

DOINGS OF OUR NEIGHBORS

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DOVER

Merry Xmas and best wishes to the Beaver State Herald and all its readers. The ground is covered with about four inches of snow, which makes good sleighing for Santa Claus.

The Christmas tree and entertainment Saturday evening was enjoyed by all present.

A Tennant is spending the holidays in Portland. Get your cow bells ready boys.

Mr. Keiths is entertaining his sister at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Cupps daughter and grandchild are visiting here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarl of Kelso were in Dover Monday visiting relatives and looking after their stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid and Clinton spent last week in Portland and Oregon City. Miss Leah Morrison has returned from Portland.

A special road meeting was held Saturday and a ten mill tax was voted for the improvement of the roads.

Mr. Berghouse, while working in his clearing, was struck on the head by a falling limb injuring him quite badly.

Little Violet DeShazer was quite sick last week.

LUSTEDS

Mr. Huut, and daughter Ida, visited Ralph Neibauer and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ickler and family were guests at the Foulkes-Carlson wedding last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. G. Moulton and children spent Christmas with relatives in Portland.

Mr. Hamlin has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Neibauer, for several days.

Mr. Ed. Scott and wife are visiting his sister Mrs. E. E. Quay this week.

School will be closed here until after New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. McClain of Gresham were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robertson last week.

The Xmas exercises at the school house was well attended. The program was certainly good and the pupils did their part well. There was a fine tree and many gifts as tokens of friendship, and each one present was remembered with a large sack of candy, nuts, and popcorn.

Miss Marian Robertson visited Miss Iva Blackburn last Sunday.

BORING

Miss Mary Bickford who has been attending high school in Portland is home this week spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Bickford.

Robert Smith and wife of Sandy narrowly escaped serious injury last Saturday evening while driving to Boring to attend the Xmas tree exercises. When about three and one half miles from here their horse took fright while passing a pile of cord wood and shied off the plank road, breaking the front axle of their buggy and otherwise damaging the rig. Unhooking from the wreck they started on foot but were soon overtaken by Garfield Dugger in another rig and driven to Boring.

H. G. Knox and family of Portland are visiting with J. W. Roots and family this week.

The Xmas tree and program at the Methodist church here last Saturday evening was well attended, the church being filled to its capacity. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and the excellent program of 18 acts as follows: "Joy of the World" by the choir; Recitation, "The Guiding Light," Myrtle Dodd; Recitation, "No room in the Inn," Eva Tacheron; Recitation, "The Christmas Story," Fannie Meyer; Solo, "Silent Night," Marguerite Tacheron; Recitation, "The Christmas Outcast," Meri Tacheron; Recitation, "The Master Cometh," Ruby Dodd; Recitation, "What will you do without him?" Ward Wilmarth; Recitation "Christmas," Claude F. Cross; Recitation, Edwin Siefert; Solo, Robert Wagner; Recitation, "The Road to Heaven," Esther Meyer; Recitation, "If I had lived in Bethlehem?" Ruth Anderson; Recitation, "My dollies Christmas," Roberta Wagner; Closing song, "The Wonderful Jesus," by the choir. Then followed the distribution of presents, candy and nuts, of which there were plenty for all.

Rev. G. B. Calder, the local pastor, will conduct a "Watch Night" service at the M. E. Church here next Sunday evening. The Epworth League will be one hour later than usual or at 8 o'clock, preaching service at 7 p. m., a short recess at 10 followed by special songs by the choir, testimony, prayer, and other exercises until the midnight hour, closing at 12:15 a. m. Every one is invited to attend and enjoy the meetings.

The four little children of Mrs. S. Frank, rural carrier on route 3, are quite ill with spotted tonsillitis. They are under the care of Dr. P. S. Bittner of Gresham.

FAIRVIEW

Mrs. J. Armond, who lately underwent an operation in the Good Samaritan Hospital, is slowly improving.

Mrs. J. O. Davis is gradually recovering her strength after an injury which nearly resulted in death. The accident happened last Thursday as Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Claude Heslin and Margery Mussey, Mrs. Davis's three year old niece, were returning from Troutdale in a buggy at 6:30 in the evening, for some cause as yet unlearned, the horse and buggy broke loose the railing on the bridge at the foot of the hill east of Fairview and all were violently thrown to the creek bottom ten feet below. Mrs. Heslin was instantly killed. Mrs. Davis barely escaped with her life and Margery was only slightly injured. Bert Inman, who resides in the Sun Deal Ranch house nearby heard the child crying and went out and found Margery sitting on a rock at the edge of the stream. Summoning help he recovered Mrs. Davis in an unconscious condition and she with little Margery were hurried to their home and Dr. S. P. Bittner was summoned. Meanwhile E. G. McGaw, secretary of the Sun Deal Ranch, who also lives nearby, securing the aid of D. O. Dunbar went to the bridge with the intention of securing the horse, which was found down in the water. Observing a hat which they supposed belonged to Mrs. Davis Mr. McGaw attempted to pick it up and found it pinned to the head of a woman, whom they discovered was Mrs. Heslin. She was removed to the bank, her face was covered by Mr. McGaw with his over coat, and thus she was found by her husband who arrived shortly after. Examination proved that the neck was not broken as was first supposed, but that Mrs. Heslin, being stunned by the fall, and unable to raise her head from the water, was drowned. Funeral services were conducted in Finley's Chapel, Portland, Sunday morning, the chapel being crowded with the many friends of the deceased and her family. Mrs. Heslin was a daughter of W. R. Steele, a former county commissioner of this county. She was married to Mr. Heslin about six years ago and the couple had lived an unusually happy and devoted life together. Mrs. Heslin was 32 years, 11 months and 27 days old at the time of death. She was born in Wilmington, Delaware. Mr. and Mrs. Heslin have resided on the old Heslin farm here the past two years. Prior to that time they lived in Troutdale for several months, both being employed as clerks in the store of Harlow, Blaser and Harlow. Her husband, father and two brothers, remain to mourn the loss of a kind and loving wife, daughter and sister. Interment was made in Mt. Scott Park cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Donley and family, who have been visiting Mrs. Donley's mother, Mrs. H. M. Shaw, left for their home in Spokane, Wash., Tuesday.

Mrs. O. A. Massey of Silverton, spent a few days here visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. O. Davis, and her own daughter Margery Massey, returning home on Tuesday.

Miss Lillian Copeland was out from the city to spend Sunday with her parents.

Alexander Robinson of Wilbur, Wash., and Reginald Robinson, of Corvallis, are here spending the holidays with their mother. Both young men are teachers.

Edgar Burlengame and family, and E. Williams and family all of Vancouver Wash., were Xmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Green.

Mrs. Nettie Bucklin of Vancouver, B. C., who has been with her aunt, Mrs. D. W. McKay, during the latter's illness, has gone to Portland where she will be employed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stewart spent Christmas with Portland relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. James Burlengame of Hood River, and their son George, Burlengame and family of The Dalles, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Jones entertained on Xmas their sons, R. B. Jones and F. K. Jones with their families, and W. H. Manwell and wife of Boring, and F. W. Morter and wife of Seaside.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Shepard entertained on Sunday their son, D. M. Shepard, wife and daughter of Portland, and their daughter, Mrs. C. G. Fancher with her husband and children.

W. A. Townsend and wife of Montavilla, spent Xmas with J. W. Townsend and family.

R. L. Robertson and family were guests of relatives in Lents on Monday.

Mrs. Kelman and Mr. and Mrs. E. Joss and son are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Benecke.

Miss Addie Burlengame of Vancouver, Wash., is a guest at the home of her uncle Edwin Burlengame.

J. P. Province spent Xmas with Portland friends.

A franchise granting the O. W. P. Co. the right to erect poles and to furnish power for lighting the town now awaits the third reading in the city council and

that Fairview will soon be lighted by electricity is now an assured fact. The franchise names \$1 a month flat rate for resident lights, and the company agree to furnish 10-17 candle power street lights if the city will pay for the same amount at the rate of \$15 per month. C. F. Slater and J. E. Herliam represented the company at a council meeting held last Saturday night.

Bert Juman and family and R. D. Bailey and family were Xmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Raker at Troutdale. Other guests of the Rakers were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Williams and children of Dayton Ore., Miss Johnson of Gresham, Miss Hallis Versteeg and R. R. Bailey of Portland, Mrs. M. D. Bailey and Edsworth Raker.

Blaine Turner is here spending the week with his father, A. L. Turner. Blaine is a student at the O. A. C.

Miss Nancy Anderson had as Xmas guests, Misses Rachel and Edith Cook of Portland.

Miss Ethel Glines of Canby, is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. F. D. Axtell.

Miss Francis Robinson and Albert Robinson of Portland spent Christmas with their Mother, Mrs. A. Robinson.

CORBETT

Mr. H. Bates and bride arrived from Hood River Christmas night and expect to make their home in the vicinity of Springdale.

Dr. and Mrs. Neubarer came out from Portland and spent Sunday and Xmas at the home of the latter's brother, Mr. Ira Byers, for the holiday vacation.

Miss Ethel Smith closed her school at Dist. No. 3, Friday with a three act Cantata. A number of visitors were present.

Miss Irene Knapp and pupils rendered a fine school program Saturday evening at the school house.

Mr. and Mrs. Julien, formerly of this place but now of Portland, spent Xmas at their daughter's home at Rooster Rock.

Miss Christy Burkholder of Gresham and her brother Gilbert of Portland, came Sat. for a short visit with their sister Mrs. Geo. Cosick.

The community was grieved and shocked to hear of the death of Jessie Russell at The Good Samaritan Hospital Tuesday night. Obituary will appear next week.

PLEASANT HOME.

A comrade of the Salvation Army, of Portland, solicited vegetables from the farmers in our vicinity for their Christmas donation to the needy. In response they received 22 sacks of potatoes, 7 of cabbage and 4 of rutabagas.

Miss Quay, of Linnton, is a guest of her brother Albert and his wife.

Mrs. Douglas has rented her Sandy house and is living here.

Mr. G. M. Markell and wife and E. Markell and wife, of the city were the guests of W. E. for Xmas dinner. They came in on the new R. R.

The children of G. M. Markell are visitors over holidays with their uncle.

Ed. Darnall, of The Herald, and wife were guests of Dale Northrup on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, of Vancouver, are visiting Stephens and McKinnys.

Xmas is over and the children's curiosity has subsided.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carpenter and Miss Lida Bramhall were among the Portland visitors Saturday.

Mrs. J. Stevens entertained a large company of visitors Tuesday. The Fitzgeralds, Albucaens, and McKennys, were among the number.

Mrs. Murry is spending a few days at Mr. T. H. Kennedy's.

Mr. Chas. Hunter and family spent Xmas with Mrs. Cannon.

Miss Arletha Cannon is spending the week in Portland.

Mr. Oscar Benjamin and Mr. Robt. Wood of Seattle visited B. L. Northups a few days this week.

COTTRELL

The tax payers of road district no. 35 had a road meeting in Cottrell school house on the 23rd Inst. and levied a five mill tax for road improvement in said district. Seventy per cent for the Hood View road and the remainder on the side roads in the district.

William Booth was elected by a big majority for road supervisor for the year 1912.

Sam Backen is kept busy chopping grain with his mill in this neighborhood. He does good work.

Paul Dunn and family, also Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Edwards visited friends in Portland over Xmas.

Tom Boen sold five acres of land to Jess Spradlin.

T. B. Milan is hauling wood with his two teams to Boring.

Jess Hite has gone to Canada to finish his time on his land. He will be gone about 10 months.

Paul Dunn had three acres of land cleared this winter and he has let another contract to have some more land cleared.

CITY GOVERNMENT BY COMMISSION

Originated in Galveston Eleven Years Ago.

RESULT OF GREAT FLOOD.

How It Rebuilt the Town, Constructed the Sea Wall, Restored Credit and Scored Such a Success That It is Now Spreading Throughout the Land.

By JAMES A. EDGERTON.

Americans are long suffering under abuses, but when the limit is reached they go after the evil without gloves. Our municipal governments present a case in point. For generations we have stood their rottenness, inefficiency, grafting and disgrace. Now they are becoming so bad we can put up with them no longer. The result is that we are eradicating the old system root and branch and substituting therefor the commission plan of government. The old scheme had got past the mending point. It had become honeycombed with ward and partisan politics. To ourselves it was a reproach, to other nations a standing joke. It was a combination of Tammany and Hinky Dink. The exposures in St. Louis, San Francisco, Pittsburg and elsewhere only scratched the surface. It was time for a new deal, and the new deal has come. Now the cities of the entire land are falling over each other in their haste to try on the commission system. Wherever inaugurated it has worked like a charm. Everybody is happy over it except the professional politicians and the grafters.

The commission form of government in America is only a trifle more than ten years old. It started in 1900 as a result of the Galveston flood. So staggering was the catastrophe that the old form of government was unable to meet the crisis. Alderman McMaster proposed that the council resign in a body and call in business men and experts to deal with the extraordinary situation. This was done. A commission of five was formed, two of them elected by the people and three appointed by the governor. Afterward the supreme court decided that the governor had no right to appoint, and all the commissioners were elected.

Prior to the hurricane and tidal wave that so nearly swept her off the map Galveston had the usual discouraging history of municipal misgovernment. As a result she was in debt, her bonds were below par and her treasury on the verge of bankruptcy. Under the commission system the city was rebuilt, the grade raised several feet, the streets repaved, a retaining sea wall constructed, the debt cut down, expenditures kept within the revenues, city employees paid in cash, bonds brought to a premium, streets kept cleaner, sanitation improved, saloons kept out of the residence districts, politics banished from the city hall, public gambling abolished, civic spirit awakened and a condition of harmony and prosperity begun such as Galveston had never before known. In other words, the new government did better in the face of the calamity than the old had done in times of tranquillity. One most significant fact is that, despite the expenditures required to rebuild, raise and protect the city, the tax rate was kept down lower than that of any large city in Texas.

To show the contrast between the old Galveston government and the new, public improvements had stopped under the former "ring rule" and public buildings were deteriorating, finances were going behind at an average of \$100,000 every year, city employees, including even schoolteachers, were paid in scrip, and the bosses, who were growing rich, had such a grip it was impossible to shake them loose.

All that is now changed. The floating debt has been retired, a sinking fund started, public improvements are going forward, bills are paid in cash when due, and the political bosses have become unpleasant memories. That these and other beneficent results are due to the commission system of government is proved by the fact that other cities adopting the commission plan have had a like experience.

Under what came to be known as the Galveston plan each of the commissioners took charge of some branch of the city government. For this he was responsible to the commission as a whole and to the people. So successful was the system in the city of its origin that other municipalities in all parts of the land began to study it with interest.

To one who does not believe in universal panaceas and cure-alls the working out of the commission form of government is little less than marvelous. It has agreeably surprised both its friends and enemies. Is it the long looked for solution of our municipal government problems? An unqualified affirmative answer is almost too good to be true, and it is too early to go that far, yet the more one studies what has actually been accomplished under the new system the more enthusiastic he grows. My own prediction is that as soon as the bulk of American cities realize just what has been achieved in the commission towns there will be such a scramble to make the experiment for themselves that it will result in a virtual municipal revolution.

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GRESHAM

H. G. Harmon was hurt on Thursday while delivering a load of hay at Mrs. Darnell's place in Lents. In driving into a barn door the passage proved too low and he received a severe shock and narrowly escaped being crushed.

Mrs. J. W. Lawrence entertained the "I Wont" class at her home Thursday evening. The evening was spent in music and games after which refreshments were served. All report a fine time.

Miss Bessie Howitt visited relatives in Montavilla the first of the week.

Mrs. Irwin and Miss Margaret Holliday visited at the homes of Mrs. Carman and Mrs. Colley Thursday.

The new bungalow of Emmet Kelly's in Zenith addition is nearly completed.

Mr. Quick-all, principal of Orient school, was in town last week to arrange for an athletic field meet to be held here in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Quick, of Quincy, spent the holidays with Mrs. Quick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey. Mr. Quick is taking a vacation which they are spending at Seaside.

Mrs. E. S. Smith has gone to Grants Pass to join Mr. Smith who has a position on the Grants Pass Observer.

Dr. Fred Thompson and wife of The Dalles, spent Xmas at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Erickson, of Warren, spent the holidays with E. C. Lindsey's.

The Cantata entitled "The Great Light" will be rendered by the M. E. choir next Sunday evening at the time of the regular service. Admission will be free but an offering will be taken to defray the expenses of the music.

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