



Ganderbones' Forecast for December.

December was the tenth month in the old Roman year, and gets its name from the Latin decem (10). But with forest fires in the middle of autumn, the Roman Fire Department had no time to put out Christmas trees, and when Numa's own palace burned he rearranged the calendar and moved Christmas along to a time when the firemen had nothing else on.

The frisky calf will sniff the morn and merrily cavort, and the frost will nip him where his scant upholstery is short. The boys will flock to Sunday school with fine religious fire, the hired man will hang around unworthy of his hire, the warning goose will hurry south on frantic wings a-rustle, with winter urging him along where Cora wore the bustle.

The melancholy days will come and Boreas will roar; the wolf will thrust his muzzle through the keyhole in the door. He'll whiff the scent of bacon bought at thirty cents a pound, and plain potatoes by the box with tissue wrapped around; and every time we chase him off and bid him to his den, the trusts will pump his stomach out and sic him on again.

The water pipes will all explode and give the house a jar; The plumber's chauffeur will get out The throbbing racing car; But while relief is on the way To plug the gushing spout, The car will have a hemorrhage And blow its innards out.

The unemancipated wife will quit her cozy bed and build the fire the while her lord pretends that he is dead. She'll wrap herself up in her hair and shiver in the dawn, and chop the kindling, hustle coal and turn the damper on; and while she freezes till she turns the hue of a persimmon, the scientists will wonder why the men outlive the women.

Milady's winter suit will cost A fifty-dollar note, But man will face the blizzard in The same old overcoat. The cook will gasoline the fire, And the choir, in sweet accord, Will sing on Sunday at the house, "O, I am coming, Lord!"

On the 21st the sun will enter Capricorn and the winter solstice will occur. This will cause trusts to spawn, and the yule tide will come in. Solstice is from sol (the sun) and sistere (to stand). Thus having touched its turning point south of the equator, the sun temporarily stands still. This is where Joshua held it up, from which we have our word josh. Anybody can do it.

At any rate the 21st will be the shortest day of the year, and we shall pass under the influence of Capricorn, the Goat. This is the tenth sign of the zodiac. It was represented on the ancient monuments as an old man with the body of a goat, which signifies that during the Christmas season father is the goat.

The Christmas shoppers' Marathon Will happen as of yore, And the little savings bank will chase The present round the store. The unleashed dollar will pursue The frightened Teddy Bear, The crowd will trample on the clerks And pull each other's hair; The young and old will pull and push And mill around and butt, And Santa Claus in terror will Take to the tall uncut.

And then the fateful Christmas Eve will come with wintry weather, and Morgan will hang up his shirt with both tails pinned together; and anything by way of luck that manages to miss its yawning neck we're welcome to, O joy and double bliss!

The happy kids will rise at morn With rapture at the bat And get down twenty-seven steps With turn in nothing flat. The tickled heart of youth will dance And sing its wondrous luck, The cautious boy will climb the flue

To see if any stuck. The house will oscillate with joy, The breakfast will be late, And old John D. will get the earth For thirty winters straight.

Mr. Roosevelt will give a big game dinner at the White House Christmas day. All the big lion hunters of the world will attend, and there will be a roaring contest, with favors. The pass word for this month is supplied by Kaiser William. Mum is the word. The moon will be full on the 7th, and there will be bad weather around 26 Broadway every day but Sunday.

The mistletoe will tempt the maid Beneath the chandelier, The loving swain will halt and start Betwixt his love and fear, And then dash in with beating heart And chew her blushing ear.

The birthstone for December is the onyx. This is because children are onyxpected at a time when the stork has to make his deliveries in a fireless cooker. Then Leap Year will have run its course

With little to its merit, And the spinster who has missed her chance Will have to buy a parrot.

Portland Notes.

Tremendous interest is manifested throughout Oregon, Washington and British Columbia in the great fruit gathering which will convene in Portland under the auspices of the State Horticultural Society and Northwest Fruitgrowers' Association December 1st to 4th. The twenty premium boxes of apples purchased by the Portland Commercial Club will go five boxes each to King Edward of England, Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, Czar Nicholas of Russia, and President Fallieres of France, after being exhibited in Macy's show windows in New York. The Pacific Northwest is going to carry off important prizes at the National Horticultural Congress in Council Bluffs, Iowa, December 14th to 19th, if united effort counts for anything.

It has been predicted that the great Y. M. C. A. movement which resulted in raising \$51,250 at Eugene in seven days, is to be felt in many of the other cities and towns of Oregon.

The Presbyterian pastors of Portland met at the Commercial Club last Friday as the guests of President H. M. Crooks of Albany College and pledged \$10,000 as Portland's part in the endowment of that institution.

Congressman William Lorimer of Chicago, member of the River and Harbor Committee, is making an extended visit to many of the important harbors of the Pacific Coast. He gave the Columbia river especial attention.

A premium list superior to any offered before is being circulated for the approaching Oregon State Dairy Association's convention at Salem December 10th and 11th. Particularly handsome cups are a feature of the prizes. Correspondence indicates an attendance larger than ever before.

Off for Oregon.

Wednesday morning Bay Center lost two of her oldest and most prominent residents and Walhalla two patrons and friends that all regret to see leave—Messrs. George A. Best and Thomas Patterson and their families. Although comparatively young men, they have made Bay Center their home for so many years, have been so prominent in all that has been for the best interests and advancement of the country, and stood so high in the estimation of their fellow citizens, that their going will leave a vacant spot in the hearts and minds of all, and will seriously be felt in church, society and social circles of the community.

The going of Mr. Best was probably almost entirely due to ill health. Although apparently a rugged man and the picture of strength, the past year has been a hard one for him, and at one time all hopes for his life were given over. Careful nursing and great personal care have, however, rebuilt him physically, until he shows little of the illness, but really he is far from strong, and it was the order of his physician that he make a change of climate. Mr. Patterson has also been feeling the result of long years of hard work and care on the farm, and he also goes with the hopes of rest and recupera-

tion. Both are men that will give strength and solidity to any community into which they go to reside. Their present destination is Newberg, Ore., near the Gordons, and we hope they and their families will secure the pleasures and rest they have so well earned in North Dakota. The breaking of old friendships and old ties will be deep wounds for a time, but these all heal, eventually, and they all have the best wishes of old friends and neighbors here for future health and comfort in their new home.—Walhalla, N. D., Mountaineer.

Chehalem Center

School closed Wednesday of last week on account of Thanksgiving holidays.

Miss Mabel Rush attended the Sunday School Convention held in Sheridan November 21.

Miss Elma Paulsen entertained a number of the young folks at her home Friday evening.

Chas. Shires and wife entertained their relatives on Thanksgiving Day. A fine large goose headed the list on the menu.

Mrs. Rosa Ellis has been sick of late.

Mr. Mrs. R. W. Kirk and little Kathryn spent Thanksgiving holidays with the home folks.

Carrol Kirk and wife are at home from Washington for a visit.

The school is progressing nicely under the management of the Misses Bertha Bunford and Mabel Rush.

School Report.

Report of the school at Rex for the month ending Nov. 27, 1908. No. pupils belonging 41 No. days taught during mo. 18 Whole no. days attendance 703 Whole no. days absence 21 Whole no. times late 8 Average no. pupils belonging 40 Average daily attendance 89 Percent of attendance 97 1/2

The following pupils were neither absent nor tardy during the month: May, Ethel, Francis and Olive Jenkins; Ross and Willard Wiley; Tessie Gard, Lydia and Elizabeth Strate; Charlie and Robert Garland; Joanna, Ana and Cecile Winters; Maude and Claude Wright; Adolph, Carl and Martha Bauer; Walter Bester, Margaret and Arthur Cordier; Fred, Rudolph and Ruth Schaad, and Merritt Woolworth.

The following pupils contributed provisions for the Boys and Girls Aid Society of Portland for Thanksgiving: Willard, Ross and Halcyon Wiley; Alma and William Cordier; Lydia and Elizabeth Strate; Francis and Olive Jenkins; Cecile Winters, Maude Wright, Clayton Peters, Merritt Woolworth, Claude Wright, Fred and Rudolph Schaad; Martha, Carl and Adolph Bauer. Mr. Peters kindly furnished the boxes

for transportation purposes. J. M. ROOT, Principal ALLA LEIGHTON, Ass't.

School Report.

Report of the Chehalem Center school, Dist. No. 9, for the month ending November 27, 1908.

Those who were neither absent nor tardy during the month: Glenn Barnhart, Robert Hodges, Merrill Morris, Ivan Morris, Arthur Ridgway, Elsie Tangen, Bobby Shires, Vera Painton, Eunice Painton, Marguerite Johnson, Mabel Atkinson, Aubrey Tangen, Marjorie Green, Allen Morris, Alice Green, Beth Paulsen, Anna Ellis, Ella Christenson, George Hodges, Milo Barnhart, Bain Morris, Harry Crater, Florence McGuire, Eva Barnhart, Etta Hess, Frank Remillard, Carmen Wall.

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