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FINE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY X-MAS

The community Christmas tree exercises will be held Saturday evening, December 23, at Weston opera house, beginning at seven-thirty o'clock.

No presents will be placed on the tree and no names will be called. Every person present, both children and grownups, will, however, receive a sack of candy and nuts.

Twin trees have been arranged for and they will be most elaborately and beautifully embellished and illuminated. This feature will be taken care of by Messrs. E. O. DeMoss, S. A. Barnes and A. W. Lundell, who are in general charge of the tree as chairmen of the several committees appointed by the Weston Welfare club.

Chairman Lundell of the program committee has announced the following program of exercises:

"Echoes from Naples"—Weston Augmented Orchestra.

Song, "Antioch"—Choir and Audience.

Christmas Scripture Reading—Maggie Fuson and Choir.

Invocation—Rev. F. D. Phelps.

Address—Rev. W. B. Smith.

Song, "Silent Night"—Choir.

Soprano solo, "The Way of the Cross," Solman—Lela G. Saling.

Reading, "Why the Chimes Rang."

Cornet Solo, "Holy City," Master Harvey Lundell, with orchestra accompaniment.

Selection—Weston Quartet.

Anthem, "And There Were Shepherds," McPhail—Choir.

Reading—"The Two Christmas Stockings"—Blanche Thorsen.

Selection, "William Tell," Rossini—Orchestra.

Santa Claus.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WILL HOLD CHRISTMAS FROLIC

Extensive preparations have been made by the Weston High school girls, assisted by other local organizations, for a Christmas frolic to be held next Thursday, December 21, at 7:30 p. m., in the school auditorium. This is the first event of the kind to be given in Weston, and an excellent "stunt" program is being prepared for the occasion. The entire program will be given by girls and all the numbers will be in costume. The girls were fortunate in securing the assistance of Mrs. R. G. Saling, who will put on an act in costume which is said to surpass many of the best things seen on the big vaudeville circuits. The Bachelor girls' club will also put on a stunt which alone will be worth the price of admittance. Deep mystery surrounds the high school girls' part of the program, but enough has transpired to warrant the assertion that the Christmas frolic will be one of the best entertainments of the season. An admittance of 25c and 15c will be charged, the proceeds to be used to make final payment on the Edison. The public is cordially invited.

Miss Zola Keen, the talented young dramatic reader of Athens, has kindly consented to assist in the program.

PENDLETON PRESBYTERIANS SOON TO HAVE NEW CHURCH

A new home for the First Presbyterian church, to cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000, is practically assured for Pendleton during the coming year. A building committee started its canvass for funds Monday morning and has met with such ready and generous response that all uncertainty has seemingly been wiped out.

A few weeks ago the church board decided to build a \$2000 addition to the present church at the corner of Alta and College streets. When the committee went out to raise the money it was found that the general sentiment of the congregation favored a new home rather than an improvement of the old one. Last week the matter was discussed and at the services Sunday morning it was announced that a new building had been determined upon by the committee.

The committee intends making the new church the most serviceable in the city. Provision will be made for

a large auditorium, a Sunday school room, a room for social gatherings and a kitchen.

Pendleton Has Athletic Club
Several young men of Pendleton have interested themselves in the forming of the Blue Mountain club, which has been formed for social and athletic purposes. They have applied to the secretary of state for a charter, which they expect to have within a few days. A large room beneath the Roundup Cigar store on Main street is to be fitted up for a club room.

CENTRAL POWERS PROPOSE PEACE

Germany and Her Allies Ask For Immediate Negotiations to End World War.

Berlin (by wireless to Sayville).—Germany and her allies Tuesday proposed to enter forthwith into peace negotiations.

The following announcement was given out by the semi-official Overseas News Agency:

"The chancellor received, one after another, the representatives of the United States of America and Spain and Switzerland, that is, of the states protecting German interests in hostile foreign countries. The chancellor transmitted to them a note and asked them to bring it to the knowledge of the hostile governments.

"In the note the four allied (central) powers propose to enter forthwith on peace negotiations. The propositions they bring for such negotiations are, according to their firm belief, appropriate for the establishment of a lasting peace.

"The governments at Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia transmitted identical notes and also communicated with the Holy see and all neutral powers."

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, in communicating to the Reichstag the fact of the dispatch of the notes, said the step was taken on the ground of humanity. The Teutonic allies, he said, could not be conquered, and they awaited the answer of the entente "with that serenity of mind which is guaranteed to us by our exterior and interior strength and by our clear conscience."

Although Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg did not disclose the definite proposals on which Germany and her allies are prepared to make peace in his speech before the Reichstag, such proposals are ready and will be communicated to the entente powers if the chancellor's offer should fall upon responsive ears.

Paris Press Derides German Offer.
Paris.—The offer of peace of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is received with a chorus of derision in the French press. The newspapers are unanimous that it is an admission that the situation is getting critical in Germany and that the chancellor wants a way out before it is too late. His move is considered to have the additional advantage that, in the event of its falling, it will enable him to throw the blame for the continuation of the war on the allies.

London Sentiment is Against Peace.
London.—A strong current of public sentiment opposed to the German peace proposal was evident in the expressions both from public men and the British press.

NEW MINISTRY IS FORMED IN ENGLAND

London.—In the new ministry, Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Milner, Earl Curzon, Andrew Bonar Law and Arthur Henderson form what is officially termed the war cabinet, while the others, who ordinarily have been designated as cabinet ministers, are called heads of departments.

This novel organization concentrates far more power in the hands of the prime minister than the British system ever has known. Mr. Lloyd George has not hesitated to place himself in a position more closely resembling a dictatorship than he was willing to give his predecessor.

The complexion of the new government is 12 Liberals, 15 Unionists, three Laborites and the president of the boards of trade and education and the shipping controller, who have been attached to no parties.



BROKEN FLANGE DERAILS TWO TYPHOID CASES ON MCKAY CREEK

NORTHERN PACIFIC TRAIN

Because of a broken flange on a freight car, eight cars of the north-bound Northern Pacific freight train were derailed in a wreck at Vansycle canyon Saturday afternoon. No one was injured in the wreck but traffic was interfered with to the extent that since that time it has been necessary for the passenger train to make a transfer around the wreckage.

The wreck occurred near King station at 1 p. m. Saturday. The freight train was moving slowly at the time. One of the cars of the engine was first to leave the track, a broken flange on one of the wheels being the cause. Of the cars in the wreck, one was overturned and the trucks in some manner were thrown from under the car, leaving the car without wheels.

A wrecking crew from Pasco was called to clear the track and worked until 8 p. m. Saturday. Going into Pasco for the night the crew was called out for a small wreck on the S. F. & S. with the result that the work at King was delayed.

1917 WHEAT AT \$1.10 CONTRACTS MADE FOR

At a price reputed to be \$1.10 per bushel, two small sales of next crop wheat have been made in Pendleton. There is a report in circulation to the effect that a price of \$1.25 a bushel was paid on one deal but this price is denied by buyers, who assert \$1.10 has been the outside price offered on next year's wheat.

On a basis of the Chicago quotations for July wheat, the price of \$1.10 for Eastern Oregon wheat is conservative. However, it is pointed out that our wheat has no standing in the Chicago pit because it has always been going to Liverpool, rather than the East. Consequently it is said to be impossible for brokers to make delivery for inland empire wheat on Chicago sales without suffering a heavy dockage.

WOMEN OFFICIALS ALMOST LOSE OUT

It has been learned that Mayor-elect Laura Starcher and the six women city officials who are scheduled to take charge of the municipal affairs of Umatilla January first, were nearly disqualified. Mayor Starcher suddenly remembered Saturday night that the council forgot to canvass the votes. He hurriedly summoned the council and counted the ballots just before the four-day time limit expired. Starcher said: "If we'd let the women be disqualified, I could never have gone home again. The world would have been too small to hold the men officials."

"Mail Early" is Advised

Another appeal to the public to mail their Christmas packages early to prevent a crush of mail in the final days before the holidays, has been issued by the postoffice department. It is expected that the postal facilities will be taxed to capacity this year.

LISTEN, UNCLE.



TWO TYPHOID CASES ON MCKAY CREEK

Two cases of typhoid which have broken out within the past two weeks in the Dan Shaw school on McKay creek have caused the health officer to forbid the use of water from the school well for drinking purposes until an examination is made. Miss Nora Holmes was the first victim. She was immediately taken to Pendleton where she has been in the care of physicians at the hospital. About ten days later similar symptoms were noticed in Irwin Harrison but his case developed so rapidly that there was no opportunity to take him to the hospital. The appearance of two cases from the same school but from families living in different parts of the district, led the physician to believe that the well was the cause and he has sent samples of water to Portland for examination, and given orders to boil all water pending the report. The well is a closed one with a cemented pit and there has never before been any contamination. It is not used during the summer.

Hawaii Wants Statehood

A bill for statehood for Hawaii and another for equal suffrage for the territory were in the suitcase of Prince J. Kuhio Kalaniana'ole, delegate to congress from that territory, who was in San Francisco recently, en route to Washington, D. C. Princess Kalaniana'ole, accompanying her husband, said she expected to work for the suffrage bill.

Among other things Jeanette Rankin will now have her name printed in "Who's Who," where her name has not yet appeared. But in her case every one in this country now knows who she is and also that she has duly arrived.

Oak Grove, Clackamas county, has voted a ten-mill tax for paved highway.

Salem.—A bill has been prepared for a teachers' retirement fund. Five per cent of the salary is to be set aside for a term of years, when the state is to add \$2000.

Portland merchants made an excursion last week to investigate the flax industry now being developed in the Willamette valley.

Eugene.—The aggregate tax levy is 18.75 mills for county and 42.9 mills for the city.

The destruction of birds costs this country \$1,000,000,000 a year, it is estimated.

"Call a taxi!" Lefe McBride's is always at your disposal. Phone 32.

Arizona is Now Dry.

Phoenix, Ariz.—The constitutional prohibition amendment adopted at the November election became effective with the issuance by the governor of a proclamation. Liquor now in the state, according to law, becomes contraband.

Greek Blockade is Announced.

Washington.—The state department has received official notification of the blockade of Greece by the allies in a communication from the French government.

CHARGED WITH KILLING FISH WITH DYNAMITE

On last Tuesday, Olna Hathaway, Dewey Purcell and William Norris, of Ritter, Oregon, were haled before the justice court of John Day, on a charge of being implicated with parties using dynamite for the killing of fish in the waters of Middle Fork of the John Day river tributaries. On entering a plea of guilty, they were severally fined \$100 and costs.

Under municipal ownership the Eugene water board has added a two-mill tax levy.

3 MEASURES READY FOR CONSIDERATION

Congress to Get Down to Actual Work This Week on Immigration Bill.

Washington.—Congress will get down to actual work this week. Three measures are ready for immediate consideration. They are the District of Columbia prohibition bill, immigration bill and corrupt practices measure.

After debate over the exclusion of aliens on account of race, the senate adopted the committee amendment to the immigration bill, which would bar Hindus and certain other Asiatics without mentioning them by name, with an added provision stipulating that nothing in the act shall be construed to repeal any existing law, treaty or agreement which serves to prohibit or restrict immigration.

The committee amendment prescribes certain geographical areas from which immigrants shall not be admitted instead of naming races or nationalities, as was done in the bill as it passed the house.

Nation-Wide Food Probe is Planned.
Officials conducting the government inquiry into the high cost of living virtually have completed a program to place before President Wilson and Attorney-General Gregory, providing for simultaneous grand jury investigation through the country.

It is understood that in addition to the officials now directly engaged in collecting information, others may be named.

It was said that doubt no longer existed as to whether there had been combinations of men to increase coal prices, and that effective means to punish those who have violated the law in contributing to the rises were being studied.

Labor Men Seeking Substitute Plan.
Congressional action on President Wilson's railway legislation program probably will await the result of efforts of labor leaders to draft as a substitute for all forms of compulsory arbitration a plan for dealing with strikes, actual and threatened, which will be agreeable to all concerned.

The determination of the president to try to make impossible such a situation as he faced last September in the railroad dispute has aroused all branches of labor to the greatest activity. The unofficial alliance between the American Federation of Labor and the four railway brotherhoods, arranged for the purpose, among other things, of opposing "dangerous legislation," is bearing its first fruit in conferences between representatives of both organizations for the purpose of drafting a plan that will shelve all compulsory arbitration bills.

Belgian Deportations Still Go On.
With publication of the American protest to Germany on the deportations of Belgians, state department officials disclosed the United States government has exhausted its means of diplomacy and has laid the case before American public opinion, from which it will expect to draw guidance for the next steps, if any be taken.

Germany's reply, conveyed in conversations with Charge Grew at Berlin, by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, is that the deportations are regarded as justified on the grounds of social necessity.

Official information shows also that the deportations are continuing.

Cal's Indian Council

Superintendent E. L. Swartzlander, of the Umatilla Indian reservation, has called a council of the Indian allottees of the Umatilla reservation for the purpose of learning their sentiments on a proposal to allot tribal lands to the children or to keep it in a lump for the benefit of the tribe.

Springfield has dedicated a \$35,000 Methodist church and parsonage.

BLUE MOUNTAIN ROAD IS LOCAL CLUB TOPIC

The Weston Welfare club Tuesday evening took up a live topic relating to the proposed new road across the Blues, starting at Elgin and connecting at a point near Weston with the macadam road between Pendleton and Walla Walla.

This is one of the mountain highways of which A. F. Alexander of Walla Walla has been such an ardent and constant promoter. As it will run through the Wenaha forest reserve, substantial aid for it is expected from the federal government. Congressman La Follette of Washington has interested himself in its behalf, and the route was recently inspected by a representative of the government.

The proposed route will follow the old Woodward toll road, with the exception of a change of four or five miles by which the Olinger hill and the tollgate hill will be avoided.

In common with other Inland Empire towns Weston has been requested to send resolutions to Washington urging support of the road. President Price appointed S. A. Barnes, Dr. F. D. Watts and Clark Wood as the local committee.

WESTON COLLEGE BOY VISITS PORTLAND FIRMS

(Special to the Leader.)

Corvallis, Or., Dec. 14.—Herman O'Harra was among the O. A. C. student pharmacists who with Professor Fulton, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Miller and Mr. Dutcher recently visited the chemical industries of Portland and vicinity in order that they might become acquainted with chemists' problems and that these industries might become more intimately acquainted with the college.

The woolen and paper mills of Oregon City, Portland Rubber Mills, Portland Oxygen and Hydrogen Co.'s laboratory and plant, Edwards & Lozel's Commercial Laboratory, Luckel King Soap Co., Union Meat Co.'s plant and laboratory, Portland Gas & Coke Co., Portland Electric Steel Foundry and the Columbia Creosoting Co. were all visited.

The delegation consisted of Japanese, Chinese, German, Irish and Jewish as well as American students. They were entertained at luncheon by the Union Meat Co. and banqueted at the Hazelwood.

They attended a meeting of the American Associated Chemists, of which many of them are members. Mr. O'Harra is a junior in Agriculture and a member of the Arcadia club.

MEACHAM TIMBER LAND BOUGHT FOR CORDWOOD

Under the terms of a deal closed Tuesday the Smythe-Loneragan Co., of Pendleton, becomes the owner of 529 acres of timber land within a short distance of Meacham. The land was bought of Mrs. Lyda McDonald, wife of George McDonald, and the consideration was between \$8000 and \$9000. On the land it is estimated there are from 12,000 to 14,000 cords of red fir, yellow pine and black pine. The new owners plan to cut several thousand cords of this at once to put on the market.

Northern Birds in Umatilla County

Further evidence of an exceptionally cold winter in the arctic regions was found Sunday near Hermiston, by Stanley G. Jewett, local ornithologist, when he succeeded in securing specimens of several northern birds that very rarely come this far south. Two of these are western tree sparrows. The only record of these birds ever having been seen this far south before was in 1882. William Brewster, noted ornithologist of Cambridge, Mass., has a record of such a bird having been killed in Walla Walla that year. Mr. Jewett also secured an Arctic horned owl which is considered different from the snowy owl, being barred instead of white or speckled. He also secured some northern shrike, commonly called butcher birds. All of these birds range mostly in the northlands. In all Mr. Jewett took note of more than 25 species of winter birds.