

KERBY

Affairs in Kerby have been very quiet for some time until the Ivy Tattling club infused new life into the community.

The last meeting of the club was held with Miss Robinson in the Pioneer hotel. At that meeting Miss Robinson proved herself equal to the occasion, all the members have a good word for her and her ability to entertain.

Under the present management, with Mrs. Max Tufts as president the club gave a dinner at the banquet room of the I. O. O. F. on Wednesday night at about 6:30 p. m. which was attended by about 35 people consisting of members of the club and their families and friends.

Then came the dinner in such abundance and in the best of style such as good women of Kerby know so well. The company feasted, talked and made merry for an hour, and then retired to the lodge rooms where the orchestra furnished more music while the "cooks" were having their turn at feasting.

Mrs. Tufts then favored the company with a couple of very pleasing piano solos, in which she proved herself no novice at the piano. Then games of various kinds were indulged in until nearly 10 o'clock.

Before adjourning the invited guests united in a unanimous vote of thanks to the tatters for their magnificent method of entertaining. During the last two years the club has revolutionized the social conditions in Kerby. Hurrah for the tatters! Let the good work go on.

A grand ball is to take place in the W. O. W. hall on Saturday night under the auspices of the W. O. W. Music is to be furnished by the Duncan orchestra. Piano, violin and cornet pieces are engaged. All look for a good time.

Christmas exercises were held by the grades at the school house on Tuesday afternoon ushering in the holiday vacation. School is now adjourned until Tuesday after Christmas.

A program is being prepared for the exercises at the church on Sunday evening. The program is being arranged by the members of the Sunday school with Mrs. Morden as leader. A good time is anticipated.

Several private Christmas trees are also being made ready for Christmas day.

May all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

GRIFFIN FERRY

E. C. Neely and son, Harry, are residing in Grants Pass for the present, the former being in charge of the feed barn for the time being.

P. T. Everton, Joe Ferguson and Nick Meithoff assisted T. J. Hussey in butchering hogs Tuesday.

Miss Mac McAllister and her brothers, Roy and Herbert, were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Lester L. Aldridge's Friday night.

D. G. Robinson and son, Harold, made a trip to Grants Pass Tuesday. Miss Audrey Griffin is spending her Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Griffin.

Mrs. Nellie Shelley and daughter, Onnale were in this neighborhood Sunday after ferns for Christmas decorations.

D. M. Robinson took a load of spuds to Grants Pass Wednesday.

Mr. F. N. Robertson and wife and mother made a trip to town Thursday.

D. G. Robertson is preparing about 30 turkeys for shipment.

E. C. Neely made a trip to his ranch Wednesday taking his wife back to town with him that evening.

Frank Thompson, of Merlin, has a piece of land rented of F. N. Robertson and has been working it the last week.

The Russian Christmas. The Russian Christmas is divided into three days—one devoted to Christ, one to his mother and one for her forefathers.

A classified ad will give results.

Yule Song

High are hearts in hut and hall— Cry "Noel!" sing "Noel!" And in stall

Lowly kneel the cattle all. To the merry Yuletide bell Shout "Noel!"

Bees in slumber buried deep Cry "Noel!" sing "Noel!" Out of sleep

Into mellow murmur leap To the joyous Yuletide bell Shout "Noel!"

At the dawning if ye mark— Cry "Noel!" sing "Noel!" Ye may hark

Voices in each airy arc— To the blessed Yuletide bell Shout "Noel!"

Angels that with triumph thrill Cry "Noel!" sing "Noel!" Echoing still

"Peace on earth, to men good will!" To the glad Yuletide bell Shout "Noel!"

—Clinton Scollard in Lippincott's.

CAPTURED THE AUDIENCE.

Ned Harrigan's Plea at the Critical Point in a Play.

Edward Harrigan once said that the most trying moment in his theatrical career occurred in New Orleans soon after the war between the states. He had gone south with his company and, yielding somewhat to popular request, put on "The Blue and the Gray."

The play had been a success up north, but down south, with the air still full of the bitterness of the war, it was a dangerous experiment. Tony Hart was to represent the Confederate army, so he hunted up a uniform of the Louisiana Tigers, and when he came marching on, young stalwart, handsome, the typical soldier boy in the beloved uniform, the house, men and women, cheered and shouted and cried for all their heroes embodied in this boy.

Harrigan, standing in the wings in his northern blue, waiting to go on, had just one thought—"They'll kill me!" Then he stepped out, the embodiment of the enemy, and a cold, dead silence fell upon the house. Not a hand moved for him. The audience was tense with emotion, and there was only an instant to act if the play was to be saved.

Harrigan, big, kindly, good looking, came swiftly down to the front and stepped over the footlight gutter, leaning down to them. "For the love of heaven, won't you give the Yankee a hand?" he exclaimed.

At once the house was caught and all the pentup feeling turned the right way. There was a yell of applause and the audience was won.

WHAT SHE WANTED.

Santa Claus Brought Black Sarah's Gift, Despite Her Advancing Years.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw's instance of an ideal Christmas gift is connected with her colored maid, a girl of fifteen when she entered her service. At the approach of Christmas Miss Shaw told her of the habit of each member of the family to write out a long and absurd list for the benefit of Santa Claus advising him of all manner of things that would be welcome and keeping it conspicuous so that the old gentleman might do what he could. But Sarah timidly explained that it would be impossible for her to do anything of the sort.

"Oh, try," said Miss Shaw. "There are certainly things you want, and you'll be sure to get something on that list."

But black Sarah said she only wanted one thing and "wanted it bad." She could not tell it, because every one would laugh at her. When she was assured that all smiles would be omitted Sarah confided her longing for a doll with real hair and eyes. She had owned rag dolls and other substitutes, but never a real doll, and, in spite of her advancing years, Sarah thought she would die happy if she could hold one that was her very own.

When on Christmas day a large and lovely dolly with remarkable hair and eyes was put into her arms Sarah held it against her heart and fairly sobbed for joy. Thereafter for two years every Thursday on her "day out" Sarah carried her doll proudly on her arm.

CHRISTMAS VACATION CAUSE OF COAL SHORTAGE

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 23.—All railroads west of Chicago face the possibility of being forced to cease, or at least curtail, operations, if coal miners take their annual layoff during the holiday season, a high official of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad stated today.

Job printing of every description at the Courier office.

TWELVE DAYS OF YULE.

Observation Not Confined to Dec. 25 a Century Ago.

The New England custom during the early years of the nineteenth century was to observe Christmas from Dec. 25 to Jan. 5, the twelve days being generally given up to receiving and returning family visits. Contemporary with this custom was the belief, inculcated in the minds of the children, that if they would visit the cow stables at midnight of Christmas eve they would see the cattle kneel before the managers.

A poem of the twelve days shows the gift for the first day of Christmas to be a parrot on a juniper tree instead of a "partridge on a pear tree." The verse for the twelfth day, which embodied the entire list of days and "gifts," was as follows:

"The twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me twelve guns shooting, eleven bears chasing, ten men hunting, nine fiddlers playing, eight ladies dancing, seven swans swimming, six chests of linen, five gold rings, four coffee bowls, three French hens, two turtle doves and a parrot on a juniper tree."—John Rodemeyer, Jr., in New York Sun.

Real Christmas.

Real Christmas can only be had by thinking Christmas thoughts and by giving gifts of cheer. A cheerful smile and greeting on Christmas morning mean far more than the costliest gift ever given.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Portland, Dec. 23.—Today's market quotations were:

Hogs—Best live, 9.75. Prime steers, 7.75; fancy cows, 6.50; best calves, 7.00. Spring lambs, 10.00.

Butter—City creamery, 38; country, 28. Eggs—Selected local extras, 38. Hens, 15; b. rollers, 16; geese, 11. Copper, 30.

CHARGE WILSON WITH HYPOCRISY

New York, Dec. 23.—George W. Perkins issued a statement today in which he declares President Wilson's note of yesterday breathes hypocrisy and Secretary Lansing's statement breathes incompetence. Perkins' statement follows:

"Any schoolboy ought to have enough intelligence and patriotism to blush with shame at their actions," the statement said. "In the first place, the president's letter was weak and pointless and offered a gratuitous insult to the allies when he said 'each side desires to make the rights and privileges of weak peoples and smaller states secure.' The letter bears every indication of having been written for the sole purpose of 'butting into' the situation. No wonder London prevented the publication of the note on its receipt."

"When I read the statement Lansing issued at noon yesterday, I could scarcely believe my eyes. It bears all earmarks of a man who is rattled and incompetent. Within six or eight hours he practically took back his first statement by issuing a second one. Imagine our secretary of state saying to the entire civilized world that he did not realize the meaning of the words he had used to an important pronouncement until the meaning was pointed out to him by others."

"Mr. Wilson's note breathes hypocrisy. Mr. Lansing's statements breath incompetency. Imagine the U. S. standing before the world at this great hour of peril and crisis, represented by two such men. Surely our cup of humiliation is full to overflowing."

"Skirl" of the Bagpipes.

It is claimed for the Scottish bagpipe that it is louder than any other variety of instrument. This is probably because it was originally designed to cheer the clansmen when they were fighting. In the hands of a skilled performer the strains of a Highland bagpipe carry about six miles, and under specially favorable conditions as far as ten miles. The Duke of Sutherland owns a bagpipe which figured in the battle of Prestonpans, and must therefore be nearly 200 years old, yet it can be heard at a distance of eight miles.—London Globe.

Must Have the Chauffeur.

In Chile, while automobiles are quite common, the two seated runabout is not common, and when seen generally has a small seat behind for the chauffeur. This is demanded by custom, for even though the owner of the car is driving he must always have the chauffeur with him in case of need, as it would never do for the owner to change a tire or to crank the machine himself.

SANTA CLAUS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 23.—Drays, express wagons and the mails supplanted Santa Claus' well known sleigh today in delivering Christmas packages to the White House. Not since President Wilson took office has there been such a tremendous influx of holiday remembrances from friends and acquaintances.

Here are some of the things: Several barrels of holly, several barrels of mistletoe, hundreds of books of all descriptions, canes, luck pieces and trinkets by the score, foodstuffs of various kinds and varieties from turkey, vegetables and candy to imported liquors.

Within the White House everybody is busy preparing for the celebration of Christmas day. Little Ellen McAdoo, the president's granddaughter and Josephine O'Grady, grand niece of President Wilson, will be hostesses when the big Christmas tree, laden with gifts is ready for the family on Monday morning. Decoration of the tree is under way today.

President Wilson plans a quiet week. He has few engagements and will devote his time to the family. His daughters, Miss Margaret, Mrs. McAdoo and Mrs. Syre, together with other relatives of both the president and Mrs. Wilson will be with him on Christmas.

Tuesday evening he will press a button which will illuminate Humboldt park, Chicago, opening a big Christmas celebration there.

Paul Ritter, Swiss minister, called at the White House and conveyed Christmas greetings to the president through Secretary Tumulty.

Holiday greetings flooded the White House in letters and telegrams.

NO XMAS CHEER FOR JOE ANTONE

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Out at Land's End, where the storm beats the sea into a fury, Joseph Antone, a Cuban, crawled into a chill cave to die. A night above the howling of the wind and the thunder of the sea upon the rocks he could hear the joyous shouts of Christmas rollickers on their way to the beach resorts. He crouched in his cave, like some storm-driven animal to await the coming of death.

Joseph has learned that the world does not want him, and he has learned to do without the world. There is an ugly, cancerous scar on his face. It is not pleasant to look upon. Joseph Antone has become accustomed to people avoiding him, and shutting their eyes—as though he were a leper.

The wind of Portland was chill. Some one told him that if he went to the south, it would be warmer and there would be less pain. He might even be made well some day. He walked. For days he walked, some times foodless, sometimes with only a crust. Three days ago he passed Land's End.

To Antone it seemed to be the only place in all nature more lonely than he. So he crawled into the cave to die. But Antone was not to die.

Mounted Policeman Dolan heard that a man was living in the cave. He arrested Antone who, for three days, had not eaten and who wanted to die. Today he was taken into court.

Judge Fitzpatrick heard the story and ordered Antone sent to the county hospital. But Antone is not an American citizen, so he was denied admission to the hospital. Then Judge Fitzpatrick went into his purse. So did others.

"I will eat now and gain strength," said Joseph Antone, with childlike simplicity. "Then I will walk to Los Angeles, where they say the air is warm."

Antone hid his face from the eyes of the crowd and walked out into the storm again.

Hoquiam, Wash., Dec. 23.—Two thousand loggers came into town today and drew \$300,000 in wages from several lumber companies, closed for the holidays. Many of them will spend their money here.

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OFFICER'S SHARP EYE GETS XMAS TURKEYS

Pendleton, Dec. 23.—Twelve Pendleton families that expected to have corned beef for Christmas dinner—and pretty lucky, at that—will dine on turkeys and geese, thanks to the keen eye of Lou Rayburn, a night officer. Rayburn won nine turkeys and three geese at a turkey shoot and immediately had the police department distribute them to needy families.

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