

A HAPPY OCCASION.

A. M. Lara's Second Anniversary and Christmas Opening Attracts Many.

The average person, living comfortably within sound of the railroad whistle and trolley car bell, might naturally conclude that because we of Bend are nearly a hundred miles from the nearest railroad point, our mode of living and methods of business must necessarily be more or less primitive. To such a one the second anniversary and Christmas opening which took place at the store of A. M. Lara on Friday and Saturday of last week would come as something of a revelation as to the possibilities afforded by an inland town. Mr. Lara is our pioneer in using this method of attracting attention and it is pleasing to note this step in the right direction toward a greater and more progressive Bend.

The store presented a most attractive appearance. A scheme of red and white bells, hung in arches from the ceiling, was used to good effect in the decoration and a seasonal touch was imparted by the seemingly snow-covered Christmas trees arranged around the rear walls. At night these decorations appeared to excellent advantage under the gasoline vapor lamps which have lately been installed.

From a booth in the front of the store Mrs. Lara, assisted by several other ladies of the city, served a light refreshment of coffee and cake. This booth was the subject of considerable favorable comment, being worked out in red and white and hung with flags, Christmas bells and Japanese lanterns. In addition to the coffee and cakes there were cigars for the men.

The Bend Concert Band was in attendance during the evenings and rendered very creditable programs. The store was at all times well filled with those who came to enjoy the music and Mr. Lara's hospitality.

Mr. Lara came to Bend in December, 1907, and took over the business of the Bend Mercantile Co., then in the hands of a receiver. From this rather discouraging beginning he has, in two years, built the business up to its present creditable proportions. Mr. Lara is therefore just entering on the third year of his business career and all join in wishing him many happy returns of the occasion.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Moses Niswonger has undoubtedly raised the prize crop of potatoes this year as far as yield is concerned, on his place at Powell Buttes. On a patch 24x27 feet he produced 620 pounds, which would be at the rate of over 651 bushels to the acre. The potatoes were raised on "dry land"—without irrigation.

John S. Parmenter bought, during the week, all the lots owned by Charley Ethridge in Lytle and Bend, including an acre tract and a house and lot in Lytle and two lots across the road north of the F. F. Smith residence. The consideration for the Bend lots was \$800 and for the Lytle property \$1200. "Tex" is planning to go to Canada.

Petitions are being circulated and liberally signed asking the postoffice department to grant the new mail arrangements for this section, one of the changes of which will be a direct line from Madras, through Redmond and Laidlaw to Bend and probably on to Silver Lake. G. M. Cornett, the present contractor, is pushing this matter with much vigor and his local agent, A. C. Lucas, says that mail should be going over the line in about two weeks. It is believed the new arrangement will be allowed by the Washington officials.

The Bulletin is in receipt of the Nampa (Ida.) Leader-Herald in which there is an extended write-up of the annual banquet given to traveling men by the Dewey Palace hotel, of which Chas. We-

side is manager. There were 75 traveling men present and a two-course banquet was served. The Leader-Herald says these annual banquets are very popular, some of the men coming several hundred miles to be there. Mr. Weiside is one of the many who are boosting so hard for Bend, and he has said that he hoped some day to be running a fine hotel in this place.

J. F. Pierce, the man who has bought 40 acres of the Philip Frances homestead, has already started into the raising of fine full-blood Jersey cattle. He recently had an opportunity to get five full blood Jerseys of a party near Laidlaw, and snapped up the bargain at once. Mr. Pierce also raises fancy chickens, and has several prize winners among his flock. His favorite breed is the Barred Plymouth Rocks. It is a matter of considerable satisfaction to see men like Mr. Pierce settling in this section, who will devote their energies to raising high class stock.

Clifford Houston and Albert Harryman have been trapping coyotes on the A. Harriman place a short distance this side of Laidlaw. What was their surprise the other day to find in the trap a fair sized eagle, caught by one of its toes. The bird put up a plucky fight against its captors when they attempted to take it out of the trap but so did the boys, and they finally succeeded in subduing it, taking it from the trap alive and practically uninjured. Sunday they brought him to town and attempted to sell it. The wings of the bird measured six feet from tip to tip. Probably the first time on record when an eagle was caught in a coyote trap.

Clyde Wornstaff, who has been driving the Prineville-Bend stage, was quite seriously injured at the Powell Buttes station last Sunday. His horses started to run away and Clyde, seeing that they would pass under the low branches of a tree, jumped to the ground. In the fracas he received several cuts and bruises about the face and head and was quite severely injured in the back. He was taken to Prineville and his wounds dressed and yesterday was brought to Bend and was taken out to the home of his parents east of town. He will be about again in a few days. The seat on which he was sitting was smashed to splinters by a limb of the tree under which the team ran.



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PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

Miss Fern Hall was absent from school the past week.

The final examinations for the semester ending Dec. 13, began Friday.

The girls' basket ball team will have their first practice on Wednesday afternoon, December 8.

Nicholas Reynolds and sister have been absent during the week, presumably on account of the deep snow.

The lecture given by Rev. Lewtas on Thursday evening was attended by almost all of the high school pupils.

Chester Moore, a pupil in Miss Vandever's room, was taken ill last Thursday afternoon and it became necessary for his brothers to take him home. However, he has recovered and is back to school again.

An interesting debate was held in Miss Vandever's room Friday afternoon. The subject was, "Resolved, That girls are more ambitious than boys." The affirmative was argued by the Misses Bessie Main, Elma Schultz and Lizzie Wornstaff; the negative by Misses Sarah Wornstaff, Luetta Wornstaff and Dolly Hall. The decision of the judges was in favor of the negative. The judges were Miss Nona Richardson, Miss Maude Vandever and Claude Kelley.

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