

Local and Personal.

Miss Hattie A. Wienert of Airlie was in town Tuesday night.

George Carmichael gave Roseburg a visit returning home last Sunday.

L. D. Brown, Attorney-at-law, Notary Public, Abstractor, Dallas, Oregon.

Dr. Zeber and wife of Tacoma are visiting Mrs. Zebers' parents Luther Ground and wife of this city.

A. B. Westfall will do your paper hanging painting for you and take in exchange hasness, horse, or buggy for his labor.

Miss Mary Clark, daughter of Prof. A. L. Clark and wife, is here on a visit to her parents. Miss Clark is a teacher in the school at Astoria.

Rev. H. E. Hornschuch will be present next Sunday at the Evangelical church, the occasion being the third quarterly meeting for the year. Quarterly conference will convene on Monday.

Polk County Schools Report.

Report of the schools of Polk county for the school month ending Dec. 3, 1909:

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| Number of schools reporting correctly and on time           | 62    |
| Schools failing to report on time—Districts Nos. 22 and 41. |       |
| Number of pupils remaining at last report                   | 2409  |
| Number of pupils registered new during month                | 81    |
| Number of pupils registered secondary during month          | 23    |
| Number of pupils readmitted during month                    | 182   |
| Total number pupils on register during month                | 2693  |
| Number of pupils dropped during month                       | 277   |
| Number of pupils remaining at time of report                | 2415  |
| Number of days taught during month                          | 18    |
| Whole number of days attendance                             | 41441 |
| Whole number of days absence                                | 2354  |
| Whole number of times late                                  | 540   |
| Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy                   | 1922  |
| Average number of pupils belonging                          | 2433  |
| Average daily attendance                                    | 2303  |
| Per cent of attendance                                      | 94.5  |
| Number of visits by parents                                 | 84    |
| Number of visits by members of the school board             | 47    |

The following schools were placed on the roll of honor for the county for having made a per cent of attendance of 95 or more; Zena, Dallas, Red Prairie, Bridgeport, Monmouth, Airlie, Bethel, Perrydale, Gooseneck, Cochran, Rickreall, Oak Point, Independence, Brush College, West Salem, Buena Vista, Spring Valley, Pop Corn, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Lincoln, Enterprise, Etna, Greenwood, McCoy, Guthrie, Teals, Falls City, Pioneer, Mountain View, and Mistletoe.

The following were placed on the roll of honor for the county for having had no tardies during the month;—Smithfield, Valley View, Scroggins, Gooseneck, Brush College, Harmony, Lincoln, Etna, McTimmonds Valley, Greenwood, Fir Grove, Oakdale, Teals, Liberty, and Pioneer.

The attendance this last month has not been as good as the month before but owing to the snow and high water it has been much better than one could expect, and if all work for as good attendance the rest of the year as all have thus far, we will reach the 95 per cent for which we are working.

There have been many more visits by both parents and members of the school boards this month than the month before; this is what all school people are asking for and if parents and school officers, also others interested in the schools will visit them more we will secure much better work from both pupils and teachers.

We must all continue to work for better sanitation and work all of the time as we want Polk County to be the Blue Ribbon county for school sanitation.

Respectfully,  
H. C. SEYMOUR,  
School Supt. Polk Co.

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

On the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Dr. Linscott for the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

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Lesson for Sunday, Dec. 26th, 1909.  
—The Birth of Christ. Matt. II:1-12.  
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The Birth of Christ—Matt. II:1-12.

Golden Text—And thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins.—Matt. 1:21.

Verse 1—Where is Bethlehem, the birth place of Jesus?

Where was the home of Mary and Joseph, the parents of Jesus, and how did it happen that they were at Bethlehem at this time?

What was the probable nationality of these "wise men?"

Verse 2—Is there any evidence, and if so what is it, which indicates that God, in past ages, has revealed himself to other peoples than those of Jewish origin?

Give your own idea of this star that the wise men saw, which indicated to them that a Jewish king had been born; was it objective or only subjective?

Were the wise men right in their opinion, that Jesus was "the King of the Jews," as they were in the fact of his birth?

Verse 3—What is the evidence for or against the idea that it was God's original intention for Jesus to be the literal King of the Jews, as the wise men stated, and as Herod feared?

Why should Herod and "all Jerusalem" be troubled at the announcement of the birth of a Jewish King?

Verses 4-6—What prophet is here referred to, and where in the Bible did these priests and scribes quote from?

Did the prophet they quoted from, and did these priests and scribes think that the expected Christ was to be an earthly King? Why?

Verse 7—What is it which makes diligent study, of a worthy subject, either noble or ignoble?

Verse 8—How would you describe a man with motive of Herod, when he sent these wise men off on their mission of finding Jesus?

What, if any, reason is there to believe that there are those to-day who attend church, and thus pretend they are earnestly seeking Jesus, who have practically the same motive as Herod had?

Verse 9—If a man to-day would see the Christ, what "star" does he need to follow to be sure of being led to him?

Give your reason for your idea whether it is to the favored few only that God sends a star or its equivalent, pointing to where Jesus may be found, or are all men similarly treated?

Verse 10—Mention some things which always produce joy, and then describe that which produces the greatest joy to mortals known? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Verse 11—What is the ground for certainty for the statement that those who really seek Jesus always find him?

What are the emotions which are stirred, the motives which are formed, and the deeds which are done by everyone who really seeks and finds Jesus?

Verse 12—Is there any liability that those who live in the presence of Jesus, will ever be duped into betraying Him or his cause?

Is the day of the supernatural guidance of God's children, past, or is there reason to believe that it is as operative as ever?

Dissolution Notice

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between G. T. Boothby and C. M. Lewis has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

Dated this 30th day of November 1909.

G. T. BOOTHBY.

C. M. LEWIS.

Church Directory.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
L. C. HOOVER, Pastor  
Morning service at 11:00 o'clock  
Evening service at 7:00 o'clock  
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.  
Y. P. A. Meeting at 6:30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.  
W. A. WOOD, Pastor.  
Morning Service at 11. a. m.  
Evening Service at 7:00 p. m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.  
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

W. C. T. U.

Local Union meets every second and fourth Friday in the Evangelical church at 2:30 p. m.

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