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CHRISTMAS WEDDING BELLS.

Victor P. Moses and Miss Wood United.

The Methodist church, South, was the scene of an unusually pretty wedding Christmas morning, when Victor P. Moses and Miss Lavina Clair Wood were united in marriage by Rev. C. L. McCausland, presiding elder of this district.

Promptly at ten o'clock, with Miss Edna Finley at the organ, the bridal party entered the church and proceeded to the altar. Dell Alexander and Leonard Moses, Mark Weatherford, and Thomas Bilyea acted as ushers, and marched up the left aisle, to the strains of the wedding march. Following was Miss Mabel Wood, cousin of the bride, gowned in pink organdie over white, and looking girlish and lovely, next came Beth McCausland, the little flower girl, and lastly the bride, modest and beautiful in her costume of cream silk, with long tulle veil, and carrying an arm bouquet of cream chrysanthemums. The groom, accompanied by his best man, Ralph Pruett, advanced up the right aisle and the bridal party were met at the altar by Rev. McCausland who performed the brief but impressive ceremony.

The bride and groom then passed down the right aisle, followed by bridesmaid, groomsmen and ushers, and entered the carriage that took them to the Wood's home where a reception was held. A dainty wedding breakfast was served to fifty guests, by two friends of the bride, Miss Villa Fields of Forest Grove, and Miss Lulu Rice, of Corvallis. The decorations at the church were very artistic, consisting of festoons of pink and white crepe paper, Oregon grape and mistletoe. The ceremony was performed under a large white bell suspended from an arch of green over the altar. At the Wood's residence the parlor was prettily decorated in cedar, and the dining room in holly, mistletoe and Oregon grape. Many handsome presents attested the popularity of the bride and groom.

At 1:20 Mr. and Mrs. Moses departed for a trip to Portland and Seattle. They will reside in Corvallis, where a new residence, belonging to the groom awaits them. The bride is the highly respected daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Wood. The groom is the popular clerk of Benton county, and a son of Rev. and Mrs. P. A. Moses. Both have the good wishes of the entire community as they start on the journey of married life.

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"Uncle Sam" Did Business.

That Postmaster Johnson and his assistants, were busy about Christmas day goes without saying. The increase of business over last year along postal lines was about 30 per cent—probably more. From 30 to 50 sacks of mail were handled each day. Friday and Saturday of last week the four R. F. D. carriers delivered 1,717 packages of mail. Four assistants were kept busy for a week.

The matter of registered letters and money orders was not small by any means. There was dispatched during the week before Christmas 155 registered letters and packages. During this period there was received at the local office 256 registered letters and parcels. Cash paid into the office for postage stamps during this time amounted to \$332.

During the week there were issued 207 money orders amounting to \$1,059. There were received and paid at the office 170 money orders, the total of those paid being \$1,481.

From the enormous bulk of all

kinds of mail matter handled in this city during the holidays it will be seen that we must be increasing our population and bettering our condition, as there is no better test of the status of affairs in any community than its postal receipts.

Eighth Grade Examinations.

For the information of those interested, Prof. J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction, has issued the following information concerning eighth grade final examinations:

The dates are February 1 and 2, 1906; May 17 and 18, 1906; June 14 and 15, 1906. Thursdays—Arithmetic, writing, history, and civil government. Fridays—Grammar, physiology, geography and spelling. Questions in the following subjects will be taken from the following sources:

Geography—State Course of Study; the coarse print in Frey's Elements of Geography; map questions in both coarse and fine print of Frey's Elements of Geography.

Spelling—Eighty per cent from miscellaneous test words in Reed's Word Lessons, and twenty per cent from manuscripts.

Writing—Specimens of penmanship as indicated in copied matter and from manuscripts.

Language—Reed's Graded Lessons in English, no diagramming. Civil Government—United States Constitution.

History—List of topics from History Outline in State Course Study and current events.

Good Guessing.

Homer Lilly created considerable interest last week by offering cash prizes for the best guesses on a couple of very large steers which he owned. Many men who considered themselves authorities on the size and weight of cattle disagreed in their estimates and the result was that several hundred dollars changed hands before the animals were placed on the scales.

The guessing ceased at four o'clock Saturday afternoon and the steers were weighed; then followed a canvass of the votes. It was found that the lowest guess on the combined weight of the steers was 2,045 pounds and the highest guess 7,963 pounds. Together the animals weighed 3,980 pounds and this weight was guessed exactly by Dr. E. H. Taylor, A. Leder and D. C. Hiestand. The prize offered by Mr. Lilly for the best guess on the weight of the animals together was \$5 cash.

The black steer weighed 1,967½ pounds and the nearest guess was that of George Belt, who was within half a pound of the above figure, guessing 1,968 pounds. For his effort Mr. Belt received \$2.50.

W. J. Kaerth guessed the weight of the spotted steer to be 2,012½ pounds and it weighed 2,011 pounds, leaving Mr. Kaerth shy a pound and a half when the steer tipped the beam. This gentleman also received \$2.50 for what he knew about steers.

The black animal was killed after the guessing contest and when dressed weighed 1,046 pounds.

Pirating Foley's Honey and Tar.

Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar many imitations are offered for the genuine. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered as no other preparation will give the same satisfaction. It is mildly laxative. It contains no opiates and is safest for children and delicate persons. Sold by Graham & Wells.

The Corvallis football team won a snappy and interesting game of ball at Brownsville Christmas by a score of 6 to 5. The bright stars for Corvallis were: Berchtold, Cronise, Hubler, and Emrick, who played fine football.

ALSEA INSTITUTE.

First of the Kind Ever Held in the Little Valley.

The Farmers' Institute held in Alsea on the 19th inst., under the management of Hope Grange number "269" was a success in every particular. Much credit is due Worthy Master S. R. Strow for the efficient manner in which the Institute was conducted. Although the weather was very disagreeable, so much so that every farmer thought himself and family would be the only audience to hear the morning address which would be delivered by County Recorder T. T. Vincent, for "Abe Lincoln" (as he is sometimes called) has a standing reputation of never having disappointed an audience and true to his past record, eleven o'clock found him standing before an overflowing house of rural folks, each of which had brought not only a smiling face but a well filled basket which always associate nicely together.

Mr. Vincent said he would not attempt to speak on the subject of agriculture, but would leave that matter to his superiors, who were on the road and would arrive shortly, and were capable of doing justice to the subject, but preferred to talk along the line of home and home training.

He impressed the people with the necessity of teaching obedience to their children—teaching by example as well as by precept, of kindness as well as firmness in the home. He spoke of the duty of children to their parents, of the importance of beautifying the home, and in all his address was well prepared and well received. After speaking about 40 minutes he concluded by repeating the poem of which James Howard Payne is the author, "Home Sweet Home."

The Worthy Master announced that the next number on the programme was one in which everyone might participate. In a few minutes, on a table, which extended the full length of the hall, was spread a banquet that President Roosevelt could have appreciated had he been so fortunate as to have been present.

Dr. Withycombe, of the Oregon Agricultural College, in company with Wm Schulmerick a practical dairyman from Washington County, arrived in ample time to occupy their place at the table.

After the dinner hour the doctor was introduced. After paying a tribute to the Alsea valley, its intelligent inhabitants and splendid homes, he talked on the all important subject of the day, "practical farming." He said in part, "the farm is the best place on earth." He thought the farmers of Alsea should produce a concentrated product such as butter, butterfat, cheese, wool, mohair, etc., etc. He said, "If I have one ambition in life it is to help bring about a better system of farming in this, the grandest state in the Union." He continued by saying the plant food as the farmers' capital, to produce a ton of wheat consumes \$7.30 worth of plant food; in producing a like amount of butter fat you will only consume 50 cents worth of plant food.

The doctor expresses himself very plainly that he has but little use for a man who will farm for profit regardless of what it may cost his land in plant food values. He believes in farming for posterity and at the same time realize a profit. He stated that in Washington county, where he lived a number of years ago, there were two flourishing mills kept running day and night in order to grind the immense output of wheat. Bank accounts were unknown among the farmers; almost every farm was mortgaged. The dairy business has

changed the scene; wheat mills, and mortgages have taken their places at the rear, while dairy herds, fine homes, and fat bank accounts have now taken their places in the front ranks. It now requires five banks to handle the farmers' money in Washington county. He says in the East the land has been farmed to death; in the middle states the same thing has been done and now the glorious West is being "skimmed."

Stand by the farm, don't let the eastern people have your farm, and you go to town where you think you will better your condition. Why, the young man of today who owns a farm is a prince. The West is going to be the grandest agricultural country on earth. Portland will be the greatest city in the world.

Nitrogen that Eastern farmers pay 15 cents per pound for, we may have here by growing legumes, Grow more vetches and more alfalfa. Whether for dairy or other purposes keep the best; it costs no more to keep a thoroughbred cow, sheep, goat or hog, than it does a scrub. He invokes every farmer to identify himself with the grange. The doctor has been a granger for 33 years and is well aware that the grange has been instrumental in securing state legislation in behalf of the farmer. The doctor said in conclusion that as a stock and dairy country there was a bright future for Alsea.

Mr. Wm Schulmerick was next introduced as one of the best-posted practical dairyman in the state. This gentleman told us that the first and most important thing to do in beginning the dairy business is to select your cows; use only the best, cull out others. The only way to do this properly is by testing their milk with the Babcock Tester. When this been done the next step of importance is to select a good sire. Don't be afraid of paying too much for him, but get the best that is to be had. The first six of his off-spring will pay for the investment. Dairy cows should have the best of care, where there is a herd over-fed there are 99 that are under-fed. Never leave a dairy cow out in a fence corner in a storm, with a hump in her back. He told of a dairyman in the Bandon country who kept a bull dog to hold his cows while he milked, but did not advise that practice. You may feed for quantity but you must breed for quality. Mr. Schulmerick is of the impression that here in our mild climate that the silo may be abandoned, and instead of ensilage, gather the feed in from time to time as we need it. He considers vetch a well balanced ration. For all and winter feed he thinks pumpkins a very cheap food for the dairy cow. Never make a radical change from one ration to another. He believes a good dairy cow will produce an annual

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