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Notes and Comment

Chad Alton in Sutherland Sun

It is quite clear that our system of handling and punishing criminals is wrong or at least does not have the desired effect of reforming them. Turned loose again they in the majority of cases return to their old ways and son on in a never ending cycle. They cannot be allowed to go free, and the great problem is what shall we do with them.

Announcement is made that Germany is to pay claims resulting from the sinking of the Lusitania. Among them is one of Standard Oil for \$4,750,000 and another for John Malina, of Illinois, for nine dollars and twenty cents. The first John was safely in his home at Pontiac Hills and lost a few gallons of oil, and the other John, a passenger, probably lost his suit case containing a hair brush and an unlaundersed shirt. (Un) lucky Johns.

The city of Seattle by a vote of 33 per cent of its voting population elected a mayor two years ago, and that official proceeded to at once administer affairs presumably about the way the minority wanted he should. The stay-at-homes however are now contrary minded, object to the way things are going, and are demanding his impeachment from the council. At this distance it looks as though the slacker voter is entitled to all he is getting and should swallow his medicine, if it is bitter.

It should be a source of much pride to the newspaper men of this country that their publications are the greatest means of spreading useful information and knowledge to the public. Springing from the most obscure to the largest cities in the land, read by all classes of people, the editors of these can wish for, can have no greater desire gratified, than to know his paper is recognized as being on the side of all that is good and worth while.

Under the present immigration laws the United States admitted close to five hundred thousand aliens of the desirable class and deported nearly ten thousand undesirable in the fiscal year ending June 30. The commissioner general reports the law working very satisfactorily, and says there is little complaint at its operation from any source. He also adds that there are nearly a million of illegal entrants in the country, and suggests a country-wide registration of aliens to ferret out and send them on their way.

A member of Rush Medical College, Chicago, in looking about for the cause of crime says that a large per cent is due to heredity. Heredity is accused of many things. The mother of Napoleon, of Caruso, of Lincoln, and many other men who attained fame in their time were not marked by any great qualities over other women. Even the parents of the Nazarene were but of the lowly class, and only brought to any prominence at all through the life and career of the son who rose high above their station.

DOVER DOINGS

Rev. and Mrs. Rankin and the Gospel Team, from Estacada, held a wonderful service in Dover Sunday. There were more than a dozen young people in the team, all well aware of the value of Christian life. Such a splendid team of young people will do much to arouse the other young people of the various communities. Special music was furnished by Mr. Baker, whose violin selection was very much appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Anderson were Portland visitors Wednesday, purchasing material for the remodeling of their house. Mr. Anderson is having an eight-tube radio set made in Portland.

Card of Thank

We, the children of J. A. Upton, lately deceased, wish to tender our thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kind expressions of sympathy and assistance rendered to us in the loss of our father.

Mrs. Louetta McWillis,
Upton A. Upton,
Mrs. Myrtle Hornby,
Mark R. Upton.

Says I to myself, says I, the News is the paper to buy, says I.

SPRINGWATER

The Christmas program at the church Thursday evening was very good. Each one did or her part well and at the close Old Santa Claus stopped for a few minutes to say hello to the children.

Jack Greenstreet and family were home for Christmas with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Moger had a pleasant visit recently from a niece of Mrs. Moger from Hutchinson, Kansas, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hershberger, who were on their way to Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Hershberger is an auto painter and vulcanizer and may locate in the west.

Guests at the J. A. Shibley home on Christmas day were Earl Shibley and family, of Portland, L. S. Tenney and family, of Viola, W. A. Bard and family, and Elmer Dibble and daughter, Evelyn, of Springwater.

Mr. and Mrs. John Park and children, of Woodland, Wash., were guests on Friday at the Carl Ward home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cogswell, of Eagle Creek, were Friday visitors at the Madden home.

Mrs. Elmer Dibble has been confined to her home for some time by illness.

Mrs. George Perry and children have been spending the holidays with relatives in Portland and Canby.

Charles Farrier spent Christmas with his mother in Portland.

The Hansen families spent Christmas with relatives in Portland. The senior Mr. and Mrs. Hansen remaining for a week's vacation.

Guests at the P. T. Monroe home during the past week were their son, Herbert, and family, of Carver.

Mrs. Wiley Howell and son were Friday callers at the Carl Ward home.

Mr. and Mrs. Moger were Friday evening callers at the Wm. Bard home.

Everett and Elva Shibley and Evelyn Dibble spent Sunday night in Oregon City at the Jack Marrs home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shearer and John Shearer were guests at the home of their brother, Edward Shearer, during the holidays.

Marion Millard and wife, of Portland, were Sunday guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Millard.

Oregon City visitors on Monday were Harold Homer and Robert Guttridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Erickson have been visiting during the past week with Mrs. Erickson's parents at The Dalles.

Mrs. Schwartz and her mother, Mrs. Orton, have been spending their vacation with relatives in Portland and other points.

Guests at the Wiley Howell home on Saturday night were Mrs. Howells' brother, A. B. Lewellen and wife, of Otis, Oregon.

Don't forget the Community Club meeting at the Grange Hall Saturday evening. Everyone welcome and a good time assured.

Ben Kiggins, who has been in California for more than a year past, is at the home of his parents, J. A. Kiggins for the Christmas holidays.

On Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kiggins entertained their sons Grover, Clifford, Everett and Otto and their families of Estacada.

Miss Ruth Zurcher, of Portland, was a guest on Sunday of her sister, Mrs. Joe Guttridge.

Mary Lou and Ruth Guttridge visited several days during the past week with relatives in Portland.

GRANGE PROGRAM PROMISES TO BE GOOD

The community organization of the Springwater, George, Eagle Creek and Garfield Granges will hold a public installation of officers. The ceremony attending this installation will be at the Pavilion in the Park on Saturday, January 2nd.

Dinner will be served at the Estacada Hotel.

If the program is carried out as proposed there will be enough of interest to satisfy everyone. Gov. Pierce is expected to speak; also Mr. Spence and Mr. Palmiter and probably there will be others to speak.

The publicly owned telephone service of France was tied up recently by a two hour strike of the telephone operators, who are government employees.

The hand that rocked the cradle didn't know how to shuffle a whist deck.

The Closing Year

By GEO. D. PRENTICE

'Tis midnight's holy hour—and silence now
Is brooding like a gentle spirit o'er
The still and pulseless world. Hark! on the winds
The bell's deep tones are swelling—'tis the knell
Of the departed year. No funeral train
Is sweeping past; yet on the stream and wood,
With melancholy light, the moonbeams rest
Like a pale, spotless shroud; the air is stirred
As by a mourner's sigh; and on yon cloud
That floats so still and placidly through heaven,
The spirits of the seasons seem to stand.—
Young Spring, bright Summer, Autumn's solemn form,
And Winter's with his aged locks—and breath
In mournful cadences, that come abroad
Like the far wind-harp's wild and touching wail,
A melancholy dirge o'er the dead year,
Gone from the earth forever.

The year
Has gone, and with it, many a glorious throng
Of happy dreams. Its mark is on each brow,
Its shadow in each heart. In its swift course,
It waded its scepter o'er the beautiful—
And they are not. It laid its pallid hand
Upon the strong man—and the haughty form
Is fallen, and the flashing eye is dim,
It trod the hall of revelry, where thronged
The bright and joyous—and the tearful wail
Of stricken ones is heard, where erst the song
And reckless shout resounded.

It passed o'er
The battle plain, where sword, and spear, and shield,
Of serried host is shivered, and the grass,
Green from the soil of carnage, waves above
The crushed and moldering skeleton. It came
And faded like a wreath of mist at eve;
Yet, ere it melted in the viewless air,
It heralded its millions to their home
In the dim land of dreams.

Revolutions sweep
O'er earth, like troubled visions o'er the breast
Of dreaming sorrow; cities rise and sink,
Like bubbles on the water; fiery isles
Spring blazing from the ocean, and go back
To their mysterious caverns; mountains rear
To heaven their bald and blackened cliffs, and bow
Their tall heads to the plain; new empires rise,
Gathering the strength of hoary centuries,
And rush down like the Alpine avalanche,
Starting the nations—and the very stars
Yon bright and burning biazony of God,
Glimmer a while in their eternal depths,
And like the Pleiad, loveliest of their train,
Shoot from their glorious spheres, and pass away,
To darkle in the trackless void: yet Time—
Time, the tomb builder, holds his fierce career,
Dark, stern, all pitiless, and pauses not
Amid the mighty wrecks that strew his path,
To sit and muse, like other conquerors,
Upon the fearful ruin he has wrought.

UPPER EAGLE CREEK

We wish you one and all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Roy Douglas and family spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Moeheke.

Mr. and Mrs. Stone and son, Alfred, of Cathlamet, Wash., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Akers during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Asp and children motored to Tualatin and spent Christmas with friends, Mrs. Heck and family.

Tommy McKay was home during the week-end, taking Christmas dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. McKay.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Gibson and H. S. Gibson were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Gibson, of Barton, on Christmas day.

The Christmas program given by Miss Edythe Peters at the school house last Wednesday evening, which was rendered by her pupils, was well attended and enjoyed by those present. One party declared he would much rather attend that than a movie. There was a Christmas tree and Santa Claus came with a sack of presents, nearly everyone getting a present, and candy and nuts were passed out to everyone.

Norman Hiser and Miss Agnes Peters attended the Christmas entertainment last Wednesday evening.

Fred Hoffmeister and family entertained on Christmas day, serving a turkey dinner with all the fixings to some of their relatives and friends.

The Walter Douglasses also entertained at a big dinner on Christmas day.

Eagle Creek Grange held its regular session last Saturday at the Grange hall. Election of officers was held and all lady officers were elected. An interesting program was rendered, and the dance that was given in the evening was well attended.

Several railroads have adopted Chevrolet touring cars, equipped with flang wheels, as right-of-way inspection cars. These vehicles attain a speed up to sixty miles per hour. It is assumed that this mode of railway inspection will gain favor rapidly on the Pacific coast where there are no extreme conditions of weather to interfere.

Artistic temperament: A small portion of genius with the swell-head.

CURRINSVILLE

Mrs. Harley Beals, of Independence, is visiting her father, J. H. Kitching, this week.

Miss Ethel Hale is visiting home folks over the holidays.

Oscar Hirschman spent the holidays with his mother and friends in Portland.

Mr. R. H. Currin spent the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Ewalt and Mr. Charley Kitching are invoicing the stock of goods at the Currinsville store this week. They expect to be done Thursday, the 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter, of Portland, visited their son, Jess, and family Sunday.

Mr. Albert Kitching, of Estacada, took his father and mother for an auto ride Sunday.

Mrs. Ridinger, who is employed at the Currinsville store, left for Portland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Currin and Mrs. L. Hale spent Christmas with Mr. Currin's mother at Salem.

Miss Poole and Miss Tyberg, the teachers at Currinsville, gave a Christmas program, after which they left for their respective homes at Portland and Gearhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Payne spent the week end at R. H. Currin's and L. Hale's homes.

Among those having radios installed for Christmas were Hugh Carlin, Clara Boyer, G. B. Linn and Arthur Smith.

Wm. Githens and family, from Canby, were guests at the Carlin home Christmas.

Mrs. A. Nelson, from Portland, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heiple.

Strong, robust men hurrying along the street in heavy overcoats and muffled to the chin, frail, delicate women, skirts to the knees and throats bared to the weather. What contrasts we meet up with in these days.

Jackson Day dinner will be held in Portland, Jan. 8 at 6 p. m. Democrats are especially invited to this function.

Fisher Body Corporation takes the entire output of three large saw mills.

Laws made by nature should not be unmade by man.

A drop of printer's ink will make a million think.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Fifer came out from Portland to spend Christmas with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Smith spent Christmas with Mr. Smith's parents at Stayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lawrence were guests of Portland relatives for dinner on Christmas day.

Miss Lydia Matson was out from Portland on Sunday to visit with her father, Mr. Dan Matson.

Miss Olive Humphrey came out on Christmas to visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. S. Allen.

Paul Giddings, of the high school faculty, left on Wednesday to spend the holiday vacation at his home in Albany.

Mr. Coon Boyer won the lovely wicker rocking chair given away by the People's Cash Store.

Chester Womer came out from Portland to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Womer.

Miss Irene Saling, of Portland, has been spending several days at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bartholomew.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Currin were guests of relatives in Salem for dinner on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. McNallen, of Elma, Wash., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gossett for a few days last week.

Carl Kimmel, who is teaching in the high school at Arlington, Wash., is spending his vacation at the home of his father, Mr. B. R. Kimmel.

Tom Mendenhall, of Longview, Washington, is spending a few days visiting at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilcox drove over to Sandy Ridge Christmas day to join in a family reunion at the home of Mrs. Wilcox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zogg.

Miss Reliance Moore came home from her school on Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Moore, at the Estacada Hotel.

Mrs. Mary Bartholomew went to Corvallis on Thursday to spend a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Saling. Lloyd Saling is also visiting with his mother for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jubb, of Viola, had as their guests for dinner on Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tannier and son, Henry, and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bartholomew and children.

Passengers on the train bound for Portland Christmas morning were Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Harkender and daughter, Miss Edith; Mr. and Mrs. Earl La Forge and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Duncan.

Dr. Rhodes is enjoying a visit from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, of The Dalles. They also had as guests for dinner on Christmas day Miss Margaret Faehing and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rhodes, of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bartholomew entertained at a family Christmas tree on Thursday evening. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrow, of Portland; Mrs. Evelyn Saling, Ed and Ted Saling, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tannier and son, Henry, of Viola.

The Methodist Episcopal Church

"The Friendly Church on the Hill"
Ira F. Rankin, Pastor
Sunday school, (Geo. Lawrence, Supt.), 10:00.
Junior Church (Mrs. Rankin in charge), 10:45.
Morning worship, 11:00.
Afternoon service at Dover church, 3:00.
Epworth League devotional meeting, 6:30.
Evening worship, 7:30.
The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Geo. Lawrence, Wednesday, January 6th, at 2:30 p. m. The ladies are asked to bring the sacks of pennies which have been collected. Tell others.

Mid-week prayer service at the church Wednesday evening, 7:30.
Choir practice at the church Thursday evening, at 7:30.

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness. * * * O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard."—Psalm 65:11-66:8.

COMMUNITY TREE GREAT SUCCESS

One of the largest and most successful gatherings in the history of Estacada was the Community Christmas tree assemblage at the high school auditorium last Friday evening—Christmas night.

This annual Christmas treat sponsored by the Community Club, the churches and schools of the town, is one of the grandest events which can come to a community, for it tends to bind all together in a spirit of good will, good fellowship, and brotherly love, which cannot but make any community a success.

The program was splendidly rendered, the numbers being made up of songs, recitations, etc., donated by the various organizations sponsoring this event.

The big number on the evening's program for the children was the timely arrival of Santa Claus dressed in his very prettiest, and the passing around of big pop corn balls and oranges under his able direction. He says he is getting too old, though, to get around very well any more, as he is just even "400" years of age now. So next year they can look for a much younger and peppier one in the form of his son, who is only "120" years old.

There were representatives present on this occasion from all the districts surrounding Estacada which speaks very well for the spirit of good will and interest in the welfare for good in our community.

All who helped in making this event such a wonderful success are to be congratulated indeed for an occasion of this nature surely requires much thought and work.

Too Much Speed.

Although many people appear to be of the contrary opinion, it is quite generally agreed that "you can't make human beings good by statute." Is it not time to conclude that neither can people be made careful by law and to attempt to reduce the perils of street traffic by means different from those that have been relied upon in the past? Just what will prove effective will have to be decided after thorough study of the conditions that have grown up. It seems obvious, though, that measures of prevention rather than of punishment will yield the greater benefits.

We are now in the season when the streets are quite commonly wet and very slippery. Common sense tells us that an automobile cannot be safely driven as swiftly on wet as on dry streets. Yet too many drivers are deaf to the voice of common sense. This type changes its habits not at all when conditions favor skidding. If it avoids collisions this can be accounted for only on the ground that there is such a thing as "luck."

Of course, it is impossible to legislate sound sense into the mind of that type commonly called "sap." If we are to have the possible maximum of safety in the streets the "sap" must be legislated out of the driver's seat. This perhaps falls into the category of things "more easily said than done." The "sap" must be proved before he can be deprived of his citizen's right. The real question is, what proof shall be required?

As the laws usually are administered there is no interference with habitual menaces to life and property until they have an "accident." Little is done to prevent accidents. Hundreds of "saps" could be identified when the streets are wet by the sliding of their cars at points where they should be under perfect control. Too much speed on wet pavements is as dangerous as driving while intoxicated. Something can be done about it.

W. A. Heylman attended the Woodrow Wilson commemoration meeting Monday at Portland Library Hall.

Who is going to care for the caretaker's daughter does not interest us nearly as much as does where the money is coming from to pay for the Christmas presents the family makes us and themselves.

A Chevrolet beat a noted sprinter in a 100-yard dash from standing start.

GREATER COMMUNITY CLUB WILL MEET AT OAK GROVE

The Greater Clackamas Community Club will meet at Oak Grove on January 13th. Every club is expected to be prepared to say something for its locality.