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GOLD, GAS AND ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER

The stars in their courses fought against us last week and as a friend of ours would say, "it was one condemned thing after another." From various causes, we were behind in setting up matter for the forms, when the temperature began to fall and the water power became too low to run the press. By Thursday night we had only printed the supplement and one run of the paper. Then the temperature sinking yet lower during the night froze the water up completely. The office was so cold that it was impossible to work until things began to thaw out, which took much time and fuel. We negotiated with Messrs. Reed & Shibley for the use of a portable gasoline engine, which was duly installed, but not until Thursday noon was it in running order. We also borrowed an electric heater from Dr. McCall which was placed near the ink disc to keep that warm so that the ink would run and also thaw out the form which was icy cold when taken off the imposing table. And then our troubles began, because no exhaust pipe had been attached to the engine, the fumes filled the office and the consequence was our efficient help, Mrs. Ecker, became faint and sick and had to leave. We then fed the press and had almost completed the second run, when we collapsed. Miss Hoygaard who was distributing type, seeing our condition called for help, J. F. Lovelace and J. C. Hillman responding. Dr. Morse was called who promptly came and rendered first aid to the injured with something reminiscent of former times. We have not much recollection of what passed, but knew we were being taken care of. Our better half had also been summoned and we sensed her presence rather than saw her. After being a little restored, a sleigh was pro-

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

The Methodist Sunday School will give a program and treat to the children on Monday evening, December 22nd.

The Christian church will have a similar entertainment on Christmas eve. Everybody is cordially invited to both these Christmas celebrations.

Masons and O. E. S. Will Install Tuesday

Invitations have been issued for a joint installation of Estacada Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 145 and Mountain Chapter O. E. S. No. 108. The same will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall on Tuesday evening, December 23rd, commencing at 8 p. m. A banquet will be served after these ceremonies at the Estacada.

cured and we were taken home. Before morning the effects of the gassing had worked off so that we were able to get down to the office Saturday early to see what could be done about getting the paper out. All through the internal upheaval when we were lying prostrate, the one dominant thought was the getting out of the paper. On reaching the office we found Mrs. Ecker had just arrived and about to start the fire. She was suffering from headache as the after effect of the gas she had inhaled. We hunted up S. Pesznecker who put in an exhaust pipe to carry away the fumes so the engine could be run without danger from asphyxiation. By noon we had the third run made and completed the week after dinner and got the paper in the postoffice by 3:30, heartily glad that at last it was off our hands.

But there were some compensations for these mishaps; we found we had friends ready to help in time of need and we extend our sincerest thanks to them for their kindness, and also for the many sympathetic inquiries which came from all around. And so we conclude that "All is well which ends well," but we hope it won't occur again.

Mustered Out

A distinguished officer of the Church Militant on earth, received his honorable discharge last Sunday afternoon at 3:30. The Rev. T. P. Ford, D. D., Superintendent for the Salem district of the M. E. Church was just stepping on to a car at Oregon City, when the call came suddenly like a bolt from out a clear sky. The news of his death was a great shock to his friends in this vicinity, as only the Sunday before he had been here holding quarterly conference and preaching in the morning. He seemed to be in better health than on his previous visit and in preaching certainly showed no sign of declining vigor, even in thought or speech. Singularly enough this last discourse was a clarion call to sacrifice and service. Those present will certainly have it impressed upon their minds and memories.

Dr. Ford was a veteran preacher of the Methodist Church, his ministry extending over fifty years. Besides holding several important parishes, he was presiding elder, or as it is now termed, district superintendent more than once. His last appointment dated from 1916. He was a scholar and never thought himself too old to study the great doctrines of his faith, such as the Incarnation and Atonement, themes which are sadly neglected by many so-called popular preachers. He was devotedly attached to his church and an enthusiast in its mission, as may be seen from his official report to the General Conference last fall. Stalwart in body, mind and spirit he was an inspiration to his bishop and fellow ministers as well as to the laity under his care.

In the ancient litany there is a petition for deliverance from sudden death, but that means rather from violent death. It does not mean a call like which Dr. Ford received. Certainly his passing was most fitting, seeing he was one who was ready, his house having been set in order. We may say of him that he "walked with God, and he was not, for God took him."

AN AFTERMATH OF THE STORM

The NEWS office came nearly being flooded out Tuesday morning. A. G. Ames had been thawing out the pipes when it proved that one had been badly punctured by the freeze. The water began to spurt in all directions and soon the lower part of the room was covered with two inches of water. The office turn key had been borrowed and taken to a house on upper Main street, so it was some time before the water could be shut off at the main. Mrs. Ecker and ourself kept valiantly trying with brooms to stem the tide and turn it out at the back door. At last the water was shut off and the flow stopped. Fortunately no damage resulted except to our patience and feelings. Something, however, has been gained, that half of the floor is cleaner than it has been for many a day.

NOTICE

To Precinct Committeemen and Legal Voters:

The County Court at its regular term in January will appoint judges and clerks for election boards to serve for a period of two years, as by law required. Therefore, it is necessary for the County Clerk to obtain a list of names from each voting Precinct in the County of those who are legal voters, permanent residents in the precinct, and who are competent and willing to serve. Lists must be sent to the County Clerk at Oregon City not later than January 7th, 1920.

FRED A. MILLER,

County Clerk.

Christmas Show

To celebrate Christmas Day in a fitting way, Manager Linn of the Family Theater, has secured an extra special attraction, entitled "The Unknown Love," starring Dolores Cassinelli and E. K. Lincoln. You cannot afford to miss this. On Monday and Tuesday December 29 and 30, there will be extra runs depicting the Pendleton round p.