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ter September 8, 1914, at the post-
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We wonder whether or not the
advocates of a 13-month year have
ever stopped to consider the super-
stition regarding that numeral.
Those who hold that 13 is unlucky
would refuse to do business in the
odd month, and the result might be
a sort of chaos at the end of the
first year.

A Harvard professor has succeed-
ed in perfecting a machine capable
of exerting a pressure of 600,000
pounds to the square inch. We wish
he would send one of the machines
to us so we could use it on some of
our delinquent subscribers.

We trust that those of our sub-
scribers who receive reminders of
their delinquency to The Times will
repond and as a result we will be
able to show a paid up subscription
list to inquiring agencies.

Wapinitia Items

"Dad" and Mr. Hartman were
made happy Christmas Day by hav-
ing their three sons and their fam-
ilies together for the usual holiday
dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Broughton and
boys, and Mr. Go-haw drove to
Agency Plains above Madras to eat
turkey Christmas day with Mrs.
Broughton's sister, Mrs. F. E. Stang-
land. They made the trip in their
new Essex coach.

Mary O'Brien returned to the
O'Brien home to spend the holidays.
She is attending normal school.

Teddy, family dog of the Brough-
tons, was shot and killed while
trailing the family car a week ago
Saturday. The parties involved
realized their error and a satisfac-
tory settlement has been made.

The flu, though rampant in many
localities, has severely affected the
school attendance in district No. 46.
No pupils have been out for extend-
ed periods of colds or illness.

Basketball practice and boxing
are the main attractions of the larger
boys out side of school hours. The
boys have erected out-of-doors goals
and leveled the ground sufficiently
well for learning the game. Ar-
rangements are underway for secur-
ing the Lewis hall for evening prac-
tice and home games.

There is considerable discusion
and sentiment for a "Smoker" to
consist largely of local talent. One
fight fan has a man who will, he
claims, hold down Floyd Holloman
the customary number of rounds and
give him plenty of reason to defend
himself. Such a match, added to
a good card of our local and willing
mixer, should be a crowd-getter.
Our athletes still have a small debt
on their books and wish to purchase
additional equipment. Boxing, if
rightly conducted, is a proper athlet-
ic activity and is a good agency for
developing physical well being and
keeping fit.

The recognition of Christmas was
a community effort this year as in
the past. Sunday school, public
schools, and all grown-ups had an
opportunity to do their bit. Roy
Ward, superintendent of the local
Sunday school, at the request of
members, called a general meeting
at which plans were laid and com-
mittees appointed. There was a
program, a tree and treats for
young and old, especially a real bag
of nuts and candies for those still
young enough to enjoy such con-
fections.

The Christmas program last Fri-
day night centered around a con-
tata, the central theme of which is
Christmas happiness. The story
tells us how some young people and
their children had planned to spend
Christmas in their home town but
at the last minute, could not resist
the temptation to forego some com-
forts in order to spend the day at
grandma's and grandpa's old home,
and how happy it made the old folks.
There was much chorus work thru-
out the contata. A large crowd en-
joyed the entertainment.

The third period of work of the
first semester is well under way and
all pupils in the High school are do-
ing creditable work. Many are doing
A grade work and the majority are
doing better than average work in

most of the studies. A few pupils
have the ability to raise their grades
and some need to spend consider-
able time with standard require-
ments.

The winter season is at hand
when the evenings are long. This
is the time when we can travel far
and rapidly, educationally speaking.
The reading of selected books is
particularly advised at this season.
A book a week would be a good
slogan. Wapinitia boasts a group of
young people of high scholastic
standards. Let's maintain it.

The Wapinitia school open Dec-
ember 31, after a week's recess.
Tue-day, being New Years Day will
be observed as a holiday.

**THE BOX
THAT GOD
WAS IN**

By Alice
Crowell Hoffman

DO YOU think, mother, that
the Christmas box this year
might have a pair of red-
topped boots in it?" asked
the frontier missionary's
little lad earnestly.

"I hope so, dear, but we
must be glad for whatever
it contains," was the tender
and cautious reply.

"But, mother it's awfully hard to
be thankful for old clothes that don't
fit," put in the daughter of the house-
hold. "How wonderful it would be to
pick out what one liked!"

"Do you think I'll get my dolly that
talks this year?" questioned wee Dot.

"Hush, children, hush, here comes



"I Cannot Understand."

father with the missionary box now
You must be glad for anything you
get," urged mother bravely.

Reverend Dalton pried open the lid
of the box wondering all the while, as
did the rest of his household, why it
should be so much smaller than usual.

Mother did her best to prevent her
little brood from hurting the kind un-
derstanding heart of their father, but
in spite of her best efforts, they blur-
ted out their heart-rending questions:
"Are my boots in?" "Is my talking
dolly there?"

Reverend Dalton bent low over the
box making a pretext of examining its
contents more closely, but in reality
trying to hide his face.

Finally, there being no further ex-
cuse for delay, he took out the only
thing which the box contained—a
large merchandise catalogue.

"I cannot understand," there must
be some mistake here," he said, turn-
ing over the leaves absentmindedly
as he did so a letter dropped to the
floor. Picking it up, he read:

"We are sure you are tired of
getting old things year after year.
We planned to sell at a rummage
sale all the cast-off garments
usually sent for the box. We got
out so many more things, too,
had a big, successful sale, and are
sending you a check for \$100 to
buy the things you most want.

"Because you are away out on
the frontier and cannot get to
stores we are sending you the
merchandise catalogue. With best
wishes for the merriest Christ-
mas ever, we are,

"The Girls of the Sunshine Class."
As the missionary and his wife
watched the eager happy faces of
their children as they did their shop-
ping from the big book a deep sense
of happiness came over their hearts.

"Do you know, dear," said the
mother of the happy brood, "I can't
help feeling that God was in that box."
"Of course He was!" said Reverend
Dalton reverently.

Abbreviating Christmas
Spoils Wonderful Word

Clergymen of many of the denom-
inations in New York have joined in
a protest against the abbreviation of
the word "Christmas." They declare
that writing it "Xmas" is irreverent
and should not be permitted. It is
said that with one exception letters
sent out to Christian leaders brought
replies in protest against the abbrevi-
ated form of using the word. It
is not irreverent certainly it is not good
taste and spoils the appearance of
one of the finest words in the whole
language.

The protest is timely for many rea-
sons. There is no occasion for abbrevi-
ating the name of Christ. Moreover
Christmas is an event that appeals

to nearly all, both nonbelievers as
well as believers. It signifies much
more than a religious observance.
Nearly all the world, non-Christian
as well as those who observe the day
as the birth of their Lord and Savior
make Christmas the occasion for good
deeds. It makes a sort of spiritual
revival that affects the people of all
faiths and creeds. It is the time
when all mankind is drawn closer to-
gether; when selfishness is more near-
ly crucified than at any other period
of the year; when men of all believ-
ers with each other in the doing of
good deeds. Hearts are softened at
this season of the year and acts that
at other times would be quickly done
are now, for the time being at least
barred by qualms of conscience. The
better and finer impulses of mankind
that often during months appear to
be submerged by the selfish desires
of the flesh, are for a brief period, in
the ascendancy.

For all these reasons the word
"Christmas" is now come to be one
of the noblest and most inspiring in
the language. To the devout follow-
ers of the lowly Nazarene it is the
occasion for the celebration with
peans of praise and songs of thanks-
giving of the coming of man's redeem-
er; to the non-Christian it is the time
of rejoicing because it proves man-
kind's humanity to man. That is why it
is the most widely observed of all the
"red letter" days in the calendar of
time.—Nashville Tennessean.

Burning Yule Log

The custom of burning the Yule log
on Christmas eve is not prevalent in
England. The custom is still followed
in some of the rural sections. It is
more prevalent in the Scandinavian
countries.



SALLY walked aimlessly down
the brightly lighted street.
She felt dreary as possible
and resigned herself to a
dull evening with a kind of
ferocious fortitude. "It's sup-
posed to be the merriest time
of the year," she re-
flected bitterly, "but what
there can be merry about a lonely
Christmas eve in a strange city with
no one to speak to; no place to go;
nothing to do. I can't imagine!"

Sally knew herself to be a strong,
capable girl with more than average
ambition. She had come from New
York to London to fill a certain va-
cancy in a publishing firm. It was
interesting work. Sally liked it and
looked forward to an increasingly re-
sponsible position followed by a more
substantial salary. She had no pa-
tience with people who did not suc-
ceed. "Failure is a disease of the
will," she was apt to say with a very
determined look around her lips. And
this seemed to close whatever argu-
ment there might have been concern-
ing work—and workers.

But tonight Sally was out of humor.
She missed her friends at home, and
wondered what they were doing. She
had plenty of acquaintances at the

offices, but this was the one season
when acquaintances were quite busi-
ly engaged with their own family
interests. They had inquired in a
vague way about her plans but Sally
was too proud to look wistful. And
they had left her with good wishes
and a hearty handshake. And that was
that.

In stepping down into the street
Sally collided with a clumsy person
wrapped up in a great many shawls.
This person had a large basket under
her arm and out of the basket, and
protruding from under the fringe of
the shawls, were feathery tops of
celery, the yellow claws of a chicken
a carrot or two, a piece of a brown
paper parcel.

"Sorry," said Sally. Something in
the smiling expression of the woman's
face arrested the girl. Hardly know-
ing why she did so, she timed her
brisk steps to the slower pace of the
woman. "You seem to have a great
deal to carry," said Sally.

"Why, no," laughed the woman.
"This ain't nuthin'! Christmas stuff
for some orphan children. I ain't got
none, so I said I'd just pop out to
the meat market and the green grocer
and get the food for dinner. 'Oh!"
said Sally. A strong desire came over
her to follow this woman home. "May
I go with you?" she asked. "I'm not
very busy and I don't know many
people. Perhaps I could help you."



Every Day for a Long Time the Boy
Brought a Jar of Water Up the Hill.

tree and dragged it out of the wood,
never noticing the little boy when he
followed.

Up the hills to Golgotha went the
little boy and because he was so little
and had walked so far he fell asleep.
He awakened and saw friends take
from the cross the body of the Master
wrap it in linen and carry it away.
No one saw the little boy, so silent

**A New Story
of the First
Christmas Tree**

BY
Florence Harris Wells

LITTLE boy slipped his
hand into the hand of
Crisis on his way to the
cross and the Man of
Galilee was comforted, for
He loved little children
you remember.

He asked the little boy
if he would do something
for Him, telling the child that it was
something for all children, for all
time. He wanted him to do.

All eagerness, the little fellow glad-
ly agreed; and then Jesus knelt and
whispered to him. Immediately the lit-
tle hand waved a hurried good-by and
the boy turned and ran out of the
city. On he went until he entered a
dense wood. Soon the sound of axes
came to his ears and he followed in
the direction from whence came the
sound.

Through the trees he saw soldiers
chopping into a great tree. He sat
down and waited. Chips flew. The
tree wavered and fell. The men quick-
ly cut off the branches, leaving the
trunk naked and bare; then they se-
lected a smaller tree and deftly felled
that.

As the little tree fell the child cau-
tiously snatched something from the
topmost branch and then the soldiers
stripped the little tree bare. Silently
they bound it crosswise to the big

The woman beamed. "You're an
American, I dare say. It must be a
bit lonely here in London for you.
Do come along and I'll show you some
fun."

In ten minutes they had reached
rather bare, extremely small but very
neat lodgings. Nine children en-
tailed out of the door in one mad
outrush. "Here they are," said the
woman; then behind her hand, "All
orphans. They lend 'em to me Christ-
mas eve."

Sally remained in a confused state
of bewilderment for three hours. She
helped put the children to bed on
sofas, on a mattress, on the floor, on
anything the woman could devise for
their comfort. She helped trim a
tree. She got thoroughly mussed up
and tired and completely contented.
"Best Christmas eve I ever had," she
panted wiping a stray strand of hair
out of her eyes.

"I always says," said the woman
now reduced to one shawl instead of
three) "that it's the feelin's that
count, not money or presents. Get the
Christmas feelin' under your skin,
and you'll have a proper jolly time."

"You're perfectly right," said Sally
"and I'll be back in the morning to
help with the dinner."

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Singing the Candle Out

There are many curious customs
connected with the singing of carols
in the life of Man villagers assembled
in the church on Christmas eve and
in turn, sang a carol. Each held a
lighted candle and, although some of
the carols were lengthy the singer
and to stop when the candle went out.



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Maupin Garage
Maupin Oregon

and so quiet as he went about his
task. He knelt and opened his
clenched hand above the hole in the
ground where the cross had stood and
sifted loose earth until the hole was
filled, patting the place gently.

Every day for a long time the boy
brought a jar of water up the hill.

The first tiny, green shoot had
grown into a small tree and the child
was no longer a child; on the twenty-
fifth of December he called all the
children of the city to follow him to
Golgotha.

"Listen, children," he said "This is
Christ's tree. The seed was taken
from the tree from which His cross
was made. He hid the leaves and
be like thorns, only soft and harmless,
and each twig would be bound into
a cross, and it is even so. It is your
tree, given you for Christ's birthday.
Christ's tree for Christmas day—the
Christmas tree."

Christmas Carols in 14.0

The earliest known copy of an Eng-
lish carol is a fragment published by
one of the first printers and written
about 1410.

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on July 20, 1928 made additional
H. E., 025355 also under act Dec.
29, 1916 for Lot 3, Sec. 4, Lots 2,
3, 4, 5, 6, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 7, Lots
1, 3, 5, 6, 7, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 18,
Lots 2, 3, Sec. 19, Township 6-
South, Range 14-East, Willamette
Meridian, has filed notice of inten-
tion to make final proof, to establish
claim to the land above described,
before F. D. Stuart, United States
Commissioner, at Maupin, Oregon,
on the 16th day of January, 1929.

Claimant names as witnesses:
W. L. Fischer, Albert E. Troutman,
Frank Lister, Oliver Reah all of Mau-
pin, Oregon.
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Notice is hereby given that
David B. Crabtree

of Antelope, Oregon, who, one Dec.
24, 1925, made homestead entry un-
der act Dec. 29, 1916, No. 024982,
for SE 1/4 NE 1/4, E 1/2 SE 1/4, Section
12, T. 8 S., R. 15 E., SE 1/4 SE 1/4,
Section 19, S 1/2 SW 1/4, Section 20,
N 1/2 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Section
29, E 1/2 NE 1/4, Section 30, T. 7 S.,
R. 16 E., Lots 5, 6, 7, Section 6, Lots
1, 2, Section 7 Township 8 South,
Range 16 East Willamette Meridian,
has filed notice of intention to make
final three year proof, to establish
claim to the land above described, be-
fore H. C. Rooper, United States
Commissioner, at Antelope, Oregon,
on the 3rd day of January, 1929.

Claimant names as witnesses
Charles E. Frazer, Edwin C. Murphy,
John T. McCulloch, Frederic H.
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