

LEGAL NOTICES

OFFICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that undersigned, Guy G. Hewitt, has appointed Executor of the Estate of Louis Harman, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, Polk County, and has duly qualified.

All persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them with the proper vouchers within six months from the date of this notice to the said Executor at the office of Oscar Hayter, his attorney, in the Dallas Bank building, in the City of Dallas, in said County, Texas, and first published December 22, 1920.

GUY G. HEWITT, Attorney of the Estate of Louis Harman, deceased.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Independence National Bank will be held on the second Tuesday in January (Tuesday, January 11, 1921) between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. at the bank, for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

OFFICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual stockholders' meeting of the Farmers' State Bank of Independence, Inc., will be held at the banking house in the city of Independence, Oregon, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., Thursday, January 11, 1921.

PROFESSIONAL COLUMN.

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DECEMBER 5, ST. NICK'S DAY

Children of Holland and France Look for Santa Claus' Visit Early in the Month.

IN THE strict order of things children should have hung up their stockings for Santa Claus on Dec. 5, and rejoiced in his gifts. For it was the feast of St. Nicholas, alias Santa Claus. He has nothing whatever to do with Christmas and his visit then is an Anglo-Saxon anachronism, which came from America fifty years ago.

But in Holland Santa Claus makes his visit on the right day, Dec. 5. Instead of stockings, the Dutch children place their shoes, with straw in them for the donkey on which Nicholas rides, in front of the fireplace. In the morning good children find presents there, but the shoes of the naughty contain only a lurch. The custom is the same in France. In southern Austria, a young man, arrayed as St. Nicholas, in episcopal robes, visits each house and examines the children in their catechism.

FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Appropriate Decorations Add to the Zest and Gayety of the Yuletide Festivities.

IF SANTA CLAUS is to be present at the Christmas party supper—and of course he should be invited—he may appear in an automobile, but in order to be quite orthodox he should be driving his eight reindeer through the snow; and therefore the hostess should use a strip of snowy cotton wool plentifully sprinkled with frost for the table center.

At intervals down the table place boxes of bonbons in the form of Yule logs, with garlands of berries, holly and mistletoe arranged from log to log, the menus to be in banner form, each one being held by a miniature Father Christmas.

A Cinderella scheme for the supper table is pretty. For the center purchase from your florist the wire frame of a coach. Cover it thinly with moss, binding it on with hemp; then cover it with scarlet geraniums, attaching the blossoms to the coach with fine silver wire; harness two milk-white toy horses to it with ribbons to match the geraniums.

Appropriate presents to be placed for the children would consist of a slipper filled with sweets for each little boy, and a doll dressed as a fairy in white gauze spotted with silver stars, holding a tiny wand, would delight the heart of each little girl.



HIS SUGGESTION "We'll have to economize this Christmas, my dear." "Yes, but how?" "I've an idea. Let's give your relatives the same kind of cheap gifts we always give my folks."

Tit for Tat. The Poet: "May I read you my new Christmas poem?" The Musician: "Yes, if you'll let me play you my new Christmas cantata."

HIGHER IDEA IN CHIVALRY

Lover of Today Is the Man Who Can Make Little Sacrifices for His Adored One.

When the feminists prepare a primer for the propagation of the new idea in chivalry Sir Walter Raleigh will not be shown spreading a red velvet cape before the queen with hair and temper to match. He will be depicted robed in a bungalow apron, washing the dishes for a spouse not recorded in history, but who must be injected into the scene to offset the pernicious Elizabethan stuff.

Wonderful lovers are fine in romantic fiction, but when it comes to life in a Harlem flat or a Greenwich village studio, Mary Fisher Torrance, magazine writer, humorist, suffrage leader and Barnard graduate, roots for the husband who breaks down traditional labor leagues and performs the nocturnal china ablutions, says the Sun and New York Herald.

"Any right-minded man who marries a college girl or a woman in the professions knows that she cannot endure scouring the kitchen sink any more than he could, and that she can get no more inspiration than he can from cleaning the gas range.

"It is just dirty, grubby, disagreeable work, and when sometimes in these days of servant rebellion help cannot be procured at any price it behooves the husband to pitch in and go 50-50 by getting the pesky little routine tasks out of the way as soon as possible," said Mrs. Torrance.

"To me the higher expression of chivalry is a man's performance of the dull, disagreeable chores, which every one of us wants to shirk, but which he does to save a woman from doing them. And it is the better class, educated, cultivated man who is the first to do those things for his wife when she is without help."

TIMES CHANGING IN CHINA

"Gentlemen" of That Ancient Country Evidently Have Revised Their Opinion About Labor.

A sign of the times from China. At Canton Christian college there are Chinese gentlemen—"gentlemen," says a writer in Asia, "of a class that formerly considered work with the hands degrading"—taking care of and studying a model herd of water-buffaloes.

But the Chinese gentlemen of the present, or at any rate some of them, are interested in the future of China, and as that future must necessarily be agricultural, these particular gentlemen are interested in improving the water-buffalo. His temper is probably acceptable enough as it is, for, although cross with strangers, the water-buffalo is gentle with those he knows.

A gas derived from the destructive distillation of straw is being produced on a small scale at the experimental farm of the United States Department of Agriculture at Arlington, Va., says the Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry in a recent article.

This gas has been used for motor fuel, for cooking and illuminating purposes, but its commercial value has not yet been determined. The office of development work of the bureau of chemistry is now making a series of tests upon it.

Fifty pounds of straw will produce about 200 cubic feet of gas, and the problem of liquefying or condensing the gas in order to enable it to be used practically as a motor fuel is now in process of solution.

Several valuable by-products are obtained during the manufacture of the gas.

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Accidents Late in the Day. Dr. E. Guth of Berlin proves by statistics in the Zentralblatt fuer Gewerbehygiene, that accidents occur more frequently in the last working hours, being also of a more serious nature. Considering this increase in accidents, and the decrease in work done during the last working hours, he concludes that not only workmen, but also employers have interest in reducing the number of working hours.

RED BLOSSOMS ARE FAVORED

American and Liberty Roses, Carnations and Immortelles Among Popular Christmas Flowers.

IF CHRISTMAS eve comes in mild and warm and Christmas morning follows its gentle prophecy, the city florists will be happy. That will mean that the thousands of boxes of Christmas flowers which must be delivered on Christmas forenoon can go out with only the ordinary packing.

But should there be freezing weather, every flower must be packed in cotton, which doubles the labor and the time necessary. Even with the mild Christmas, which is the florist's delight, the force in the big retail flower stores works all night the night before Christmas. From midnight until 7 o'clock in the morning all hands are busy packing the boxes which in a few hours are to convey Christmas remembrances. At 7 o'clock the delivery wagons start, and before noon all the fragile blooms have reached the feminine hands for which they were purchased.

The "mixed box" ranges from \$10 to \$50 in price. It is a very modest little box for the first price—just half a dozen roses, a dozen carnations, a bit of "Christmas green." In the \$50 box there will be probably half a dozen American Beauties, half a dozen long-stemmed liberty roses of the rich, velvety, deep crimson variety; some violets, some "valley," some mignonette to sweeten the whole box; perhaps some sweet peas and hyacinths, a bit of bellis and always some holly and a red satin ribbon to tie the whole.

These expensive boxes are simply pretty trifles, sent to the rich, by those who are not sufficiently indebted or on sufficiently intimate terms to send more costly or substantial gifts. The very evanescence of the flowers makes them superlatively luxurious.

Fifty dollars for flowers that fade in a day makes the attention more delicate than four or five times that amount put into some more durable trifle.

Red is pre-eminently the Christmas color, and red carnations and red roses are the favorite purchases. The red immortelles, also, go in great bunches for Christmas decorations in houses of both high and low degree. These immortelles are real flowers, though some people have a notion they are made of paper.

The natural color is yellow, and they grow in the south of France, where great fields of them may be seen dried and dyed for the market. It is a great industry there. Europeans use them largely to the exclusion of fresh flowers for all occasions.

They are dyed in all colors for the European market, and thousands upon thousands of boxes of the red ones are imported to New York every year for the Christmas trade. They cannot be successfully grown in America, owing to climatic differences. A few have been produced in Texas, but the florists say they are not "right."

Trees and Fires.

It is doubtful whether any single agency has caused more fires than Christmas trees. These are covered with inflammable ornaments and kept until the branches are as dry as tinder. The practice of decorating with candles and lighting these in order to beautify the tree is the main source of danger.

There is something so pleasing and satisfactory about Christmas trees that no one feels like giving them up, or opposing their use, but they are a source of loss and danger. Something should be done to eliminate the danger, even though it should reduce the number of trees.

Until regulations from the outside interfere with the practice, it will be well for every person who indulges in the luxury to have a garden hose ready for immediate use in case the tree catches fire. Those who have no means for extinguishing a fire should not have a tree.—From the Kansas City Journal.

About the Mistletoe

COLES, in his "Art of Simpling," observes, "If one hang mistletoe about the neck the witches can have no power of him." Some lingering superstition remains in the present day, and in many houses a bunch of the mistletoe is suspended from the ceiling, under which the male part of the assembly have the privilege of taking the ladies and saluting them. At the same time they should wish them a happy new year and present them with one of the berries for good luck.

In other places people try by lots by the cracking of the leaves and berries in the fire.

An Unsatisfactory Plan. "Why, Johnny," said the caller, as the lad wept bitterly, "crying on Christmas morning?" "Yuh—yessir," sobbed Johnny. "We all agreed in our family this year to g-g-give each other only what we needed most."

MUSIC BIG AID TO MORALE

Engineer in Charge of Construction Work on Big Dam Has Found Idea Pays Well.

MUSIC as an aid to morale is having a successful test among laborers employed on the construction of the million-dollar Barrett dam near San Diego, Cal., according to H. N. Savage, hydraulic engineer in charge of the construction of the dam. A special recreation hall, provided with a player-piano, phonograph, a steel guitar and other instruments, was built by Mr. Savage for the use of the workers.

"It has long been the custom on big projects to have clubs for the higher paid, technical men, but the common laboring class has been left to seek its own pleasure," said Mr. Savage. "But on this job," he continued, "I have looked after the latter class and let the 'higher ups' take care of themselves. It may be a reversal of things, but I am finding it working out in fine shape, for our labor turnover, even though we are located 43 miles from the city, is remarkably small, and I believe that music and the other entertainments which we furnish the men keep them contented on the job."

About 75 per cent of the men on the Barrett dam work are of Mexican origin, although American citizens, and they are very fond of music.

PRETTY ADDITION TO ROOM

Wandering Jew or Some Other Vine in Bowl of Water Is a Splendid Idea.

If you want to keep a large bowl or panful of water near a steam radiator or hot-air register to counteract the excessive dryness of the heat, try filling the bowl with the delicate green vine called Wandering Jew and place it on a table near a steam radiator, renewing the water frequently.

This vine will grow and spread beautifully in water and has the added advantage of not needing daily sun. It will do just as well in a dark corner, if that is where your radiator happens to be, with only an occasional visit to a sunny window, and at the same time it will light up that dark corner wonderfully. A few sprigs of the vine will spread rapidly and luxuriantly and will do away with the useless look that a plain bowlful of water always has.

In addition to their decorative value, water bulbs are also a useful means of increasing humidity, but always choose the odorless ones.

Vessel for Submarine Research.

Details of a new submarine intended for ocean research work were given to the members of the Academy of Science by M. Laubeuf, its inventor, says a Paris correspondent of the London Express. Its length is 62 feet, its diameter 7 feet 6 inches, and it has a displacement of 50 tons. It can descend to a depth of 330 feet.

Its accumulators and electric motors give it a speed of six knots on the surface and nearly five knots under water. It is equipped with portholes recalling those of the famous Nautilus created by Jules Verne. The inventor claims that the vessel can be used for various operations, such as the location of wrecks, the collection of marine specimens, soundings, the study of ocean currents, or sponge fishing.

The cost of construction, which was estimated when the plans were first drawn up in 1907 at \$38,000, is now placed at \$120,000.

Poor Gondolas.

Business had prospered with Mr. Cashtalks. So much so that his wife found herself established in a large house with grounds—nothing so low as a garden!

One morning Mrs. Cashtalks sent for the gardener, of whom she was very proud. "I've had a letter this morning from Mr. Cashtalks, John," she informed the man. "He is traveling in Italy, and says that while in Venice he bought two gondolas for the lake, which should arrive this week. So you must go to the store at once and get some food for them and build them a nest or something. I'm sure the poor things will be tired and hungry by the time they get here!"—Houston Post.

Poles Grateful to America.

Polish papers in the United States have recently published a resolution unanimously passed by the Polish diet expressing thanks "for the memory of future generations" to seven American organizations who "in the name of brotherly love have brought relief to the unfortunate without flinching before danger and difficulties." The seven organizations mentioned are the American Red Cross, American Relief Administration, Young Women's Christian association, Young Men's Christian association, Fund for European Children, American Commission for Fighting Typhoid and the Joint Distribution committee.

Perfectly Frank.

Aunt Nellie and her "beau" had taken her tiny niece, Ruth, to the park. They did everything they could to amuse her, even standing by (for almost an hour) the "slide of life," while Ruth made one slide after another. Finally auntie thought she could make a facetious remark. Of course it was intended to amuse the "beau."

"I believe I'll slide down next, Ruthie," she said. Little Ruth observed her with great concern. Then she said earnestly: "You can't Aunt Nellie, you're too wide."

COUNTY LIBRARY PROJECT IS FAVORABLY CONSIDERED

Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian met with the county court and representatives of library boards of the county, Tuesday afternoon, for the purpose of establishing a county library.

The court was in favor of the movement and \$2,600 was recommended for the support of the county library, and this appropriation was added to the county budget, which will come up the last of December to be voted upon at the regular budget meeting.

Miss Marvin explained that the county library system was being carried on successfully in five counties of the state and with the assistance of a county librarian better service could be given to the communities. Should he appropriate meet with the approval of the people of the county, a county library board will be appointed by the court.

Those meeting with the court, aside from Miss Marvin were: Mrs. Gilbert P. MacGregor, R. Van Orsdale, Walter Muir of the local board; H. Hirschberg, Mrs. Ecker and Mrs. Calbreath of Independence; President Ackerman of the normal school; P. O. Powell and Ira Powell of Menmouth and Rev. Fred Cooley of Perrydale. Oscar Hayter gave a short talk before the assembly.—Dallas Observer.

INDUSTRIAL BREVITIES

Milton has sold \$200,000 bonds for union high school.

Gaston people subscribed stock to build first class cheese factory.

Tillamook will spend \$10,000 to secure settlers on logged-off lands.

Tillamook lumber mill offers free building lumber to purchasers of lots.

Albany college proposes three new buildings to cost \$350,000.

Talbot station on the Oregon Electric to get improvements.

Portland—Meier & Frank to build new department store building.

Klamath Falls — California-Oregon project upheld by government.

Nation wide program to encourage consumption of low-priced salmon.

High grade iron ore found south of Powers in Coos county.

Coquille to erect \$6000 pavilion for 1921 corn show.

Jacksonville — Drilling for oil to start in Sams valley.

Astoria building for 1920 will total half a million dollars.

Salem grange fights higher state and county salaries.

Lambs Like Shelter

in the shelter vs. open lot tests at the

About 60 per cent of the lambs fed

Union branch experiment station

stayed in the shed in the morning,

35 per cent at noon and 20 per

cent in the evening, of pleasant days.

Practically all of them used it in

stormy weather. The shed itself

is simple and inexpensive but offered

considerable protection especially

from hard winds. Methods of feeding

and results of shelter are fully

explained in the bulletin, Fattening

Lambs. Copies free.

Successive Bearing Possible

Although yellow Newtons and Spitz-

enbergs seem to bear on alternate

years, proper fertilization with

tillage, irrigation and pruning, pro-

duced three successive crops in orchards

used in farmer O. A. C. co-

operative trials. Continuation of

these favorable conditions may bring

these varieties into the annual bear-

ing class, the college horticulturists

hope.

Pine Beetle Control Expensive

Barking the tree will destroy the

mountain pine beetle, but will get

only a small per cent of the western

pine beetle that is so terribly destruc-

tive of Oregon timber. The

larvae of the latter beetle are found

in the inner bark, which must be

burned to kill them. Quite generally

the expense of control is so great

that it is not best to attempt it

until it is shown that the value of the

timber saved will justify this expense.

Details of control are published in

an O. A. C. bulletin, "The Western

Pine Bark Beetle."

Advertisement for Fish Brand Reflex Slicker, featuring a fisherman and the slogan 'Let's go'. Text includes 'The sure way to put pep into your job on any day is to get into a FISH BRAND Reflex Slicker' and 'There is a FISH BRAND garment for every kind of wet work or sport'.