

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Merry Christmas.

Jas. Booth returned from Newport Wednesday.

T. A. Hoover, of Halsey, was in Corvallis Wednesday.

Have you noticed how much longer the days are getting?

Mrs. M. M. Davis arrived on Tuesday's morning train from the coast.

Smith Mann came up from Salem, Tuesday, to spend Christmas with his parents in this city.

Bush Wilson is home from San Francisco, where he has been attending a business college.

George Cathey arrived from Salem Wednesday, to spend Christmas at his home in this city.

Milton Berry went to Salem Tuesday, for a short visit with friends and relatives at that place.

Mrs. Effie W. Parsons has been engaged as teacher in English department in the Corvallis Business College.

Miss Pauline Davis returned, Tuesday, from Carlton, where she has been visiting for a few days with her sister, Mabel.

Miss Mary Nolan arrived home from Portland last Saturday. Miss Mary graduates this year from the commercial course at St. Mary's Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bergan and children, of Ellensburg, Wash., arrived, Tuesday, to spend the holidays with Mrs. Bergan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Logan.

Invitations are out for the annual New Year's reception by the ladies of the Coffee Club at their rooms in the City Hall on New Year's Day from 2:30 to 6 p. m.

The Coffee Club will hold their next regular meeting on Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the Fireman's Hall. A full attendance is desired that arrangements for the New Year's reception may be completed.

Raymond Peterson went to Portland Tuesday to consult with an oculist. It will be necessary for him to remain there ten or twelve days as his eyes are in a serious condition.

Mrs. E. A. Cummings, of Cottage Grove, arrived yesterday afternoon for a two-weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wellner. She was accompanied by her friend Miss Ols Mucka, of Ashland.

For the best Turkey dinner in Corvallis on Christmas Day the hungry ones will be obliged to go to the old favorite, Occidental hotel. Good prompt service, a well cooked and tender turkey, and the necessary fixins. Try it today.

Theodore Garrow and Bush Davis came out from the coast on Thursday's train. They have been on a hunting trip, but very little game was in evidence when they arrived. Their excuse was, "No birds, tides wrong, etc."

The C. & E. train has been filled with passengers for several days past, the largest crowd arriving Thursday. The people are from the coast and nearer points, and come here in order to do their shopping for Christmas.

Asa Lowell Austin, the two-year-old son of A. Austin, of this city, died on the 21st inst., and was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. Services were held at the Presbyterian church. The cause of the death was inflammation of the bowels.

M. S. Durbin, a Benton county farmer, living across the river from Albany, has just killed a cougar near his place which measured 9 feet 4 inches from tip to tip. Stockmen in that vicinity have been losing sheep lately. It is not known whether the cougar was a native of this county, or just strayed over from the wilds of Albany.

The combined installation of the four Masonic bodies of this city, which will take place on Saturday evening of this week will be an occasion of much importance. It is expected that the hall will be crowded, as there should be enough office holders to do that, regardless of the spectators. Masons can bring members of their own families.

C. W. Mendehall, an employe at the saw mill, was the victim of a very painful accident on Wednesday. While loading a lumber car a large plank fell on the second finger of his right hand, tearing off the nail and bruising the finger severely. Dr. Frazer dressed the wounded member. Mr. Mendehall will be laid off some time on account of the injury.

Vern Norton, the three months' old son of Aaron and Clara Norton, residents of Ranier, Or., died at the residence of R. C. Kiger, in this city, on Tuesday at 6 p. m. The child was taken sick at Ranier, and was brought to Corvallis for better medical attention. Mrs. Norton is a daughter of Doc Kiger, living near Wren, in this county. Mrs. Norton has been living at Blodgett up to a short time ago, when he removed to Ranier. The interment was in Crystal Lake cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

Barney Cady, from Albany, was in the city on Wednesday.

C. J. Harrison, of Philomath, was in town Wednesday.

Wm. J. Jackson, of Michigan, is in Corvallis with a view of locating here.

E. Allen is able to be at the store again after a two week's spell of sickness.

Mrs. W. G. Emery and son left yesterday to spend the holidays with her folks at Newport.

Prof. S. I. Pratt and wife came in from Philomath Thursday to spend the holidays with relatives here.

C. L. Heckart has commenced the erection of his cottage on the corner of Van Buren and Fourteenth streets.

Edna Finley, who has charge of the fifth grade in our public schools, is enjoying the holidays at her home in Irish Bend.

The many friends of Mrs. W. A. Buchanan will be glad to learn that she is resting much easier than for several days past.

At the recent Y. M. C. A. meetings held by E. T. Colton, about twenty-five new members were taken into the society.

Mrs. Melinda M. Linger, of this city and H. R. Linnville, of Portland, were married in this city yesterday afternoon.

Hugh Branton, who has been clerking in Allen & Woodward's drug store since Mr. Allen's illness, will go to Halsey today to spend the holidays.

John Miller and family of four arrived in Corvallis this week from Beggs, Indian Territory. They are seeking a location in Oregon, having arrived recently in Portland with a large number of Eastern immigrants.

Mrs. Mary Ebner of Portland, fell from a street car in Portland and was injured, but it is thought not seriously. Miss Annie Thompson, of this city, a sister of the injured woman, went to Portland Wednesday to be with her sister, who is at present in the St. Vincent Hospital.

Through the efforts of W. G. Emery, the Corvallis Gun Club, will have the rare opportunity of shooting at live pigeons today. Mr. Emery could only procure a few dozen, but that will be enough for each of the sports to try their luck at several birds. The live birds are only a side issue and blue rocks will be sailing from 10 a. m. to evening. A large number of gunners are expected from Philomath and Bellfountain and a big time is expected. Matches will be made up for the turkeys while the pigeons will go for pigeon pie.

The Oregon legislature yesterday passed the bill appropriating \$100,000 to secure the right of way for The Dalles Celilo canal, and authorizing the state to convey it to the United States free of cost. In the Senate the vote was 20 to five, and in the House 43 to 14. The governor, secretary of state and state treasurer are constituted a Board of Commissioners of Canals and Locks to carry out the purposes of the act. The O. R. & N. is understood to be willing to make concession to the canal, though not to the portage road.

Doings at Salem.

SALEM, Dec. 21st.

House and senate called to order at 10 a. m.; the same organization as last session was elected. Gov. Chamberlain read his message, which was short and to the point. Both Houses adjourned until 10 a. m., Tuesday, out of respect to Representative J. M. Murphy, of Union county.

A caucus was called for 2 o'clock p. m. by the republicans. After a prolonged session and thorough discussion the consensus of opinion was that a short session was advisable to remedy any defective legislation, accordingly it was agreed to call up any legislation that was necessary. Representative Eddy, of Tillamook, read a resolution, that the session be not prolonged after Wednesday midnight. A motion was made to lay the resolution on the table until the business could be outlined. Numerous measures were proposed and after stormy discussion, Eddy's resolution was called up regarding this resolution.

Representative Hayden of Benton said in part Mr. Chairman and gentlemen: As representative from Benton county I desire to say that I have no measures to introduce from that section and I fully believe that nine out of ten of the measures that have been proposed and discussed here could be safely laid over until the regular session and I am in favor of adopting Mr. Eddy's resolution to adjourn on Wednesday at midnight. These remarks were the occasion for generous applause, and the resolution to adjourn Wednesday at midnight carried.

LECTURED ON INDIA

Soami Ram Proves an Entertaining Talker.

Soami Ram, of India, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the customs, religion and mode of living in his country, last Tuesday evening in the Hotel Corvallis parlor.

Soami Ram is a graduate of a Hindoo university and was for five years a professor in the college where he received his education.

In speaking of the missionary work being carried on in his country by American missionaries, Mr. Ram said that the life of a missionary in India is a very easy one. They do practically nothing but live in fine bungalows and live like princes. They accomplish scarcely anything in the matter of their supposed duty—that of saving souls. All their work is confined to the slums, the better classes of India will not give a missionary an audience. Soul savers from the United States treat the Hindu as an inferior, consequently are disliked by the natives.

"In India a man must forever be what he is born. A merchant's son must necessarily be a merchant; a laborer's son a laborer; a Brahmin's son always a Brahmin; the daughter of a public woman must be the same as her mother. When members of one caste come in contact with members of another, they consider themselves defiled. A merchant could never enter the house of the Brahmin, nor touch the hem of his garment. No caste, however low, can come in contact with the foreigner or have aught to do with him, for in so doing he becomes an outcast.

"For this reason the missionaries you send to those darkened people have their hands tied. They cannot mix with them or go among them freely. The few whom they have succeeded in converting to Christianity form a caste to themselves and are ostracized by the Hindus. They are simply labelled Christians, and can do no further good for they cannot work among their own people.

Soami Ram's mission in America is to make arrangements whereby the young men of high caste in India can be brought to America; educated in American style and then return to his own country and teach among his own race and people. In this way a great deal more good would be derived than from the present state of affairs. A Hindoo would listen to the teachings of his own countryman when he would ignore a missionary.

Soami Ram then pointed out the vast amount of money that is being expended annually to keep these Americans in the foreign countries and all for naught. His plan of educating his countrymen in America and taking them back to India would save the American people thousands of dollars each year.

Mr. Ram scoffed the idea that is believed by the great majority of American people—that of the Hindu mothers sacrificing their babies to the sharks and crocodiles of the Ganges river. He said such a thing was never possible and would wager that there is not a shark or crocodile in the whole Ganges river. He said that the majority of the histories and travels written on India were greatly magnified, being done for sensational effect.

While giving his very interesting talk Mr. Ram wore a red turban—the Hindu way of showing his respect. The head dress is removed when disrespect is manifested. He has been in America about a year and although he has a decided foreign accent, yet is able to speak fluently in our language.

J. Edwin Johnson, valedictorian of last year's graduating class at O. A. C., is in the city.

Rev. Metzger, of Dallas, will occupy the pulpit of the Evangelical church next Sunday.

Dolph Norton is spending his Christmas vacation at Summit, where he has been detailed as operator and agent for a short time.

Considerable excitement occurred on the streets Wednesday evening. A hobo had imbibed too freely of Corvallis fire water and became noisy and abusive. After the marshal and three deputies had struggled with him without success, he was finally dumped onto a dray and tied down and thus taken to the city bastille in a "burry-up wagon." Yesterday morning after a peaceful night spent at the Hotel de Lane, the prisoner was taken for a morning walk to the edge of town and told to get. He got.

AT KINGS VALLEY.

Parents' Meeting Held There Is Well Attended.

Saturday, December 19th was indeed a red letter day with the friends of the public school in Kings Valley. The parents' meeting arranged by Sup't Denman met with their hearty support. Every district was represented by teachers, parents and pupils. The Evangelical church was filled when hour arrived for beginning of program. Polk and Benton county forces. Sup't Starr, of Polk county, together with his teachers were there to add enthusiasm to the meeting. An excellent literary program was prepared. It consisted of the following numbers:

Kings Valley school, concert recitation, recitation, Clara Plowman, song and recitation, Lillie McCullum, Dist. No. 81, Alice Maxfield, Hoskins school, Merl Groshong, Alexander school, Elvish and Revillo Lundt, Edith and Ina Whiting, Laura Vanmeter. Mesdames W. S. Alcom, A. Miller, Thomas Allen, Geo. Atkins furnished a song with Mrs. John McCullum accompanist.

Rev. Plowman read a carefully prepared paper on "How we Keep Our Large Boys and Girls in School." It was full of interesting suggestions.

D. W. Jones and O. O. Arnold gave excellent talks on "Co-operation of Parents and Teacher." Many good points were thrown out by both speakers.

"Right Kind of Reading for Our Boys and Girls" was handled in a practical, effective manner by Rev. W. L. Arnold.

L. G. Price in discussing "Duty of Parents when Trouble Arises in School" said: Influence exerted in home will effect our lives in the world of action. It will be either for good or bad. Our parents talk too personally about school before children. Child loses respect when parent fails to respect right of teacher.

Sup't Starr made a stirring, and enthusiastic address. His remarks were well illustrated by stories which were enjoyed by every one. He thought that teachers should be wide awake to every opportunity; that many of our troubles were directly due to the teacher's action. Every teacher should be honest and frank in dealing with the patrons. If child was punished or discipline was necessary, if child was not doing good work, teacher should be frank and say so. Parents like frankness. It ever wins confidence, friends and support.

"How Can Teacher Arouse Greater Interest" on Part of Parents and Pupils" was thoroughly and masterfully handled by Earl Brown, Walter Winniford and Meldora Jackson. Each showed how to teach this result in a pleasing manner.

H. L. Bush read a good paper on "What Constitutes a Good Director."

In discussing "Parents Influence in Governing the School," W. L. Price said in undertaking this duty he did not expect to say anything new, but he desired to show his interest in these meetings. He felt it his duty as a director and a patron to help in such a manner as possible. He nevertheless gave a good, talk, filled with practical ideas.

Rev. M. J. Stroup closed the days work with a talk full of life and enthusiasm.

At close of regular work, Sup't Denman made an appeal for help in placing the Benton County School Journal in every home. About 15 new subscriptions were secured.

The phonographic entertainment was enjoyed by not only the little folks but larger ones as well. The dinner consisted of a table of good things which would take a long time to describe properly. Mrs. Hattie Price helped make the singing entertaining and interesting by officiating at the organ. All present pronounced the meeting success in every way possible.

Wood Wanted.

The Oregon Agricultural College will receive bids for supplying wood for the ensuing college year commencing next July. Call on the Purchasing Agent for specifications. Corvallis, December, 22, 1903.

T. H. CRAWFORD, Purchasing Agent.

Mrs. Robt. Huston and daughter, Helen, and Mrs. Huston's mother, Mrs. Martha Burnett, will leave Monday for California where they will spend the winter. The trip is made for the benefit of little Helen's health, who is a sufferer of throat trouble.

Christmas

Headquarters

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In all the latest novelties. 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and up to \$7.50.

Xmas Slippers

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The finest and best line of overcoats in Behton county. They all go at reduced prices during the month. \$5.00 to \$18.00.

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Rich furs at low prices during Xmas week. \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.00 and up to \$9.00.

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All the late things at money-saving prices from 25c to \$1.50.

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GREETING

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