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### IN '95.

The year just closed has been a prosperous one for Forest Grove. The improvements in sidewalks, ditches and gravelling have put the city streets in good condition. Many new dwelling houses have been built and several families have come here to make it their home. Old residences have been added to and fixed up. Business firms have increased their facilities and greater trade has rewarded their enterprise. The general appearance of the town is greatly bettered over what it was twelve months ago.

The community has been quiet and undisturbed by any of the evils that have come to so many other neighborhoods. A few of our citizens have passed to rest but mostly in the fullness of years. No epidemics or widespread sickness has been here, on the contrary 1895 has been a healthy year.

The occupancy of Marsh Hall and the assuring the Pearsons fund have been viewed with satisfaction alike by the college people and the city at large. The prosperity of the town is so closely allied to that of the school that the bright prospects for Pacific University is another assurance of Forest Grove's continued growth.

The progress made toward a city water system and the purchase by the city of the electric light plant with the extension of its service and making it run all night promise protection against fire through the water and against night marauders through the light. Residence here will have most of the conveniences of city life and be free from the great part of the drawbacks. The work to be done by the city in the early part of the opening year will afford employment to many and the money be loose here—for all labor will be from home—liven business and extend its benefits to every one.

Of our town we are justly proud and the many advantages nature has given have been supplemented each year, by man's hand adding as the world progressed. It is safe to say that in the last year's betterments Forest Grove has more than kept pace with other towns of its size. In '96 further and greater growth may be looked for. The city's prosperity is no boom vision but real.

### PATRIOTIC ADVERTISERS.

One would have more confidence in these outbursts of patriotism which are chronicled daily by the press if the suspicion of advertising were not aroused. A Major somebody in San Francisco is an instance. He is reported to be raising a company of native born of all ancestries to exterminate the British. Incidentally it crept in that he is a genial hotel man and the location of his popular hostelry is given. It is to be regretted that one is left in doubt as to whether it is on the American or European plan and if special attention is paid to people from the country. Either the press associations are awfully gullible and short on news or they are reaping a rich harvest. News ads ought to come at a high rate. This Venezuela matter is fast becoming very threadbare. One

of peace but when war threatens Americanism only is known.

The Kosciusko Guards, a military organization of Bridgeport Conn., had a beer function on New Year's without a license. The civil authorities attempted to interfere and "the soldiers jumped on the police, scratched their faces and tore out their hair by handfuls" according to the press report. The quicker such military organizations are disbanded the better. As a matter of policy alone it is not advisable to have organized bodies of men exclusively of foreign birth bearing arms.

The Republican way of maintaining the gold reserve is to have the balance of trade in favor of this country, the Democratic method requires frequent borrowing on bonds.

### GREENVILLE.

Fred and Hattie Moore spent Christmas in Portland.

Mrs. A. J. Roy has been very ill but is now improving.

Miss Maud Wilson will enter school at Forest Grove at the beginning of next term.

Miss Anna Moore is having serious trouble with her eyes.

Mr. A. A. Mead from Nehalem reports the snow fourteen inches deep on Green Mountain.

Mrs. Frank Baker living about three miles west of Greenville who cut her hand on a tin can causing blood poisoning is improving slowly.

Mrs. W. L. Moore who has been visiting her parents in California the past month returned home this week.

Mrs. Mary A. Watson, children and grandchildren visited Mountaineer Christmas.

Mr. W. Barrett and family of Hillsboro spent Christmas with his father and mother Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barrett.

Mr. Hoyt and son of Forest Grove have bought a part of the Wendorf place and are building a commodious house and otherwise improving it and will in the near future have a very attractive home.

Mr. Corum a young man of excellent qualifications closed on the 24th, a term of school at this place. It is to be hoped that the people of this vicinity will see that it is to their advantage to retain one so well qualified for the position.

Sunday school at 11:00 a. m. Young people's meeting at 6:00 p. m. Preaching at 7:00 p. m. by Rev. Beauchamp.

### SCOGGINS VALLEY.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniels and children of Mt. Tabor are spending the holidays at the home of Mrs. Daniels' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Corbett.

Santa Claus has been here and the little ones are happy, also a few of the older ones, particularly those who wear a little fairy mitten pinned to the lapel of their coat.

Mr. Alex Baxter while looking after Mr. Gibson's place a few days ago during Gibson's absence fell through a hole in the barn floor and broke several ribs.

A goodly number of young people from the Grove, Dilley and Gaston attended the Christmas entertainment at the school house. Miss Parker, the talented young elocutionist, favored our people with a recitation.

The Forest Dale Presbyterian church will hold a congregational meeting for the election of elders, church officers, etc., and to discuss the all momentous question of calling a pastor to supply this vacancy. Now friends, be it remembered we are poor, but a spiritual advisor will be of great benefit to us and if necessary to maintain a pastor we are called on to sacrifice some pet scheme for the future let us do so in a Christian spirit and call a pastor here if possible.

Young man, son of the healthy and diseased imagination, Santa Claus a privileged person, this ancient gentleman was prodigy of knowledge and wisdom while you were yet trying to draw nourishment from a little bread and sugar tied up in a rag. His rights must be respected, therefore in the future take heed, learn the rules that govern social gatherings and be a man.

### FERN HILL.

(School District 53.) Col. Britton took dinner with George and family, of Portland, Christmas.

Mr. P. H. Gray of Portland, spent Christmas with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mooberry entertained a number of friends Christmas.

P. J. Smith and family are talking of returning to their old home in Ohio. They will be missed very much as they have made many friends in this community.

Mr. Albert Latham and sister Sunday with Miss Lou Moore.

city this week.

Editor Gault of the Independent spent Tuesday in Portland.

George Cronkite has gone to Gorvallis to attend the University.

Dr. Sanford of Glencoe did business in the county capital Monday.

Judge McBride will return to Hillsboro, to finish some equity business.

Christmas was very quiet here, the football game being the only attraction. Chas. E. Hicks, of Vancouver Barracks, visited his parents here last week.

Elder Burnett of Forest Grove is assisting Elder Shelly in the protracted meetings.

The Argus office has been removed to the rooms over Brock's drug store in the Corwin & Wooster block.

C. E. Kindt and family of Portland spent Sunday in Hillsboro the guests of R. Waggener and wife, Mrs. Kindt's parents.

Constable Annans and City Recorder Bowman have charge of J. I. Knight's office during the latter's absence in San Francisco.

Deputies Bradford and Bagley took Kennedy and Powers to Salem last Friday evening. Sheriff Ford accompanied them as far as Portland.

J. H. Smith was home from McMinnville last Thursday night, returning Friday morning. He reports a good trade during holidays.

The bold, bad burglar is yet in our midst. T. S. Weathered's family was robbed of \$1.50 on last Thursday evening while Mr. W. was up town, and on Friday night Sheriff Ford's house was burgled and the would-be thieves were frightened away before effecting an entrance.

The following named officers have been elected by the Christian Sunday school for the coming year: Supt., Benton Bowman; Asst. Supt., Grace Cronkite; Sec'y, Ed. Bowen; Treas., Eda Adams; Chorister, Stella Campbell; Asst. Chorister and Organist, Minta Humphreys; Asst. Organist and Librarian, Irelia Ford; Assistant Librarians, Nettie Shelly and Bessie Sigler.

The Misses Leah and May Mahowit started Monday to Marshall county, Kansas, their former home, to join their father who went some two months ago. The young ladies, during their two years' residence here, have been very active in church and Sunday school work, Miss Leah having served as superintendent of the Christian Sunday school for the past six months. They have a large number of friends in Hillsboro who wish them a safe and pleasant journey and hope they may at some time return here to live.

### CORNELIUS.

Mr. Johnson's baby is very sick with diphtheria.

Cornelius public school reopens Jan. 1, after a week holidays.

Mrs. Chas. Handcock is spending a few days in Portland visiting her sister Mrs. Courture.

Miss Grace Smith and J. Karl Smith are at home from Portland University to spend holidays.

Two members of Chas. Johnson's family are suffering from diphtheria. Dr. C. Smith, is attending physician.

Dr. Clark Smith has been very busy for several weeks with diphtheria cases and still has all he can tend both night and day.

Miss May C. Smith has closed her school at Farmington on account of diphtheria and is at her home in Cornelius.

The McNutt Bros. are making clearance sales at their store now. They intend to sell out the stock and go out of the business.

Meron Tibbitts is suffering from painful injuries, received by his horse slipping, upon the icy boards which overlay the street, and falling in such a manner as to crush Meron's foot.

A very pleasant affair in the form of a surprise party, was enjoyed the evening of the 26th inst., at the residence of Benjamin Scholfield. The party was in honor of Miss Harriette's birthday. Those present were, Misses Eva Redman, Angie Clark, Ella McLinn, Grace Smith, Francis Cornelius, Lulu Coleman, Messrs. Albert Janning, Jesse Smith, Sid Walker, John Aale, Will Curti, Chas. Anderson, Will McLinn, Ed. Ward and Mrs. Ward.

One stormy night recently, about 3 a. m., T. E. Cornelius, looking from his window, saw by the light of a dim lantern carried by the intruder, what appeared to be a burglar forcing an entrance to the Marvin residence, the occupants of which were in Portland. Tom leaped from his bed, regardless of rain or cold, to capture the thief, but found to his chagrin it was only a man sent for the doctor, and losing his way in the darkness, was knocking at the door of the wrong house.

Night visitors, with masked faces and carrying revolvers, are becoming so common that it is not strange that the hearts sometimes stand still at

### The Sin of Fretting.

Watch any ordinary coming together of people and see how many minutes it will be before somebody frets—that is, makes a more or less complaining statement of something or other, which most probably every one in the room, or in the railway carriage, or in the street, it may be, knew before, and which probably nobody can help. Why say anything about it? It is cold, it is hot, it is wet, it is dry; somebody has broken an appointment, or ill cooked a meal; stupidity or bad faith somewhere has resulted in discomfort—there are plenty of things to fret about, if we are weak enough to fret about. It is simply astonishing how much annoyance may be found in the course of every day's living, even the simplest, if one only keeps a lookout on that side of things. Holy Writ says we are prone to be as sparks to fly upward. But the sparks flying upward, in the form of smoke, there is a blue sky and the less time they waste on it, the sooner they will reach it, and the less time wasted on the road.

### CEDAR MILL.

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There are no "Jingoes" at Cedar Mill, everybody says. Stay with the Monroe Doctrine, Grover, and "we'll stay with you." Even the grizzled old "Vets" whom we supposed had seen enough of fighting in the late unpleasantness, are ready to buckle on their armor, and will march as far and fight as hard as "Young America" who have not yet had the opportunity of facing gun-powder for the sake of "Old Glory."

Miss Lizzie Young and Miss Nora Burton, who are attending the Portland University are at home for the holidays.

Miss Eva Miller closed a very successful term of school in joint Dis. 02, Dec. 23.

The Baptist and Presbyterian churches of Bethany gave very successful entertainments at their respective places of worship Xmas eve, consisting of literary exercises and Xmas trees. The hearts of the little ones were gladdened by many presents, while the old grew young again in the joy of their children.

W. A. Kirts who for sometime has conducted the store at this place, has disposed of the same to George Reeves. The transfer being made Dec. 15th.

Quite a number of our young people attended the Christmas balls given at various places and closed a good time.

The Union school closed Friday. The Grammar department will resume again after the holidays.

Miss Annie Pfander, of this place, who has been at Hillsboro learning dress-making, is at home.

Mrs. Mary Reeves has been appointed post mistress at Cedar Mill in place of W. A. Kirts resigned.

### VERBOORT.

Mr. Sylvester Le Core late of Colorado has been in our vicinity this past week looking for farming lands. Mr. Le Core intends to invest in Washington county lands and make this his future home. It is worth mentioning that he has looked over the fertile prairies of Marion county from Salem to Oregon City and it was the prosperous appearance of our Washington county farms that induced him to settle here.

School opened again on Monday last with a full complement of scholars.

An enjoyable New Year's party was held at Mr. Porter's residence on New Year's Eve, at which a jolly crowd enjoyed themselves with music, vocal, instrumental and terpsichorean, etc., until "Midnight's holy hour" ushered in the New Year when all adjourned to a pastry and sugar candy refectory after which the meeting adjourned wishing everyone a happy New Year.

Several dogs have been "salmoned" in this section lately, and all have died.

Felix VerHoeven who has been working at Porter's nursery for the past two years, took passage for California on Saturday's train.

### FIR.

All who attended the sociable, Xmas tree and oyster supper on Christmas night seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. Each received an equal share of candies and nuts, no partiality being shown. The presents were not of the costliest kind but each received some token of remembrance. The tree was nicely decorated with various kinds of ornaments bought in San Francisco and brought here by Mr. and Mrs. Busse, at whose residence the entertainment was held. All were glad to see some of the Glenwood friends enjoy themselves and to hear these pronounce it a success as it was the first attempt the Firves have made to have an Xmas tree and oyster supper. The following is the program: Opening address by B. M. Collins. Recitation by Pearl Haycock. Song by Gladys Griffin. Recitation by Mrs. C. J. Collins. Recitation by Chas. Penny. Song by Frankie and Della Snell. Recitation by Mrs. Busse. Reading by B. M. Collins. Song. Recitations by Ora Smith, Chas. Penny, Gladys Griffin, Frankie Snell, Mrs. C. E. Smith, Della Snell, Willie Busse, Elsie Busse, Otis Haycock. German Song by Mr. and Mrs. Busse. Santa Claus distributed the gifts and then supper. At about half past twelve o'clock all adjourned for home.

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