

SOMEBODY'S MOTHER

The woman was old and ragged and gray,
And bent with the chill of a winter's day;
The streets were white with a recent snow,
And the woman's feet with age were slow.
At the crowded crossing she waited long,
Looked aside by the careless throng
Of human beings who passed her by,
Fading the glances of her anxious eye.
Down the street with laughter and shout,
Glad in the freedom of "school let out,"
Came happy boys, like a flock of sheep,
Hailing the snow piled white and deep.
Past the woman, so old and gray,
Threatened the children on their way.
None offered a helping hand to her,
No weak and timid, afraid to stir,
Lost the carriage wheels or the horses' feet
Should trample her down in the slippery street.
At last came out of the merry troop
The gayest boy of all the group;
He passed beside her and whispered low,
"I'll help you across, if you wish to go."
Her aged hand on his strong young arm
She placed, and so without hurt or harm
He guided the trembling feet along,
Proud that his own were young and strong;
Then back again to his friends he went,
His young heart happy and well content.
"Who's somebody's mother, boys, you know,
For all she's aged and poor and slow,
And some one, some time, may lend a hand
To help my mother, you understand?—
It ever she's old and poor and gray,
And her own dear boy so far away."
"Somebody's mother?" bowed low her head
In her home that night, and the prayer she said:
Wise: "God be kind to that noble boy,
Who is somebody's son and pride and joy." Toledo Blade.

With the Churches

Evangelical Church

By W. A. GUMEROY

The New Year has been ushered in and if we should judge by the way it stormed on last Sunday, we would be obliged to say, a bad beginning for the New Year. But a person cannot always foretell the end by the beginning. "All is well that ends well" is the old saying, but a good beginning is of great importance.

Next Sunday will be the time of our third Quarterly meeting, and the Presiding Elder, H. E. Hornschuch, of Portland, Oregon, will be with us on the occasion. He will preach on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock and immediately thereafter conduct the Quarterly Conference business meeting. All members of the Quarterly Conference are urged to be present.

On Sunday the Sunday school will meet at the regular hour, 10 A. M., and preaching services by the Elder at 11 and 7:30 o'clock; communion service at the close of the morning service and Y. P. A. at 6:30.

The public is cordially invited to come and worship with us.

Oregon Metal Mine Production

The mines of Oregon made a somewhat unexpected large increase in gold yield for 1913, compared with 1912. The mine report of 1912 showed a production of \$770,041, a material increase over 1911 but the preliminary estimate for 1913 made by Charles G. Yale, of the United States Geological Survey, shows that the gold output nearly doubled in 1913, amounting to \$1,393,322, or \$623,281 more than in 1912. The mine output of silver in 1912 was 57,081 fine

ounces, while the estimate for 1913 shows a yield of 218,949 ounces, an increase of 161,868 ounces.

The copper output in 1912 according to mine returns was 260,429 pounds; the estimate for 1913 is 144,796 pounds, or 145,633 pounds less than in 1912. The mine report of 1912 showed a yield of 320,317 pounds of lead, but for 1913 the estimate is 96,743 pounds, an increase for the year of 56,426 pounds.

While the hydraulic mines of Oregon are large producers and there are about 100 of them among the 160 producing placer mines, the increase of gold output for 1913 comes mainly from the deep mines, of which there are 50 or 60 producing in the State.

The most productive deep mine in the State is the Columbia, at Sumpter, Baker County. Other large deep mines are those of the Highland Development Co. at Baker, the Commercial Mining Co. at Rye Valley, Baker County, and the West Coast Mines Co. at Champion, Lane County. The average values of the ores treated in Oregon have been increasing materially in the last few years. A very large percentage of the gold produced from deep mines in Oregon comes from Baker County, though Josephine County leads in output of placer gold. Very little of the Oregon ore is shipped to the smelters, most of it being worked in local mills at or near the mines.

There are about 30 active quartz mills in the State, with a daily capacity of about 1,100 tons. It will be a matter of great encouragement to the miners of Oregon to know that so large an increase of gold yield is apparent for the year 1913, even if the increase does come from a few of the older mines and not from new ones, and it may attract attention to the gold-mining industry of the State in which capital is needed for development and operation of mines and mills.

FALLS CITY NEWS NOTES

Mrs. G. W. Gardner is very ill.

Mrs. C. S. O'Brien and sons returned to their home in Philomath Tuesday.

Revs. Brymer and Marcy are conducting a revival meeting at the M. E. church.

A. F. Courter and family returned to their home near Monmouth last Friday.

Mrs. S. H. Tetherow has been quite poorly for the last week, but is now convalescing.

Mrs. A. A. Quick has gone to Portland to one of the hospitals for treatment of an injury received some months ago.

W. M. Elwood and Mrs. Ella Brink, of Stella, Wash., visited at the Hollowell home Xmas, returning to their homes Friday.

Mr. S. B. Tetherow and wife and daughter, of Harney, Harney County, Oregon, after a ten days' visit with relatives and friends left Friday for their home.

Mrs. Jonah Lowe, who has been ill for a long time, died Thursday night, aged 65 years. Funeral services were held at the home, Sunday, at 1:00 o'clock, interment being in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

The annual banquet given by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs New Year's evening was a success in every way. Rev. E. A. La Dow delivered an eloquent address and Mrs. Hollowell spoke in German; we all suppose it was a grand speech. A chicken sup-

per was served at 11 o'clock, and all watched the old year out and the new year in.

M. G. Ellis, after visiting his relatives and friends through the holidays, left Monday for his home at The Dalles.

Mr. A. H. Benton, of Newberg, has purchased the L. S. Frink place, in the eastern part of Falls City, and will move here as soon as possession can be secured.

The G. Somers store building has been repaired and is now as good as it was before the fire. Mr. Mahr informs the public that he will open the store in a short time, with a stock of general merchandise.

Mr. H. S. Calkins, an old time resident of Falls City, died Monday morning, the 5th. He leaves a wife and three grown children to mourn his loss. The children are Mrs. Lucas, Junction City, Oregon, Mrs. May Courter, of Portland, and Mr. Park Calkins, of Falls City.

Was Entitled to Trouble.

Lord Palmerston and Sir J. Paget, who told the story, were walking down Bond street. A man came up and saluted the statesman.

"How do you do, Lord Palmerston?"

"Ah, how do? Glad to see you. How's the old complaint?"

The stranger's face clouded over, and he shook his head. "No better."

"Dear me! So sorry! Glad to have met you. Goodbye."

"Who's your friend?" asked Sir James when the stranger had gone. "No idea."

"Why, you asked him about his old complaint."

"Pooh, pooh!" replied the other unconcernedly. "The old fellow's well over sixty; bound to have something the matter with him."—London Globe.

A Taste For Books.

If I were to pray for a taste which should stand me in stead under every variety of circumstances and be a source of happiness and cheerfulness to me through life and a shield against its ills, however things might go amiss and the world frown upon me, it would be a taste for reading. Give a man this taste and the means of gratifying it and you can hardly fail to make a happy man unless, indeed, you put into his hands a most perverse selection of books.—John F. W. Herschel.

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