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SOCIAL EVENTS ARE NUMEROUS

Christmas Time a Happy One For Bend People.

EXERCISES AT THE CHURCH

Old and Young Enjoy Themselves at the Usual Annual Program in the Union Church—Other Social Features of the Week.

As is usual in Bend during the Holiday season, a number of social events and gatherings have helped to make the time one of happiness and good cheer. The one that is always the most popular and that appeals to the greatest number of people is naturally the annual Christmas exercises given in the union church. This year the program was not quite so extensive or elaborate as in previous years, but more attention was devoted to making the tree and the distribution of presents the event of absorbing importance. And indeed it was to the little folks—and to the little folks, if to anyone, belongs Christmas.

Last Friday evening, with the church packed to the doors with an eager, interested audience, the following short program was rendered:

Opening Song—Joy to the World.
Children's Chorus—Welcome One and All.
Anthem—Star of Bethlehem.
Chorus Carol—Once in a Lowly Manger.
Recitation—Ruth Caldwell.
Chorus—Winds Through the Olive Trees.
Violin Solo—(a) Cavalleria Rusticana (b) Traumeret
Anthem—Bethlehem.
Chorus—What is Keeping Santa?
Distribution of Presents.

Santa Claus finally appeared of course and the shortness of the program was readily forgotten by the little folks in their eagerness to hear his stories and to receive their presents. In addition to the various presents put on the tree as gifts from friend to friend, a sack of candy and nuts was given to every child present. It has always been the aim of those having the exercises in charge to have a gift of candy and nuts for every child in the town and community, and this year there was an abundance for all.

There are two great annual events in the life of a child—Christmas and the Fourth of July, and this year, in Bend, Christmas brought its accustomed amount of pleasure, love and good cheer—a fit remembrance of the birth of that lowly Child whose life has meant so much to the children of man.

Another Christmas Tree.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Drake acted as the agent, of Santa Claus to a number of friends last Friday evening, the affair really being in honor of the friends' little ones. In order that Santa could visit both this gathering and the exercises at the church, he had asked that it be held from 7 to 8 o'clock and hence a number of fond fathers and mothers assembled with their children at this pleasant home during the above named hour.

A Christmas tree handsomely decorated stood in one corner of the room beside a cheerful fireplace. Scattered through its branches and banked around its roots were dolls for the very, very little girls; miniature trunks and sets of dishes for

the older little girls; horns, sleds and various animated, mechanical toys for the laddies; and a bag of candy and nuts for each of the children. At the proper time Santa appeared and begged the youngsters to excuse him for being late, that he had a dreadful time getting down from Rosland, that one of his reindeers had gone lame, and really now he must go as he had many more children to visit. One innocent little chap chirped up in all earnestness, "Why, Santa, I didn't know you were coming," and another youngster quietly walked over to the door and peeked out to catch a sight of that reindeer team as Santa departed.

It was a most delightful hour and the older ones enjoyed it as much as the youngsters, taking unalloyed pleasure in the happiness of the little folks.

An Afternoon Gathering.

Mrs. Chas. D. Rowe was hostess to a few friends Thursday afternoon, the gathering being given as a goodbye party for Mrs. Drake, who was to leave on the following Monday to spend the winter in California. Aside from the usual chatter of tongues and merry laughter and joking, the hostess inaugurated a poetry writing contest in which some masterpieces of wonderful and

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STAGE DRIVER FOUND GUILTY OF ROBBING MAIL

Wm. H. Craig Must Serve Time in Federal Prison as Punishment for His Crime—Thought Sentence Will Not Exceed Two Years.

William H. Craig, who was driving the mail stage between Heister and Madras, November 20, was brought up for trial Monday, Dec. 20, before Judge C. E. Wolverton, of the United States Court at Portland, to explain how two registered letters got out of a mail pouch he was conveying to Heister. One of the registered letters contained \$116 and the other \$1, the former being the remittance from the Culver postoffice to the Department, and a record of the money was kept, and by this means was easily traced. The postal authorities claim that they have positive proof that he took the money, by the fact that Craig had a friend change one of the bills which was recorded at the Culver office and is now in possession of the authorities.

Craig stoutly maintained that he did not take the mail matter from the sack but there were no witnesses in his behalf, other than himself.

A sealed verdict was returned by the jury and the defendant was found guilty as charged. The court announced that sentence would be passed today. The penalty is from one to five years, but it is thought that owing to Craig's youth the sentence will not be over two years.—Pioneer.

Railroads Take Notice.

Still the people come pouring in to file on lands and in doing so are making no mistake. At this rate long before the summer of 1910 has passed every foot of government land throughout this section will be taken up. Our railroad magnates will please sit up and take notice and shove that work along a little faster, as commodities will be ready to load your cars daily by the time you get them here.—Silver Lake Leader.

Nine and 10 inch envelopes for sale at The Bulletin office.

RELIEF AT LAST FOR C. S. I. SETTLERS

New Company Formed to Finish That Project.

TO BUILD LARGE RESERVOIR

The Oregon, Washington & Idaho Finance Company Has Contracted with the State to Complete Columbia Southern Project.

Construction of an immense dam and reservoir to conserve flood waters and the irrigation of 45,000 acres; complete reorganization of the first irrigation project under the Carey act in Oregon, and placing the project on a sound financial footing, is the object of the Oregon, Washington & Idaho Finance Company, which yesterday signed contracts by which it will take up the project of the Columbia Southern Irrigating Company. The enterprise, as now contemplated, will involve more than \$1,000,000. The Oregon, Washington & Idaho Finance Company is a holding company for the Columbia Southern Irrigating Company; and is officered as follows: President, Dr. Otis B. Wright; secretary, A. D. Katz; vice-president and treasurer, H. B. Steel, of Vancouver, Wash. The deal was brought about through Harry Hendryx.

The segregation was the first one taken up in Oregon under the Carey Act, and was inaugurated

Town Booming Helps

II.—The Head of the Table

A lot of quarrelsome Scottish chiefs used to quarrel because each wanted to sit at the head of the table. Some one hit on the plan of putting a round table in the room where they met, and each of them then imagined that he had the place of honor.

This arrangement worked splendidly until Rob Roy McGregor took a shy at it. After he had become



sure of his power a banquet was being served to the chiefs at the round table.

When the servants brought in the roast McGregor shouted, "PUT IT AT THE HEAD OF THE TABLE!" "But where is the head of the table?" asked the servant.

"THE HEAD OF THE TABLE IS WHERE THE M'GREGOR SITS." The McGregor spirit is what this town needs. So far as we are concerned, this is the CENTER OF THE EARTH. If we're not proud of our town we should get a hustle on and make it a town to be proud of—MAKE IT THE MOST IMPORTANT PLACE ON THE MAP! Make it the chief place on the green earth in the eyes of its citizens.

by the Three Sisters Company in 1893. This company passed into the hands of the Columbia Southern Irrigating Company, which is owned by a number of prominent capitalists of Portland. The company and the land have been in litigation for several years, as the Columbia Southern failed to keep its contracts with the farmers who took land on the project. The trouble came when the company found it could not put enough water on the land, and there was also a lack of transportation facilities. With the two railroads building up the Deschutes, the surveys show that one line will be within three and the other six miles of the project. The project is watered by Tumalo creek, which empties into the Deschutes.

A reservoir to contain 90,000 acre feet of water is projected. There will be a dam 70 feet high, forming a lake covering 1500 acres. Into this reservoir will go the flood waters, and this water can be used later to supplement the natural flow of the creek. By means of the reservoir the project is expected to solve the problem and make the land highly valuable. This conservation of water can bring from 12,000 to 18,000 more acres within the scope of the water, bringing the total acreage up to 45,000.

Provisions have been made for the settlers now on the project. The farmers can either make a new contract, paying an increase, or they can cancel their old contracts and receive their money back.

Ten years are allowed for paying for the lands. A first payment is wanted, and the second year no payment need be made, the company desiring to give the farmers time in which to get something from the lands. Six per cent interest is charged on deferred payments, but those who want to pay the full price at once and save the interest are at liberty to do so. When eight per cent of the lands are sold, the company, under its contract, must organize a water-users' association, and one share of stock must be issued to each acre to the farmer.—Portland Telegram of Dec. 23.

SAGEBRUSH A MONEY MAKER

Chicago Chemists State That Desert Plant is Valuable.

Sagebrush, heretofore looked upon as valueless, may prove to be one of the big crops of the West, if the information given to the State Publicity and Industrial Commission of Nevada by Chicago chemists proves to be correct.

According to the report of Professor Sylvester Sparling of Chicago, 4,000 pounds of sagebrush produced 220 gallons of distillate, and further yielded 350 pounds of charcoal. The distillate contained tar, wood alcohol, acetic acid and several other products.

The figures given indicate that the thousands of acres of sagebrush land in the West can be made to produce millions of dollars in products annually if the distilling process now being perfected by the Chicago chemists is employed.

BUILDING OF DESCHUTES RAILROADS SOUNDS SHANIKO'S DEATH KNELL

Wholesale Merchants at Portland Report That Trains Will Not Run to Shaniko After New Roads Are Completed.

Does the building of the railroads up the Deschutes sound the complete and utter doom of Shaniko? From a bit of news that The Bulletin has learned during the past week, it would appear that the above query must be answered in the affirmative.

A Shaniko man passed through Bend a few days ago, and while here stated that he recently had secured an option on a lot in Shaniko and had ordered lumber for a building, it being his intention to embark in business there. After making these arrangements, he went to Portland to buy a stock, whereupon he was surprised

WILL RUN A LINE TOWARD BURNS

Oregon Trunk Wants a Survey Southeastward From Bend.

STACER HERE WITH A CREW

Would Indicate That Hill Forces Will Build a Line Extending From Bend to the Eastern Part of the State—What is the Game?

Begin Actual Work.

The Stacer crew began its actual work this morning by tying onto a corner post in the vicinity of the Pilot Butte Inn. It is understood they will carry the elevation of their survey by running a line from the government bench mark which is in front of the Lucas barn, and which they likewise tied onto this morning.

Is it the plan of the men behind the Oregon Trunk Line to build a railroad connecting with their road in the vicinity of Bend and running in a southeasterly direction towards Burns, and out through the Malheur river canyon to connect with some trans-continental line in the eastern part of the state? This question is fermenting in the minds of Bend people at present, because of the fact that an Oregon Trunk crew of surveyors, under Engineer J. L. Stacer, arrived in Bend the latter part of the week and judging from their movements, this crew is to survey a line southeastward from Bend towards Burns. The engineer in charge of course will say nothing, but the common opinion is that this is the work the Stacer crew has cut out for it. They are now camped on the J. F. Pierce place (formerly the Philip Francis homestead).

During the fall and early winter Col. C. E. S. Wood of Portland and Wm. Hanley of Harney county had two or three surveying crews running a line eastward from Burns and getting a suitable route out of the state to the east by means of the Malheur river canyon. The expenses of these crews were paid with Oregon Trunk vouchers, although Col. Wood denied that they had any connection with any of the large railroad companies. Col. Wood is the legal representative of a company that owns a large tract of road grant lands in that part of the state, and William Hanley is a wealthy stockman owning thousands of acres in Harney county.

When the Oregon Trunk Line

first began to do things last spring it was believed by many of Portland's business men that eventually it would build eastward across the state, through the Bend and Burns sections, to connect with some trans-continental line coming West—believed to be the Burlington. The activity of the crews in the Malheur canyon and the presence of Stacer in Bend with supposed-to-be orders to run a line to Burns, lends much credence to this belief that the Oregon Trunk Line will be used by some one of Hill's affiliated roads to secure an entrance into Portland by entering Oregon on its east line and crossing to connect at Bend with the road up the Deschutes.

It is understood that the Stacer line will tie onto the Oregon Trunk survey in the vicinity of Bend, and run across the High Desert toward Hampton Butte. If this line is finally chosen for a railroad it will give direct transportation for the large tract lying southeast of Bend which is now being filed upon by homesteaders under the Mondell dry-farming act.

In the summer of 1906 Engineer Shaw ran a Harriman survey across this same section, and it is understood, found a very satisfactory route for a railroad.

DESCHUTES RAILROAD IS BUILDING RAPIDLY

Twohy Bros. Are of the Opinion They Will Be Able to Work Crews All Winter—Ninety Miles South of O. R. & N. Junction by July, 1910.

The progress of construction of the Deschutes Railroad up the Deschutes canyon is being carried on very rapidly, as stated in a report of the State Railroad Commission to the governor.

The report says that the Deschutes Railroad has at the present time 35 miles of grade completed and has fully laid five miles of track, and it is hoped to have the line in operation by July, 1910, to a point 90 miles south of the junction with the O. R. & N. on the Columbia river.

The severe winter weather which has prevailed during the past few weeks has not hindered the construction work, and Twohy Bros., the contractors, are of the opinion that they will be able to work their crews all winter, which will allow them to complete their contract at a much earlier date than was at first anticipated. The Madras Pioneer says additional men are being put on the construction crews all along the line, and the report is current that the one great object in rushing the construction of the Harriman line to Madras is for the purpose of getting the material on the ground as soon as possible for the large bridge which will span Willow creek canyon just west of that city, which will be the highest in the state at this time, and the longest in Central Oregon.

The Cornett Stage & Stable Co.

It's the mail line, the only direct stage line from Shaniko to Silver Lake, by the way of Prineville and Bend. Stopover privileges and tickets good until used.

Winter Term Begins Jan. 10.

The winter term of the Bend school will begin January 10. Pupils are requested to enroll if possible during the first week. First grade pupils, unless they have attended school before, will not be accepted after the second week.

RUTH L. REID, Principal.