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 "We like to receive a check on your bank because we can mail to you for deposit and draw checks against it, as we need it."  
 "You are selling Foreign Money Orders cheaper than the government can. Your Travelers Cheques are all right. I have used them before."  
 "I purchased a ticket from the First State Bank, Portland, Ore., to Copenhagen, Denmark, and had no trouble at all with it."  
 "I can mail my out-of-town checks to the bank at Gresham and draw against them and they will collect for less than my car fare to the city."  
 "I am going to make you trustee of our church funds."  
 "The bank is the place to transfer property because they attend to the whole transaction and are equipped for the business."  
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### THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS.

By Harriet E. Hassler.

The real story of the First Christmas began with a promise made one springtime long, long ago, when the air was sweet with the breath of flowers and the music of singing birds. On that day a tall, shining Angel came to a young girl in a quiet little town among the hills and renewed to her an old, old promise made when the world was young. This promise was that the great Maker and Ruler of all the world, through love for his people, would some time send his Son—the only Son He had—straight down from Heaven to live among them and love them and be their King. But, most wonderful of all, on that fair spring day the Angel Messenger told that pure young girl that this promised King would come first of all as a helpless, tiny Baby, and that she was to be his Mother!

The spring days followed one another in a soft, dreamy procession. Summer and autumn passed, and at last the winter season was upon the land. One quiet night, out in the pastures on the hills above a little town called Bethlehem, a little group of shepherds sat watching their sheep to see that no white-robed Angel to tell them "good tidings of great joy"—for their promised King had come at last! They might find him that very night down in the village below—a little Baby lying in a manger in a stable. Then the light grew brighter and brighter, as though the very gates of Heaven had opened, and a great host of shining Angels streamed forth, singing "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on earth, Good will towards men." The chorus ceased. The Angels

stepped back into Heaven. The shepherds were alone. But no sooner was the night still and the sky dark again than they leaped to their feet and began to run down the frosty road to the village to find the King.

No one had seemed to notice the day before, that among the great throng of people who came to Bethlehem to pay their yearly taxes, there was a poor carpenter and his young wife. The homes of all his friends—the inn, itself, was already filled with guests, and the only place he could find for himself and his young wife to sleep was in a stable. And there, while the Angels feebly burst the gates of Heaven with their songs of joy, the King came—the very Son of God himself—the Maker of all the world—the Lord most High came down to live among us. And His young mother had wrapped him safe and warm in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. And there the shepherds, all breathless from their running, had found Him—had found the Babe and Mary and Joseph, and they told the Holy family all about the Heavenly Angels singing of the King of Glory. Then Mary thought of that other Angel's visit in the springtime, and was still.

Then the shepherds went back to their flocks on the hills, glorying and praising God for the wonders of that first Christmas night, when Angels from Heaven sang the Christmas Carol and when God's own Son came down to earth as the world's first Christmas gift—the Savior of mankind.—The School and Home.

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## FAIRVIEW

FAIRVIEW, ORE., Dec. 18, 1906.—At the last meeting of the grange held on Wednesday, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Worthy Master, Mrs. Carrie Townsend; Overseer, E. Heslin; Steward, J. W. Townsend; Chaplain, Mrs. D. M. Heslin; Lecturer, Mrs. Alma Hall; Treasurer, A. F. Axtell; Secretary, Mrs. Maud Heslin; Pomona, Mrs. M. D. Fisher; Flora, Miss May Sherwood; Ceres, Mrs. Maud Fancher; Gate Keeper, Mrs. William Townsend; Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Julia Ashcraft; Assistant Steward, William Byers; Organist, Miss Ethel Heslin. Mrs. William Town and Allie May were initiated into the first degree. Applications for membership were received from Mrs. C. J. Crates and Mrs. Amanda Axtell.

The ladies of the M. E. church were quite successful with their handkerchief bazaar on Friday afternoon, clearing about \$13.50.

The school are preparing Christmas exercises for Friday afternoon, they will also have a tree.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will hold Christmas exercises in the church on Sunday evening.

Lloyd Anderson had his eye quite badly hurt while playing at school last Friday.

Mrs. A. B. Moller is having lumber delivered on her property on Fox and Main streets with which to construct a residence.

Clem Clark, of Portland, visited his Mr. Hunter of Fairview was the guest of this son, Robert and wife this week.

Mr. Bert Hoyt was in the Metropolis on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy will spend Christmas in Seattle.

James Wright of Portland was the guest of Messrs. J. Heslin and D. Mckey on Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. Stillion.

Wm. Lee, wife and son Herbert of Sellwood, former residents of Fairview, were visiting Mr. Lee's sister, Mrs. H. Shaw, on Sunday.

Miss Katherine Myres, who had charge of the higher grades of the school here last year, visited here Sunday.

Gresham Roller Mills, rolls and chops every day.

A constantly growing trade indicates satisfactory methods and meats. R. W. Wilcox, Cleone.

## TROUTDALE

Mrs. Ada Hubbard is clerking at Logan's store.

A. Proctor was here on business this week.

Victor Hill is on the sick list.

Mrs. Laisy Coleman is improving.

W. Reed, of Corbett, is working for Union Meat Company.

Lewis Helming and family will spend Christmas with his mother.

Mrs. Storm and her two brothers were in the city recently.

G. Coleman, of Portland, spent Sunday with his family.

The Women of Woodcraft gave the Woodmen quite a surprise last meeting night. Coffee and cake was served.

Messrs. Ruegg, Brugger, Snashall, and Brownhill were in Troutdale this week looking after the interests of the Farmers Telephone Company. They bought out the stock and good will of Harlow, Blaser & Harlow, in the local lines centering into Troutdale, and will commence work on the main line about the first of the year.

T. Cowder, foreman in the glue factory was in Portland this week.

## CORBETT.

CORBETT, ORE., Dec. 16, 1906.—Miss Nellie Masterson, who has been spending a few with her brother in Portland, returned home Sunday. Her brother accompanied her and spent the night under the parental roof.

Mr. Hewson spent several days recently at Summit.

Messrs. Newell Heason, Fred, F. H. and Floyd Reed were in the city on business Wednesday.

Miss Gertrude Hogan, of Portland, spent Saturday and Sunday at Ferndale Place, the guest of Miss Bertha Hury.

Albert Fox was seen in our midst last Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Brockmon and Mrs. David Benfield were Portland visitors Friday.

The basket social at the school house was well attended. Fifteen baskets were sold for \$24.40 which goes for the benefit of the school.

Rev. Soule preached at the school house Sunday morning and expects to preach regularly the first and second Sunday in the month.

Fred Sholtz is putting in a new telephone line.

We understand the grange ladies will hold a bazaar on New Year's eve.

Lewis Reed, who is employed at Troutdale, spent Sunday at home.

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### INTEREST IN WORK.

"The heart in the work" is not a motto for the artist alone; it is for the laborer as well. With that possibility before him, the meanest toiler may grow beautiful; without it, the veriest giant of energy will grow petty and warped and sad. The commonest work is ennobling when it provides any avenue of expression for the spirit, any exit for the heavy, struggling, ambitious human heart out of its prison house of silence into the sunshine of fellowship.—Sel.

### VALUE OF SCHOOL GARDENS

There seems to be an ever increasing recognition in the United States of the value of school gardens. The movement is general in the cities, and it is the logical result of Arbo. Day in the country districts. It should be remembered, however, that the object of the school garden is education, not vegetable.—Western Journal of Education.

### A CHRISTMAS SONG.

Sing a song of Christmas,  
 A cake full of plums,  
 Four and twenty snowbirds  
 To pick up the crumbs;  
 Stockings full of candy,  
 Books and games and toys;  
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