

Monmouth Heights.

Robert Raike and family have moved on to Mr. Mumma's place.

Braxton Fouts of Carlton spent Saturday and Sunday at the Fish-back home.

Richard Osborne of Black Rock Sundayed with his grand mother Mrs. Marks.

Daniel Dodson and his nephew, Harry Clinton visited relatives at Airlie Sunday.

Grove Peterson, the real estate man of Monmouth was to the heights Friday.

Miss Elsie Crowley of the Luckiamute was a guest of Mrs. John Walker, Thursday.

Lee Eggleston of Elkins was a guest of his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Bosley Friday.

Joe Howsman and family attended the Christmas exercises at Elkins Friday evening.

Clem Fishback, who is working at Carlton came home Friday to spend Christmas, returning Sunday.

Dwight Dayhoff and wife, Mrs. Oscar Lehman and son Henry did some shopping in Monmouth Wednesday.

Miss Minnie Lunceford who is attending school in Monmouth, visited friends here several days of the past week.

Mrs. Retta Hamar and daughter Verdie of Salem is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. E. Clark and family.

Forest Barnes and family of near Corvallis visited Mrs. Barnes parents, Allen Towns and wife, Saturday and Sunday.

A. J. Shipley and three children, Charles, Robert, and Linnie are visiting relatives at Corvallis and Monroe this week.

Frank Clark came home Thursday after visiting several weeks with his sister, Mrs. Belle Sullivan, of the Herald City.

Mrs. Kate Rogers, after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Towns returned to her home at Portland Sunday.

W. A. Wood and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Fuller and daughter of near Monmouth were in attendance at the Christmas exercises at Sunny Slope Thursday evening.

On the evening of the 23rd, there was a Christmas tree at the Sunny Slope School house, three miles west of Monmouth.

The people gathered at an early hour and had one of the most enjoyable times, experienced in that neighborhood. The house was decorated with evergreens of several descriptions.

The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated and on its branches, innumerable articles were hung for presentation to children and friends.

An excellent program was prepared by the teacher, Miss Ruth Wood and rendered by the children in a manner that was creditable to themselves and to their parents. Songs, dialogues and recitations followed each other in succession to the delight and amusement of all present.

The tree was stripped of its various articles and presented to those who had their names attached there on, Jay Clark representing old Santa Claus.

All seemed to be jovial and happy.

Harold and Fred Cate of Corvallis and a number of other members of the basket ball team of that place, were guests at the Hampton Hotel, on Christmas evening and night.

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

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

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Golden Text—The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Matt. III:3.

Verse 1—What were the days referred to in verse one?

What are the facts concerning John the Baptist, his parents, the time and place of his birth, his early training, the commencement of his ministry, his characteristics, and the nature of his preaching?

Where and what was the wilderness of Judea?

Verse 2—What did John want the people to do when he urged them to repent?

Why was it then, and why is it now, impossible for any person to enjoy the favor of God without repentance?

What did John mean by saying "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand?"

Has the kingdom of heaven been established on earth, and if so, what is that kingdom, and who are its citizens?

Verse 3—What did Esaias (Isaiah) foretell concerning John, and where is the passage to be found?

In what sense did John prepare the way for Jesus?

Verse 4—Why did John dress in such a plain way and eat such simple food?

To what extent should good people, today, take John for an example in the matter of food and clothing?

To what extent does God care as to what we eat, and what we wear?

If all you know of a man is that he is fastidious in the matter of dress, and an epicure in his food, how would you rate him as to personal piety?

Can men work as hard, think as clearly and accomplish as much, or more, in all departments of life on a vegetable, as on a meat diet?

Verses 5-6—How do you account for the wonderful interest which John's preaching created?

If John were the permanent pastor of a church, in this town, do you suppose that he would be able to constantly keep up such a great revival as this story records?

What did John's baptism signify?

Was baptism then, and is baptism now for adults of any avail without a full confession of sin?

Verse 7—When a member of a church is not a devoted man, is he better or worse than any other sinner?

If a minister of the gospel is not a truly good man, whose word is as good as his bond, how would you compare him with a layman of similar character?

What is the tendency of the office of a pastor, or of a Bible class teacher as to making its incumbent a truly noble and all-round, morally and financially, trustworthy man?

Is a pastor of a church under any greater obligation to be a truly devoted man than its members? Why or why not?

These scribes and pharisees were in those days what our pastors and church officials are in these days. How do you account for the fact that they were such bad men?

Verses 8-9—What are the fruits which prove genuine repentance? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

To what extent does the fact that a man has a noble and devoted ancestry recommend him to God?

Can any person be saved because of his parents' goodness?

Verse 10—Is it the fact, and why, that incompetent men fall and that bad men always come to grief?

Verse 11—What is the difference between the personal results of John's baptism and that of the baptism of the Holy Spirit from Jesus?

Verse 12—What reason is there for the belief that men and women make their own hell or heaven?



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