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WILLOWS NEWS

Christmas Program and Tree at the Rhea School Enjoyed by Many Meets Death in Fire

Christmas day passed quietly along the creek. The thermometer stood at 23 below the day before and nearly as low that day with about 6 inches of snow. Everyone preferred the stove to the frigid atmosphere, but Sauty found us one and all and it is a good thing he does not mind cold.

On Monday a chinook started but suddenly took cold, for Wednesday found a freeze again and some snow still remaining. Old timers say it is just like the winter of '70 so and so, but as we were not there we shall not dispute it and will have to take the weather as it comes.

Mrs. Oral Henriksen and daughters of Heppner, spent several days with their aunt, Mrs. O. Lundell before going on to Portland this week, to visit Mrs. Henriksen's mother Mrs. Josephine Huff. They will remain during the cold weather.

A Christmas tree and program was given December 24 at the Rhea Siding school, directed and planned by the teacher Miss Lowe. Altho the weather prohibited a large attendance the program was greatly enjoyed by those present and would have done credit to a much larger school.

Bert Settlemier of Willows was seen along the Creek Sunday, coming out to see how many of us weathered the cold and storm, but found us all alive.

Mr. V. Logan made a trip to Condon on Monday returning Tuesday. He reports the snow gone at Condon.

A party of Japs from Hood River put in several days hunting rabbits just before the storm, having all they could carry away in a couple of days. They deemed it great sport.

Mrs. Frank Farnsworth of Cheney Washington met a tragic death there last Tuesday December 23. Their residence having burned and in some manner she became entrapped in the burning structure. Her husband, a brother of Karl Farnsworth of Rhea escaped without clothing, as he was sleeping on a sleeping porch. Particulars are lacking, but the sympathy of this community is extended to the sorrowing relatives and friends. Mrs. Farnsworth before her marriage was Ethel Stewart of Butter Creek.

State Veterinarian Lytle, called at the Jack Hynd place on last Tuesday. Mr. Hynd has been losing a few sheep since the cold spell and Mr. Lytle says it is due to pneumonia caused by the extreme cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Farnsworth, were in Heppner this week attending the funeral of Mrs. Frank Farnsworth. Ebenezer B. Gorton of Morgan died at the home of his daughter Mrs. J.

Hardesty on the morning of December 26. Mr. Gorton and his wife and three children came from Michigan in the Eighties and lived in Arlington before settling on a farm 3 miles from Morgan on Four Mile. Mrs. Gorton passed away about 6 years ago. Mr. Gorton, who was bedfast for three months before his death, would have reached his 81st year in February.

He leaves a son Joseph, who resides in Washington and two daughters, Mrs. John Harbke of Portland and Mrs. James Hardesty of Morgan and mourn his loss besides a large circle of friends. He was buried in Ione on Saturday.

CECIL NEWS

Loses Sheep with Pneumonia — Extreme Weather Blamed — Xmas Tree Enjoyed at School.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all the readers of Cecil Items.

W. V. Pedro and niece Miss Josie Pedro, of Ewing spent their Xmas vacation with friends in Pendleton.

R. W. Morse the county agent, was doing business in Cecil district on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. May left Cecil on Sunday for Hood River where they will spend several days visiting with their daughters.

Miss Mildred Duncan a student at the Boardman high school arrived in Cecil on Saturday and will visit with her parents at Busy Bee ranch during the school vacation.

Henry and John Krebs of "The Last Camp" left on the local on Sunday for Portland where they will spend their annual vacation with their parents.

Clinton Harper of Ewing was a county seat visitor on Tuesday. Jack Hynd and nephew, T. H. Lowe of Cecil were in Heppner during the week trying to locate a warmer spot than Cecil has been for ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Ward of Ione arrived at Rhea Siding on Wednesday in time to accompany Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth to Rhea school where a splendid program was given by Miss Lowe and her pupils. A beautifully decorated Xmas tree was a surprise for the pupils from their teacher, who also treated all the guests with candy, nuts etc. Santa was unable to be present on account of his being 24 below, but manlike he sent Mrs. Santa to distribute the gifts to the children while he got thawed out.

Robert Lowe arrived home on Saturday for his vacation.

George Chandler, who has been spending several months at Lebanon, returned to his home at Willowcreek ranch.

J. W. Osborn of the Fairview ranch left on the local for Portland on Tuesday. He was to visit his sister while in the city and also attend to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Farnsworth, of Rhea, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McEntire Walter Pope, and H. J. Streeter of Cecil were doing business in Arlington during the week.

Cecil Luicallen speed officer of Pendleton, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd at Butterfly Flats, during the holidays.

Mrs. Weltha Combest of Fairview, has moved down to her cottage for the rest of the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Dufur and children of "The Cot", visited with Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Tyler near Rhea on Tuesday.

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

T. M. Hicks was elected president of the Salem chamber of commerce at the annual election.

The continued cold weather has been extremely hard on game birds in the Willamette valley.

The combined levy for state and county purposes in Umatilla county for 1925 will be 14.40 mills.

For the first time in many years the South Santiam river was frozen over at Lebanon and ice skating was enjoyed.

Nearly \$12,000 in Christmas bonuses was distributed by the Brooks-Scanlon and Shelvin-Hixon lumber mills at Bend.

The Willamette river, for the first time in the memory of the oldest residents, was completely frozen over at Salem.

An armed, masked man held up the pool hall of F. E. Waller at Boring, obtained \$150 from Mr. Waller and made his escape.

Asparagus acreage will be doubled in the spring by members of the Umatilla Project Growers' association at Hermiston.

The body of an unidentified laborer was taken from behind an engine tender of a westbound passenger train at Arlington.

Mrs. Sarah J. Helmick, 101 years old, died at her home in Albany. Mrs. Helmick came to Oregon with her husband in 1845.

Thomas Earl, 43, committed suicide at his home in Eugene by hanging himself with a piece of clothes line from a beam in the woodshed.

Dr. Sanford Whiting, a prominent Portland physician and surgeon, dropped dead in his office in the Selling building. Heart disease was given as the cause.

Stacy, 12, and Clark, 10, sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Swanson, living five miles north of Eugene, were drowned while skating on a small lake near their home.

Mrs. Mary Knapp, 67, mother of Horace Knapp, water superintendent of La Grande, died as the result of burns suffered the night of December 16. She was a pioneer of the valley.

Cold weather has handicapped enumerators of the federal farm census to such an extent that only about 20 per cent of the schedules on northwestern Oregon farms have been filled out.

For further investigation of the Deschutes irrigation project in central Oregon, Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, has set aside \$5000. Announcement to this effect was made to Representative Sinnott.

Some 50 youthful trappers are on duty in Pine Valley during the holidays and considerable rivalry is present to obtain the greatest number of hides. Nearly all boys in the Halfway high school earn their spare money in this enterprise.

Two hundred silver foxes, the largest shipment ever made to Oregon, were received from the breeding farm of W. K. Rogers, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada, and went to the ranches of D. M. Haskin at Newberg and Hood River.

Blasting was resorted to by the Mountain States Power company to keep the Albany water ditch open and to prevent any water shortage in the city. About 70 pounds of dynamite was used every day to blast ice from the surface of the ditch.

Fourth installment payments of the state income tax which was repealed at the recent election have totaled approximately \$200,000, according to Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner. There is yet to be collected from this source more than \$250,000.

Commander Fred Milton Perkins, gunnery officer of the American battle fleet, who was injured in an airplane crash at Los Angeles harbor Monday, December 15, died at San Diego, according to word received by his father, William T. Perkins, of Portland.

William Basl, twice convicted of violating the prohibition laws, has received a conditional pardon from Governor Pierce, according to the records at Salem. Basl's conditional pardon commuted the unserved portion of his sentence and remitted \$250 of a \$500 fine.

The movement by the cattle men of the state as a result of a plan adopted by the Oregon Cattle and Horse Growers' association toward orderly marketing of cattle in the state soon will be launched in Umatilla county, according to information received by Fred Bennion, county agent. The plan is to have a representative of the growers in the stockyards at Portland at all times.

Public employment bureau placements in Oregon during the current biennium numbered 80,235, according to the biennial report of C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner.

The contract for completion of cruising timber in Tillamook county by M. G. Nease was signed by Nease and the county court last week. The contract specifies not less than 100,000 acres to be cruised at 25 cents an acre, the cruise to be completed before March 31, 1926.

Figures just released by the forest service showed that in 1923 Oregon was second in lumber production with a total of 3,966,083,000 feet. The only other state ahead was Washington, with 6,877,656,000 feet. Production in Oregon increased 31 per cent over the previous year.

The Oregon supreme court, in an opinion handed down has reversed Judge Campbell of the Clackamas county circuit court in the case involving Samuel Director, accused of larceny in connection with the alleged burning of his store at Oregon City. A retrial will be held.

How to dodge automobiles will be a new course of instruction at the Parrish Jr. high school in Salem, according to announcement made by school officials. The Parrish school is located on the route of the Pacific highway and has been the scene of several near accidents.

Restaurants, hotels and manufacturing concerns of Roseburg dependent upon gas for conducting their business were sadly crippled when the gas plant froze Friday morning. The gas mains were completely filled with ice, shutting off the entire supply to the city for several hours.

Any further action that may be taken by Governor Pierce with relation to the ousting of Dr. Thomas Ross of Portland as a member of the state fish commission probably will depend upon a recommendation to be solicited from the attorney-general. This was announced by the governor.

Fines aggregating \$69,256.85 were imposed by the courts in Oregon as the result of activities of the state traffic officers during the current biennium, according to the biennial report of T. A. Raffety, chief inspector for the state motor vehicle department. Arrests numbered 3968.

Four boys who escaped from the state training school were captured by the police while hiding in a dwelling on Front street in Salem. The boys involved in the break were John Moore, Archie Evans, E. Kline and J. Richter. They spent one night in the open and two of them suffered from frozen feet.

One hundred and eleven mills reporting to West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending December 20, manufactured 79,154,963 feet of lumber; sold 89,230,993 feet, and shipped 72,226,612 feet. New business was 13 per cent above production. Shipments were 19 per cent below new business.

The Oregon-California Railroad company and the Southern Pacific company filed suit in the Marion county circuit court to reapportion the railroad's share of the expense of constructing two overhead crossings located at Wilbur and Sutherlin, Douglas county. The total cost of the two overhead crossings was \$103,500.

Sale of approximately 1,300,000 feet of pine, fir and larch on Teepee creek, in the Wallowa national forest, was announced at the district office of the forest service in Portland. The timber was bought by the Oregon Lumber company at Enterprise. The price was \$3 a thousand feet for the pine and 50 cents a thousand for the other species.

It is reported at Salem that Governor Pierce has under advisement a proposal to include in his message to the legislature a recommendation that the state printing office be operated in connection with the state penitentiary. Under the governor's plan convicts would be instructed in the printing profession, and only such free labor as is necessary would be employed.

Steve Edwards, a Springfield youth, who nearly a year ago pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny in a store at Springfield and who was sentenced to serve two years in the state penitentiary and later paroled by the court received a Christmas gift in the form of an order from Judge Skipworth of the circuit court discharging him from his sentence and clearing his record so far as the court is concerned.

A census of game and predatory animals in the Cascade national forest has been completed at the request of the forest service, and figures have just been submitted. The report stated that there were 500 black or brown bear in the forest, 3099 black-tailed deer, 10 mule deer and 290 elk. In the predatory animal class the estimate gave the number of coyotes as 355, lynx, bobcats or wildcats 1730, cougars 60, wolves 120. Of the fur-bearing animals it was estimated that there are 500 beaver along the streams, eight badgers, 20 fox, 900 marten, 1350 mink and 1620 weasels.

Notice For Publication

Department of The Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, Dec. 16, 1924.

Notice is hereby given that Ray S. Lamoreaux, of Irrigon, Oregon, who on Nov. 25, 1919, made Homestead Entry, No. 021146, for E 1/4 NE 1/4, being Unit "A" Umatilla Project, Section 26, Township 5 North, Range 26 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before C. G. Blayden, United States Commissioner, at Boardman, Oregon, on the 28th day of January, 1925.

Claimant names as witnesses: Frank Fredericksen, Chas. Benefield, Hugh Grim and Arthur Gergins all of Irrigon, Oregon.

J. W. Donnelly, Register.

Community Church Service Every Sunday

Sunday School 10:30 a. m.
Church Service 11:30 a. m.
Christian Endeavor 7:30 p. m.

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