

Local and Personal

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lucas and daughter, Bernice, of Portland, visited friends in this place over Christmas, returning home Tuesday.

Thomas Moreland, of no place and everywhere, was a visitor to this section, this week. Mr. Moreland is not related to the Moreland's living in this locality.

Mrs. Perna Johnson, daughter of D. M. Hampton and wife, arrived here Saturday from Moro, Oregon, on a visit to her parents, daughter, Loraine, and other relatives.

Mr. A. Bunker of whom we made mention a fortnight ago as being in a critical condition having had a leg amputated is out of danger and the wound is healing nicely.

Monmouth Heights.

Noah Heffley was in Monmouth Saturday.

Dave Dove is having cord wood cut this winter.

Riddell Bros. are having considerable wood cut.

Miss Clara Pechin's sister is visiting her this week.

The Sunny Slope school starts Monday after one week vacation.

We wish the Editor and family a happy and prosperous New Year.

Roy Johnson, who is working near Independence was seen on the Heights Sunday.

Ira Sullivan of McTimmonds Valley was in our neighborhood the first of the week.

Jesse Johnson, who is working on the Luckiamute, spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Retta Hamar and daughter Verdie of Salem are visiting her mother, Mrs. E. Clark.

A. J. Shipley, who is teaching school at Smithfield, came home Saturday, returning Monday.

Clem Fishback, who has been working at Carlton came home Thursday to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Ora Marks of near Rickreall spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Towns.

Miss Bessie Clark was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Belle Sullivan of Monmouth several day of the last week.

Who says Old Oregon is not good enough for them, as Xmas was a lovely day, with sunshine and no rain.

Mrs. George Sullivan and daughter Bessie of Monmouth ate Xmas dinner with her mother Mrs. Clark.

Joe Housman and family, Winfield Egleston and family of Monmouth Sundayed with R. M. Bosley and wife.

A crowd from here attended the Christmas exercises at the Christian church of Monmouth Sunday evening.

Chas. and Robert Shipley are spending the week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt of near Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fore-t Barnes and daughters, Katie and Keith, of Corvallis are visiting her parents, Allen Towns and wife.

William Fishback spent Xmas at home and returned to Dallas, Monday, where he is assisting Chancey Mulkey in the bakery for a week.

Mrs. Minnie Diehl and Mrs. Alice Walker attended a Christmas tree in Monmouth at the Evangelical church Saturday evening.

The Local Paper

The Chicago American in reference to the efforts of the large dailies to supplant the local newspapers in their home field, has this to say, which citizens generally should ponder well:

"It would be a misfortune to the country if the few big cities should interfere seriously with the publication of valuable and intelligent newspapers—For upon the local newspapers the welfare of the country very largely depends. The metropolitan daily cannot possibly know the needs of the various localities and small cities. Only the local newspapers can protect local interests and influence local opinion. We hope that in every small town and every village there will be enough intelligence and public spirit to earnestly and enthusiastically support a local newspaper giving encouraging approbation and a good living to the local editor, who also can represent and defend justice and public spirit among his neighbors. The man is unfortunate who cannot afford to take two newspapers at today's prices. He who can only afford one newspaper in our opinion should display his sense of duty to his locality by taking the local newspaper."

THE BELTED PLAID.

This Was the Original Dress of the Scottish Highlander.

The original dress of the highlander was the belted plaid. This was a piece of tartan cloth, two yards broad and four long, which was drawn around the waist in nicely adjusted folds and tightly buckled with a belt. The lower part came down to the knees in much the same manner as the modern kilt, while the upper part was drawn up and adjusted to the left shoulder, so that the right arm might be perfectly free. This upper part was the plaid, which was used as a covering for the shoulders and body in wet weather, and when the use of both arms was required it was fastened across the breast with a brooch, often curiously enriched. A brooch was also used to fasten the plaid on the left shoulder. To attire himself in the belted plaid required on the part of the highlander no small amount of dexterity. The usual way was to lay it on the floor and after carefully arranging the folds to lie down upon it and then buckle it on. The lower end was fastened at the right hip. The utility of such a dress in the highlands is obvious, for the plaid rendered the man indifferent to storms and prepared to pass a night in the open air in the most inclement weather, while the loose undergarment enabled him to wade rivers or ascend mountains with equal ease. It was thus peculiarly adapted to the warrior, the hunter and the shepherd.—London Mail.

SHE LOVED SNUFF.

Remarkable Will and Funeral of a Queer Englishwoman.

The will of Mrs. Margaret Thompson, which is preserved as a curiosity at Somerset House, England, is a tribute to the delights and consolations of snuff. The testatrix directed that in her coffin should be buried with her all her handkerchiefs and sufficient of the best Scotch snuff to cover her body. This she preferred to flowers, as "nothing could be more fragrant and so refreshing to me as that precious powder." Further, the six greatest snuff takers in the parish of St. James, Westminster, were to be her bearers. Six old maids, each bearing in her hand a box filled with the best Scotch snuff to take for their refreshment as they walked, were to bear the pall. Before the corpse the minister was to walk, carrying and partaking of a pound of snuff. At every twenty yards a handful of snuff was to be delivered to the bystanders, and at the door of the testatrix's house were to be placed two bushels of the same quality of snuff for gratuitous distribution. In order to insure the carrying out of her wishes the testatrix made the legacies given by the will dependent upon an exact and literal fulfillment of the conditions above named. In closing she bade all concerned to regard snuff as the grand cordial of nature.

He Got His.

Mr. Flubb—This affair is horribly dull. I guess I'll go home. Miss Clip—That would remove some of the dullness. Mr. Flubb.—Boston Transcript.

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