation was discussed briefly. It was made up from an examination of commercial fields in the county and contained reports on planting time, results, etc. Except in a few cases where soil conditions were exceptional, early planting showed the best results.

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## INDIAN SCHOOL XMAS PROGRAM OPENS WITH PLAY

Chemawa, Ore., Dec. 24.—The Christmas play "The Night Before Christmas" was given in the school auditorium last evening by the smaller girls and the pre-occupation at classes of the school. Tonight the Christmas program for the holiday will start in full swing when the children will have their Christmas trees in the buildings.

Tomorrow morning the choir will sing early morning carols. At noon tomorrow the students will have their Christmas dinners with the employees in attendance. Each year on Thanksgiving and Christmas the employees wait on the children so they may all get together. The school orchestra will play during the meal.

At two o'clock there will be sports in the gymnasium between the Excelsior and Reliance literary societies, the two larger boys' societies. The Winona and Nonpareil literary societies, larger girls' societies, will also meet. The meets will include wrestling, boxing, tug-of-war between the boys. Both the girls and boys will have basketball games.

In the evening the annual reception for the larger boys and their friends will be held in the gymnasium. The program for Saturday will include the basketball game between the Chemawa Indians and the Franklin high school of Portland.

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## CHRISTMAS MAIL RUSH AT DALLAS IS HEAVY

Dallas, Dec. 24.—The present Christmas rush at the Dallas postoffice is exceeding all previous ones, according to Postmaster C. G. Coad. Tuesday 90 sacks of mail were dispatched on one mail from the local office and all told about 130 sacks of mail.

At the same time the incoming mail has been increasing daily with the peak due probably Thursday.

Under recently issued regulations the office will be closed on Friday, Christmas day.