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**EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK**

**Transpiring in Oregon Boiled  
Down to Least Number of  
Lines and Yet Make the  
Subject Understood**

Lebanon will pave twelve blocks  
next summer.

A total of \$42,259 in 1912 was  
contributed to the state from the  
sale of timber within the forest re-  
serves.

The first socialist church in the  
United States is to begin operations  
in Portland, and will be called  
"The Peoples church."

Hood River valley, in proportion  
to the population, has a smaller  
amount of livestock than any other  
community in the state.

Mrs. A. F. Holgate, a pioneer of  
Oregon and the second white wo-  
man to settle at Alsea Bay, celebrat-  
ed her 81st birthday at that place  
recently.

A large consignment of Oregon  
apples has been shipped to Buenos  
Ayres via New York. The fruit  
will travel 10,000 miles from the or-  
chard before reaching consumer.

Jacob Kamm, a veteran steam-  
boat man of the Columbia river and  
reputed to be one of the wealthiest  
men in the Pacific Northwest, died  
at his home in Portland at the age  
of eighty-nine years.

A campaign to increase the pro-  
duction of eggs, milk and butter in  
the valley is being waged by Hood  
River orchardists. It is proposed to  
raise hogs and chickens in the or-  
chards, start a dairy and inaugurate  
a greater diversity of industries.

The Oregon Almanac, an authen-  
tic report of Oregon, its resources  
and activities, published at the ex-  
pense of the state for the purpose of  
giving prospective homeseekers re-  
liable information, will be ready for  
distribution in a few days. It will  
be the most complete book ever  
published in this state.

Miss Eva Coolidge has just been  
elected president of the Coolidge-  
McClaime bank, Silverton, a posi-  
tion perhaps not held by any other  
woman in Oregon. She is a daugh-  
ter of one of the founders of the  
bank, is a progressive business wo-  
man and much interested in the de-  
velopment of her city.

R. F. Fitzwater, near Lebanon,  
planted 21 acres of potatoes last  
May, from which he gathered 6,600  
bushels. He gave \$180 per acre for  
his land and, if he succeeds in get-  
ting the 50c. per bushel which he  
hopes, he will make more than half  
enough to pay for his land the first  
year.

Oregon is about to have one of  
the finest natural mountain trout  
hatcheries in the United States. It  
is located in the Klamath reser-  
vation on Spring creek, and is a  
gushing spring of ice-cold water  
flowing into Klamath Lake. It is  
an ideal place for the propagation of  
mountain trout and the matter of  
securing a site has been taken up  
with Representative Hawley.

William H. Farlow of Wamic, 70  
years of age and for 44 years a res-  
ident of this state, recently commit-  
ted suicide by hanging. Mr. Farlow  
telephoned a neighbor to come to  
him in half an hour on urgent busi-  
ness. When the neighbor arrived  
Farlow was not about, but his  
body was later discovered by his  
wife hanging in the woodshed. No  
motive is known except melancholy,  
due to continued ill health.

**Playing Santa Claus.**  
Once Peter and Patty and Polly  
Went out for a ride on the trolley.  
A quarter and dime  
Each had at the time.  
To spend on some sweet Christmas folly.  
Polly and Patty said, "Candy,"  
While Peter, a bit of a dandy,  
Decided to buy  
A dainty necktie  
To make himself look spick and spanky.  
And then--on the corner stood Molly,  
Thin, ragged and quite melancholy  
And sobbing aloud  
In the hurrying crowd,  
For she'd fallen and broken her dolly.  
Such a poor little midget they thought her  
That right up between them they caught  
her.  
To a toy shop they went,  
Every penny they spent,  
And a lovely new dolly they bought her.  
What a Christmas thing! and so jolly,  
That Peter and Patty and Polly,  
All out for good times  
With their quarters and dime,  
Should have chosen to spend them on  
Molly!  
—St. Nicholas.

**Game of Occupations.**  
Each chooses some kind of work to  
do, calling it out so all can hear. Then  
the leader begins a story—for example,  
"I went out today, but just as I came  
through the kitchen I saw our cook—"  
Here the player who has chosen to be a  
cook steps forward and goes through  
some cooking motions, saying, "What  
she's doing!" If the leader finds out  
in three guesses the cook goes  
back to her place. If not she becomes  
leader and goes on with the story.  
That will, of course, be made to suit  
the occupations and may proceed  
something like this: "I went down the  
steps and walked to the corner, where  
there was a carpenter busy at—, and  
on a roof across the street a plumber  
was— And so on. The breaks are  
filled, as previous described. Most oc-  
cupations are such that to perform  
their duties requires many motions.  
The cook can be kneading bread or  
grinding coffee. For this reason three  
guesses are necessary.

**The Yule Log.**  
The Yule log is a great log of wood,  
sometimes the root of a tree, brought  
into the house with great ceremony on  
Christmas eve, laid in the fireplace and  
lighted with the brand of last year's  
log. While it lasts there are great sing-  
ing, drinking and telling of tales.  
Sometimes it is accompanied with  
Christmas candles, but in the cottages  
the only light is from the glow of the  
log. The Yule log is burned all the  
night, and if it does out it is considered  
a sign of great ill luck. The Yule log  
is yet burned in many farabuses of  
England, particularly in the north, and  
there are many superstitions connected  
with it. If a squinting person comes  
into the house while it is burning or a  
person barefooted it is considered a  
bad omen. The brand remaining from  
the Yule log is carefully put away for  
next year's Christmas fire.

**Meanings of Flowers.**  
Here are some of the flowers with  
their meanings:  
Rose, love and joy; rosebud, youth  
fulness; poppy, consolation in sickness;  
sage, esteem; scarlet fuchsia, taste;  
scarlet nasturtium, splendor; snapping  
on, presumption; snowdrop, consolati-  
on; sunflower, false riches; strawber-  
ry, perfection; sweetbrier, poetry;  
sweet pea, delicate pleasure; sweet wil-  
liam, craftiness; syringa, memory; tu-  
lip, surliness; tiger lily, pretension; tu-  
lip, declaration of love; violet, modesty;  
water lily, purity; wood anemone, sick-  
ness; wormwood, absence; white jasn-  
mine, amiableness; weeping willow,  
mourning; wheat, riches; quince, tem-  
pest; pine tree, boldness.

**A Christmas Game.**  
All the players except one, who is  
blindfolded, sit in a circle on the  
ground or on chairs. The blindfolded  
one walks around outside the circle,  
singing:  
Who can tell what I'm looking for,  
Something I want to find?  
Is it north or south or east or west?  
Please help me, for I'm blind.  
Then the singer stops, and the one  
behind whom he stands, and the answer  
in a concealed voice the name of some  
article. The blindfolded player must  
guess who the speaker is or try again.  
If he guesses aright that player must  
take his place.

**Mistletoe.**  
The mistletoe is intimately connected  
with many of the superstitions of the  
Germans and the British. In the north-  
ern mythology Balder is said to have  
been slain by a spear made from a  
branch of mistletoe. The mistletoe is  
still hung up in farm houses and kitch-  
ens at Christmas and the young men  
have the privilege of kissing the girl  
under it, plucking each time a berry  
from the bush. When the berries are  
all plucked the privilege ceases.

**Flower Basket.**  
Let each player choose the name of a  
flower, no two being alike. Then the  
hostess stands in the center of the  
circle of chairs on which the players are  
seated and calls some flower name  
three times quickly. The one who has  
the name must say it once before the  
leader has said it three times. If she  
fails then she becomes leader. When  
the leader says "Flower basket" then  
all the players quickly change places.

**Conundrums.**  
Why is it dangerous to sleep in a  
steam car? Because the train runs over  
sleepers.  
What should you do if you split your  
shoes with laughter? Run until you  
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ton, with the result that the grow-  
ers have made money from the land  
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