

There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

Christmas Number



West Side Highway Open Promise Winter Road South

By the first of next week the new concrete paving on the West Side highway will have seasoned sufficiently to be used for traffic and the ban which has long existed on travel from south of the Luckiamute will be lifted. Secretary and Engineer Kline of the highway commission has announced that the unpaved part of this road will be kept in condition for winter use. The only doubtful place on the road is the cut through the Helmick hill; the remainder of the unpaved part of this road is highway that has been graveled and used for years.

In the cut through the hill a spring of water was encountered, a spring which it is claimed is connected with the underground reservoir from which the well on the Clay Bush farm gets its supply. A great deal of gravel has been dumped in this cut and at present it is in usable shape. It is reported the commission will plank this stretch if it fails to hold up under winter traffic.

Of the unpaved road there is still a mile between the Benton county line and the end of the new paving, and about four miles between the Helmick bridge and Monmouth. The paving finished this summer is practically all new road through the Luckiamute bottom country and around the Wheeler hill, formerly an obstacle to travel south of the bridge after the winter rains set in. The new road which leads through the Steele, Suver and Jones farms, through fertile land and fine standing timber, is characterized by pretty scenery and is bound to be popular with the public when finally made accessible.

The opening of this road means much to Monmouth and Independence for it aids to remove a barrier to winter travel that has been keenly felt.

In regard to roads this section has advanced considerably this year with more progress than has been made during the same time for a generation at least. Heretofore it appears to have been the program in influential centers of the county not only to take all road improvements possible but to apportion to the Monmouth section as little as possible. This year fortune has been good to us and work on two thoroughfares has helped to bring nearer to us the fertile land of the Luckiamute valley. These roads are the King's Valley Market road and the road around the Antioch hill.

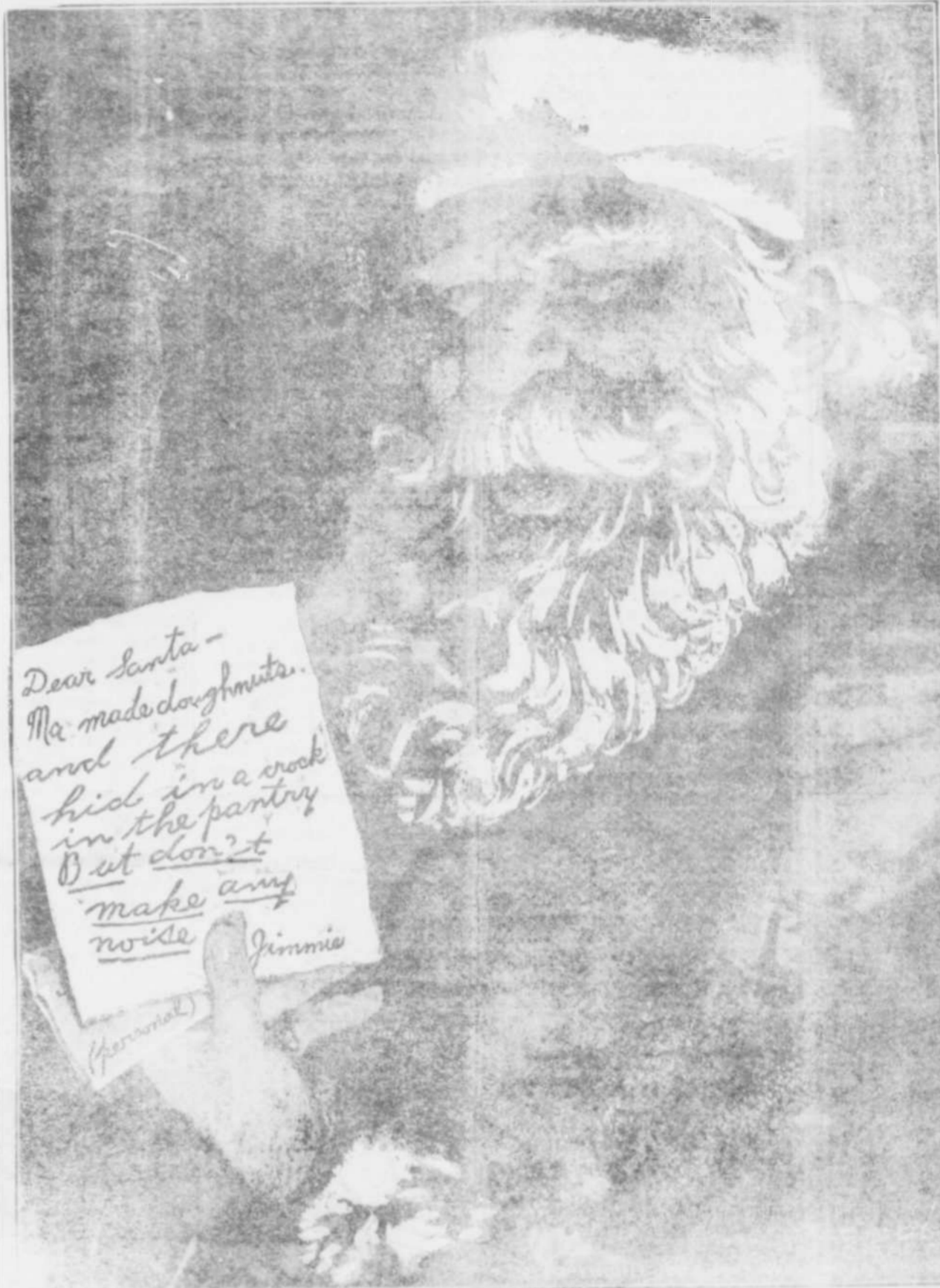
Said a visitor from Falls City the other evening, "Did you know that only two miles of road need to be graveled to make a direct road from Monmouth to Falls City?"

A prominent purpose in the publication of this special edition is to remind the citizens of these territories affected of the facts and to suggest that they take advantage of their opportunities. During this Christmas season they will find the advertisers in the Herald will treat them right in the matter of trade.

Closer relationship should also be established that the combined influence of all can be brought to bear where it will do the most good.

Monmouth Odd Fellows entertained visitors from Falls City last Monday night and conferred the first degree on three candidates for the Falls City brethren. The three candidates were: Wellington Hill, Guy Mott, John Zuver. In addition the same degree was conferred on one Monmouth candidate, Harvey Young. The Falls City delegation will be back again a week from Monday with the same candidates for the three degrees.

On the plea that the snow was waiting for them, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Smith made a hasty trip to the coast and returned very early last Saturday morning and shortly after their arrival there the long legged bird made them a present of an eight pound baby boy. All are progressing nicely.



Club Plans Street Numbers Would Protect Shade Trees

At the meeting of the Commercial club Tuesday night the club went on record as favoring the propagation and preservation of shade trees on the streets of the city. It was unanimously decided to urge the council to refuse permission for the cutting down of young trees in the parking spaces of the streets of the city.

Since some time had elapsed since the last meeting of the club, a number of matters were awaiting attention.

For some time the club has been custodian of a sum of money to be used in the permanent betterment of the city. At this meeting it was decided this object could be achieved by placing street signs in place and working out a system for the numbering of houses along said streets. E. M. Ebbert, R. E. Derby and E. C. Cole were appointed as a committee to investigate and put into effect a system of street numbers. It was felt this is urgently needed in the city. Strangers here are constantly seeking direction to residences or rooming houses and street numbers will help in this matter materially.

Hitching posts for the accommodation of teams which are tied in the streets while owners are engaged in business, also commanded attention. The present hitching place near the corner of Main and Broad is open to objection in that the Monmouth & Independence bus garages are close by and the large cars passing frequently bother the horses. It was decided to remove the hitching posts to another place on the same street and E. C. Cole was named a committee of one to look after this public convenience.

The Grange is considering inviting the Oregon Dairy council to meet with it at some future time and the club voted to offer what encouragement to the project it could.

were elected to office for the ensuing year.

Master, W. J. Stockholm; Overseer, Paul Riley; Lecturer, Mrs. Edwards; Steward, Mrs. Hull; Assistant Steward, E. N. Keeney; Treasurer, Geo. R. Crofoot; Secretary, Maggie Butler; Gate Keeper, Ed. Rogers; Ceres, Mrs. Crofoot. Pomona, Maggie Powell; Flora, Julia Stockholm; Lady Asst Steward, Allie Butler.

Christmas Tree and Program For Training School Pupils

A Christmas festival for the children of the Training School will be given in the Normal auditorium next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. The program which follows includes a Christmas tree and a number of fine musical features which have been arranged by Miss Kurth of the Normal music department. Children, parents of children and all friends of the Normal are invited to this program.

Tuesday, December 18, 1923
2:30 P. M., Normal Chapel
Professional—"Deck the Halls"—Children of the Training School

PART I
The Cantata "Christmas"—F. Abt.—O. N. S. Girls' Glee Club
Chorus—Prayer for deliverance—Glee Club
Recitative—An Angel—"Ye Shepherds Watching"—Myrtle Mortenson
Angels' Chorus—Proclaiming the coming of Christ—Glee Club
Alto Solo—"Fear not at all, the Light has come"—Florence Metcalf
Shepherds' Song—"O come Thou great Leader"—Glee Club

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Between Friends

Men Grangers Prepare Meal Casualty List Not Numerous

Grange Meeting last Saturday was what is known as "Brothers' Day", so called because annually the men folks of the Grange are expected to prepare the dinner. Usually it has been customary to overlook various wifely or sisterly aides, but on Saturday, under the leadership of W. J. Stockholm and P. O. Powell, it was decided to make the dinner entirely masculine. The only article of food on the menu contributed by the women were the cakes which the men folks bought from the dinner committee of the Dorcas Bazaar.

Feminine curiosity was of course rampant and

the members, both male and female, arrived early. The women were "shooed" into the lodge hall and told to open up the session while the men repaired to the kitchen. Such sterling cooks were there among them as W. J. Stockholm, U. G. Hefley, Charles Parker, Wm. Riddell, Jr., M. M. Harvey and others, all of whom acted as though they had done such work before. They boiled and mashed potatoes, roasted a fresh ham of pork, made gravy, prepared oyster soup and when all was in readiness called in the multitude.

The women admitted that the dinner was extra good but insisted that if the home cooks were as extravagant there would soon be lots of business for the divorce courts.

In addition to its being "Brothers' Day" it was also election day at the Grange and the following

