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Correspondents' Weekly News Items

Doings at Pine Grove

Pine Grove Sunday and public schools joined in a program on Thursday night of last week. An especially delightful perfection of all pupils in doing their parts was evidenced. To teach and drill 23 to 26 pupils of all grades and find time to arrange special programs is only accomplished by teachers of rare ability. Much credit is due Miss Flossie Overman for the application and interest shown in the late program. Rev. Hazen of Wapinitia was present and rendered the invocation. Mrs. Fred Laughlin was in charge of the treats and everyone—young and old—received a reminder of Christmas.

J. S. Brown and wife partook of Christmas dinner with the Fred Laughlin family at Pine Grove.

Jim Gray and family of The Dalles and Earl Birchard and family of Wapinitia had Christmas dinner with the O. Bonner family Sunday.

Guests at the Ted Fenderby home for Christmas dinner were Ben and George Richardson and Mrs. Wes. Wray of Prineville.

Mrs. John Sinclair of Pine Grove has the only exclusive milk goat farm in Wasco county.

Charles Heisler of Dufur has returned to inspect the band of sheep being pastured on the Julius Shepflin ranch. The sheep are in charge of Carl and Lawrence Powell.

Birdie Cox and family took their Christmas dinner at the home of U. S. Enderby.

Frank Richardson of Pine Grove and Jesse Cox, Shady Brook motored to Klamath Falls for the holidays. Zenne Phoebe Sharp, infant daughter of Walter Sharp and wife, celebrated her Christmas by showing her first tooth Christmas morning.

Wells herabouts have mostly gone dry, that is in the gravel areas, due to cold weather. Three inches of snow have fallen since the 23rd on top of the packed old snow.

John Sinclair seemed to be in cahoots with Santa Claus. Wm. Star-

gis added bells to his sled Thursday night, while Roy Ward sprained a shoulder springing off the grade, but did not lose control of the reindeer. All worked out exactly as intended, all but Roy's sprained hand.

Ed. Walters is training for the bicycle races on the snow track at Pine Grove.

George Beebe has returned from Bend and is now engaged in breaking saddle horses for Julius and Robert Shepflin.

Wm. Moore, muskrat farmer and onion king of Pine Grove is suffering from frosted feet infection, sustained several years ago.

Ben Richardson is operating a buzz saw near Pine Grove cutting oak wood. Ben has purchased the Linn dance hall rights and building and is now moving the hall to his new Pine Grove filling station on the main highway. He will soon be ready to raise the dust in a series of old-fashioned dances in the hall.

The Linn & Son mill company is engaged in cutting wood.

Fred Lyons of Pine Grove has rented the George Burnside place for the 1928 season. He will move his family from Wilsonville next spring. He is now cutting wood through the Hedin Lumber company.

Dorothy Davis of this place has ceased her studies in the Maupin schools. She is going to Salem to take treatments in the state hospital. Miss Sena Peterson, county health nurse, has aided the Davis family in arranging a course of treatment to prevent threatened tuberculosis.

John and Mrs. Sinclair spent Christmas day with Jess Lewis and family at Wapinitia.

Mrs. Ernest A. Hartman entertained a number of Wapinitia and Pine Grove ladies in honor of Mrs. Blanche E. Hedin at the stork shower Tuesday afternoon.

J. P. Abbott has acquired the Jack Kelly hill—oak and pine timber tract—in Kelly Gulch. This tract includes the famous Kelly springs picnic grounds.

Lester McCorkle and family have moved from the R. W. McCorkle home to the Benedict place, one of the McCorkle ranches.

Robert Holman has a speeder bug in which to fly 'twixt home and school.

Carl Powell has rented the pastures on the Shepflin and McKerrick places.

Andy Booth and wife of Smock have taken employment at the former Sam Brown ranch, now operated by Julius Shepflin. This ranch is now owned by Sanford & Brayer of Portland.

O. Bonner has purchased the Earl Birchard 40-acre timber tract. He is engaged in cutting wood on the land.

John Sinclair is doing maintenance work on the Wapinitia-Pole hill section of the highway, the macadam part.

Mrs. Irene Betty has developed her white Leghorn flock to the proportions of a real poultry farm. Her hens are producing eggs in a satisfactory quantity, while so many flocks are just boarders during this season of the year.

Herb Hammer is working for J. P. Abbott.

Mrs. Julius Shepflin has taken a waitress' job at the Rainbow restaurant at Maupin.

Tygh Valley Doings

(Too late for last week)

Because of the scarlet fever scare, the school board at Tygh ordered school closed on Friday afternoon, December 16, until Tuesday morning January 3. They also called off the Christmas program, which was to have been given on December 23. Young people who have been preparing their Christmas program were so disappointed that it was decided to hold the Christmas exercises in the high school that Friday afternoon. The program furnished by the grade pupils was very good, we regretted that it could not be given in the hall. Santa Claus was there in all his glory and every boy and girl, including the teachers, received a sack of candy at Santa's

hands. A Christmas tree had already been secured and was very quickly put in place by some of the boys and decorated by some of the girls. Interesting impromptu talks by Miss Elliott, Mr. Light and Arthur Muller closed the program for the afternoon and everybody, apparently was happy.

Miss Margaret G. Elliott, assistant principal of the high school at Tygh, left on the stage Saturday morning, December 17, for her home at Knappa. Last year she did not reach home until Christmas day was nearly spent. The scarlet fever scare has given her, this year, an extra week.

Mr. Light, in company with a couple of friends from Metolius, stopped over at the dance for a short time Saturday evening. After a few dances he and his friends resumed their journey for McMinnville, where they will spend their Christmas vacation.

The four stores at Tygh all are displaying the Christmas spirit. A novel idea is that of Arthur Muller, who has decorated the outside of the Richfield store with fir boughs.

News Of Busy Shaniko

The Christmas program at the school house Friday night, sponsored by the Sunday school, drew a full house and afforded amusement to old and young. After listening to songs, recitations and dialogues, the audience was delighted by the appearance of Santa, who arrived by way of the fireplace especially constructed for his use. One mother, who had expected her boy to take the place of the real Santa (it had been supposed that the real Santa would be too busy to be present), joyfully remarked how well her son (?) was acting the part. The boys and girls acted their parts well, the music showed much diligent practice, the room and trees were beautifully decorated, the former with Oregon grape with red trimming; while the community sing from our new song books proved a welcome part of the evening program. The following people deserve special mention: Mrs. Rees, Mrs. Guyten and Mrs. Reed on the finance and purchasing committee; Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Casebolt and Margaret Rees on the program committee; Ralph and John Reeder and Jimmie Reese, who walked three miles after the Oregon grape; and Mrs. Broughton on the decorating committee; Mr. Reed and Delbert Rees, the former for furnishing lights for the tree, the latter for preparing the tree. Lastly, to Santa himself, who brought so much pleasure to the kids. Those who were unable to be present certainly missed an enjoyable evening. The audience lingered until Santa's bells could no longer be heard and many are the little tots who are still telling of Santa's visit.

School clerk G. A. Reeder and L. V. Broughton attended the hearing on the petition of the railway company before the District Boundary Board at the courthouse in The Dalles Tuesday afternoon.

Beginning on the 24th, teachers and pupils will enjoy a recess until Jan. 3, 1928.

SOMETHING NEW UNDER SUN

Pine Grove Humorist Sends in a Couple of Humorous Effusions

Pine Grove does not want to see The Times lacking for humoristics in its columns. He evidently was spurred to an attempt at witticism, so sends in the following two jokes—one straight, the other in poetical form:

The Saddest Word

"Lives there a man who has not heard, Before he died, the saddest word?"

"What word is that?" the maiden cried;

"I'd like to hear it before I died."

"Then come with me," her father said. As to the stockyards her he led.

"Where layin' on the ground so low She seen a tired and weary bo.

But when he seen her standin' round, He riz up from the cold, cold ground.

"Is this a hold up game?" sez he And then her pa laughed wickedly.

"This ain't no holdup," loud he cried, As he stood beside the fair maiden's side.

But this here gal of mine ain't heard What you boes call the saddest word."

The bo, who once had been a gent, Took of his lid and low he bent,

He saw the maid was fed up good, So her father's wink he understood. "The saddest word," the bo he spoke, "Is the dinner-bell when you are broke."

By a Pine Grove Man.

Moved to Town. Rv. Everett Hazen has concluded that Maupin is preferable to Wapinitia as a place of residence, so moved his family here last Friday. The Hazens are occupying the Frank McCorkle cottage near the High school.

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