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NOTES AND COMMENTS

This is the shortest day in the year and we may expect a slight falling off in the light bills from month to month for the next six months. Every little helps, you know.

Judging by the fact that two physicians and a dentist were nominated for the council Tuesday night and Dr. Coon, a veterinary, holds over, the voters must have thought city affairs in a sickly condition.

Henry Ford tells the brewers they can turn the breweries into distilleries for the manufacture of denatured alcohol to replace gasoline in propelling automobiles and other gas engines. The changes can be made at small expense, Mr. Ford says.

About a year ago an Aurora, Ill., girl advertised in the newspapers at a cost of \$11.25 for a husband. She was successful, and last week he died, leaving an estate valued at \$19,000, or a net profit of \$18,988.75. You will surely pardon us for repeating again that it pays to advertise.

The editor of the Express wishes everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Yes, EVERYBODY! And it's a pity the men on the European battlefields can't say the same to those they are fighting, throw down their arms and go home to their sorrowing wives, children, mothers and brothers. A sorrowful Christmas it will be to millions across the water! Aren't you glad you live in America?

A magazine published for the information of newspaper men estimates that the high price of print paper has put 800 small papers out of commission during the past year and caused several thousand to reduce in size. The paper used on the outside pages of this issue of the Express costs 13c per pound when paper costing only half that amount might have been used. There is nothing too good for Express subscribers, if the publisher can get it. Common print, such as is used on the four inside pages, has almost doubled in price since the Express was started, less than a year ago.

THE STOCKMEN

The \$21,500 paid for a yearling bull at the Portland livestock show means something. Back of that transaction there is a high resolve. It is a purpose to highly improve the blood and strain in northwest livestock.

There were many lesser transactions of the same kind. They reflect the devotion of stockmen to better breeds. They exemplify the perfection of methods and endeavors in a great industry. It is the same intensification of effort applied to the livestock business that big industrial establishments and great department stores apply to their business.

The stock sales illustrate the value of the livestock show to Portland. It is not the sales but what the sales mean to the herds and flocks in the hinterland that is the thing of value. It is the progress of the back country in applying intelligence and advancement in the things it is producing that is the point of the show sales. One honey bee in an encounter

can lick a whole army of bed bugs. It is a worker, a producer. The bed bugs are parasites. The stockmen with their purchases of new sires and dams are carrying on the earth's production. On that earth's production, the speculators, food gamblers and other forms of parasites are feeding.

One stockman is to the parasites what the honey bee is to the crowd of bed bugs. That is why the livestock show should be forwarded to the limit.

It is an enterprise of men who are doing their full part in the world's work—Oregon Journal.

Some people may wonder why the Express doesn't say more about a certain meeting held last Saturday, so the editor will explain that he doesn't believe it wise to tell the outside world all our foolish squabbles. The writer does not believe any real harm was done at that meeting, but people who were not present might magnify the importance of the actions advocated.

OBITUARY

(Contributed)

Mrs. Martha A. Busby (Martha Steward) was born June 16, 1837, at Dayville, Ky. On Oct. 18, 1856, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, she was married to Francis M. Busby, whose death occurred March 20th, 1915.

Mrs. Busby died Dec. 12, 1916, at her home in Forest Grove, aged 79 years, five months and twenty-six days. Four children were born to them, of whom two are living—Mr. Charles Busby, of Fossil, Oregon, and Mrs. William Raffety of this place. There are also seven grand-children and one great-grandchild. In 1874 the family moved from Burlington, Iowa, to Oregon. The life of pioneers on an eastern Oregon cattle ranch, with all its attendant loneliness, became familiar to them. Later they spent a short time in California and finally they settled near Portland, Ore., at Oswego. For five years they have lived in Forest Grove. Both Mrs. Busby and her husband were much loved by their neighbors. The law of their lives was kindness and good-will. As a loving mother and friend, Mrs. Busby will be greatly missed by all.

Since her early girlhood she has been a member of the Methodist church. The writer, having been a neighbor of Mrs. Busby for several years before coming to Forest Grove, wishes to give this personal tribute:

Many times have I known Mrs. Busby to spend her days in the care of the sick and of their children. Her patience and kindness and her modest self-effacement were remarkable. Hers was not eye-service. If her Master approved, she asked no other reward.

Until her husband's death she was a cheerful person, with many merry little ways, which were to her friends "like a medicine."

"For me to live is Christ!" He is my all My strength in weakness and my balm in pain

My guide, my shield when e'er life's ills befall,

"For me to live is Christ. To die is gain."

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An Instructive Lecture

George V. McClure of Portland delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture at the M. E. church Monday night. He discussed the American home, the tendency of American fathers and mothers to raise their children in idleness and luxury. This, he thought, was a dangerous procedure. He also cautioned the boys and girls against fast living, idleness and harmful habits.

Mr. McClure is an excellent orator, a deep thinker and deserved a much larger audience than that which greeted him. He spoke at Cornelius, under the auspices of the Epworth League, Tuesday evening.

ELECTIONS

Knights Elect Officers

The members of Delphos lodge No. 39, K. of P., elected the following officers last Thursday evening: C. W. Mertz, Chancellor Commander.

W. C. Tucker, Vice Commander.

A. A. Kirkwood, Prelate.

Ben Whited, Master at Arms

Dudley Knapp, Inner Guard.

Joe Wiles, Outer Guard.

R. C. Walker, Master of Work.

C. O. Roe, Master of Executioner.

H. J. Goff, Master of Finance.

C. A. Broderson, Keeper of Records and Seals.

R. C. Walker, Trustee.

Installation will be Thursday evening, Jan. 4.

Relief Corps Election

The members of the local Relief Corps held their annual election of officers at their regular business meeting last Thursday, with the following result:

Mrs. Van Walters, president; Mrs. E. E. Lyons senior vice; Mrs. John Stribich, junior vice; Mrs. Anna Hogue, treasurer; Mrs. Tucker, chaplain; Mrs. John Anderson, conductor; Mrs. Orcott, guard; Mesdames Cornelius, Tucker and Benfer, delegates; Mesdames Ramsey, Dennis and McNamer, alternates.

Talked School Matters

Between sixty and seventy men and women gathered at the Central school building last Saturday afternoon and discussed ways and means of keeping down expenses. L. M. Graham was chairman and Ed. Allen secretary. A number of recommendations were made to the directors, including the proposition to consolidate the positions of city superintendent and principal of the high school. Before adjourning, the gathering passed a vote of confidence in the school directors, the vote being 42 affirmative and two negative.

As all teachers have been hired until June 1st, it is not likely that the directors will disturb the present arrangements until that time, if at all.

In order to accommodate people expecting Christmas packages, Postmaster Wirtz has decided to open the parcels post window on Sunday, Dec. 24th, after the arrival of the morning mail.

A Christmas

Compromise

By GOODLOE H. THOMAS

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What yo' got under yo' coat dar, man?

Hol' on, now; yo' kain't fool me

Wif sayin' yo's hu'yin', fas' as yo can.

To do schoolhouse Chr'smus tree.

Dere's plenty ob time, Ah' low, fo dat.

An' we'll hab jes' a quiet talk,

Fo', suah' dere's fiddle strings in a cat.

Ah' dis minute hu'd something squawk.

Jes' as Ah' 'spected, yo' ol' black lim!

Yo's been 'roun' muh chicken roos',

An' dat dere fowl am ol' Speckled Tim

Dat Ah' prizes above e'scuse.

An' what's dis yere on de odder side?

Fo' do lan'! Ah'm a-tellin' true,

Fo' Chr'smus dinner he done provide

A chicken an' a possum too.

Man, Ah's agreed dat we compromise,

Kaze Ah' knows 'bout de temptah's snail

An' mos' 'fore a possum reulize

He's tied to do debbil's laih.

De roostah, we'll say, belongs t' yo'.

An' de possum hit goes t' me.

Now, don' yo' grumble, fo' suah' yo' do

Yo' won' get neider—now see!

The Christmas Mail

We would impress upon our patrons the necessity of co-operating with the postal service to the fullest possible extent in preparing and mailing Christmas parcels. You can materially aid the work by following the rules set forth:

Prepay postage fully on all parcels.

Address parcels fully and plainly.

Place name and address of sender on all matter.

Pack parcels carefully and wrap them securely, but do not seal them, as sealed packages are subject to postage at letter rates.

Mail packages early; they may be marked "do not open until Christmas."

Insure valuable parcels.

Written inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With Best Wishes" and numbers, names or letters for the purpose of description, are permissible to fourth class (parcel post) mail. Books may bear dedicatory inscriptions not of a personal nature. Other written additions subject parcels to letter postage. Communications prepaid at first-class rate may be with parcels prepaid at fourth-class rate provided they are placed in envelopes securely attached to the outside of the parcels.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

ROBERT P. WIRTZ,
Postmaster.

The Ruth Realty company filed an injunction suit in the circuit court Wednesday against N. B. LaCourse of Forest Grove. Plaintiff claims to have 101,041 pounds of hay stored in a Forest Grove warehouse and defendant claims to have a lien by virtue of a chattel mortgage covering part. The complaint recites that defendant has given notice that he will sell a portion of the hay to satisfy the lien and that there is no means by which the hay may be separated and the part claimed be alone taken—Hillsboro Independent.

Mr. LaCourse informs the Express that since the above-mentioned action he has been paid and the case settled out of court.

Job printing—phone 821.

The Broker's Christmas.

Brokerage houses have more beggars visit them than does any other class of business men. At Christmas time they fairly swarm. Some are "down and out" from unlucky speculation and the mixing of business and alcohol; others are simply the unfortunate who have kept from drink, but who have lost their nerve and money and are merely trying to live.

A story is told by a Chicago broker of how he fell a victim to one smooth stranger recently and how the smooth stranger thereupon fell a victim to him. The visitor came to his office with a more or less familiar hard luck story of his wife being sick, his rent overdue and himself out of work ever since the market went against him in the old days. "I'm just going to work tomorrow, he said, and I want to borrow \$20 for expenses."

The broker, impressed with the story, handed over the money. The man who had seen better days stood around a few minutes and then said, "Won't you have something with me?" "I don't mind," said the broker, with the fellow feeling of the market. "We went to a nearby barroom," he said afterward, "and the poor man ordered a bottle of wine and a bunch of twenty-five cent cigars. Next I saw the twenty dollar bill that I had lent him put down to pay for the drinks and cigars. When the change was brought I reached over and took it and said: 'This is my money. But the drinks are on me.'"

The man who had seen better days before the market went against him moved on to the next broker's office.

Notice

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County.

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Joseph W. Marsh, deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL REPORT.

Notice is hereby given that Mary M. Marsh, executrix of the estate of Joseph W. Marsh, deceased, having filed in the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, her final account as executrix of said estate, and the County Judge of Washington County, Oregon, having fixed the 15th day of January, A. D. 1917, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. as the time and the county court room in the Court House at Hillsboro, Oregon, as the place for hearing objections to said final account, therefore all persons interested in said estate are notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed and distribution made of said estate, and the executrix discharged as prayed for in said report and petition.

Dated this 11th day of December, A. D., 1916.

MARY M. MARSH,
Executrix of the estate of Joseph W. Marsh, deceased.
HOLLIS & GRAHAM, Attorneys.
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