

**SOCIAL EVENTS NUMEROUS.**

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fearful description were produced, and several hitherto unknown poets were disclosed to an unsuspecting public. The ladies then acted as judges, the majority agreeing that Mrs. Drake's poem excelled all others and she consequently won the prize, a hand made lace handkerchief. Later light refreshments were served.

The guests present were Mrs. A. M. Drake, Mrs. F. F. Smith, Mrs. C. S. Hudson, Mrs. F. O. Minor, Mrs. W. B. Sellers, Mrs. C. M. Redfield, Mrs. R. P. Williams, Miss Kershaw, Miss Reid, Miss Wiest, Miss Coleman and Miss Redfield.

**Their 20th Wedding Anniversary**

On December 25, from 7 to 10 o'clock, Dr. and Mrs. Dencer entertained a company of happy people at their beautiful home. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Titus and son William; Mr. T. B. Titus; Mr. and Mrs. Neff and family, Mamie, Myrtle, Eunice, Ruth, Ray and Roy; Masters Herman, Dewey, Chester and Fern Moore; Fay Deyarmond and also Rev. Mitchell, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Bend.

A beautiful Christmas tree had been prepared containing gifts for all present. A very interesting program was rendered consisting of music, prayer, recitations and an address, and an abundance of good things was relished by all. The host and hostess enjoyed so much the evident pleasure of everyone present.

What added to the interest of the occasion especially was the fact that the evening was the twentieth anniversary of the marriage of Dr. and Mrs. Dencer.

Dr. and Mrs. Dencer understand the art of entertaining so perfectly that all departed with heartfelt good wishes for the host and hostess and a loving prayer that many happy returns of the joy of the evening may come to them.

**IT IS TO LAUGH.**

**Upper Deschutes Ranchers Have Fearful Experience with a Grizzly.**

MEADOWS, Or., Dec. 26.—Editor Bend Bulletin, Bend, Or.—Dear Sir: Here is an account of a very extraordinary occurrence, which took place on the John Usher ranch in the upper Deschutes country.

One day not long ago Usher went out to the barn on some errand and was somewhat shocked to find an enormous grizzly bear lying curled up in the manger sound asleep. To say that Usher was frightened would be putting it altogether too mildly. From the way he performed when he reached the cabin a few steps distant, where David Hill and Harold Palmer were hugging the stove and enjoying perfect quiet, one would think he had experienced something like a Kansas tornado or had narrowly escaped a maelstrom.

After a hurried consultation it was decided that they should attack the monster on the right and left flank and from the rear. So Usher equipped himself with a 25-20 Winchester, Palmer with a 38 special Colt's revolver, and Hill with a 12 gauge single barrel shotgun.

At a given signal a terrific volley was poured into the unsuspecting bear. With the roar of an enraged demon, bruin bounded from the manger and made for the open door, where Usher's old dog, being attracted by the gun fire, met the ferocious animal and after one glance changed his color from coal black to iron gray. As the brute passed through the door he was within a few feet of Hill who declares the bear was branded and earmarked. Evidently there had been some dispute over the ownership of the animal, however, for he bore W. P. Vandever's brand and C. B. Allen's earmark. Another fact worthy of note was that the bear was toothless except for one huge tusk, and it was an enormous one—a gigantic one. Oh, it was wonderful; you would hardly believe it.

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river and bounded upon a log which lay in the edge of the water, and the jar being so great caused the log to roll over and float away with the current.

But here bruin had another narrow escape for Mr. A. D. Lewis, who lives but a short distance from the Usher ranch, hearing the yelling and shooting, thought someone was drowning and came with 75 feet of rope—which did service as a clothesline at home—made a slip-noose and began to cast the same at the wrathful bear. Bruin scenting danger extreme, broke a large limb from the log and, using same for a paddle, proceeded to reach a safe distance from Mr. Lewis, who by the way is no slouch with the rope.

Mr. M. J. Main, a resident of the upper river, happened to be crossing the new bridge at Spring river, saw the bear and having no gun with him, gave chase on land until he came to a canoe down near Mr. Atkinson's place and, taking an ax which he had with him, paddled out and attacked bruin, but at the first stroke from the sturdy blacksmith the handle flew out and the ax flew in and he never saw ax nor handle again.

Dear Editor: If you should wonder why we didn't kill the bear, we wish to say that the weather here was so cold that our bullets and shot were all frozen and had no effect on the monster.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN W. USHER,  
H. R. PALMER.

P. S.—Mr. David Hill is so overcome by the exciting experience that he is unable to attach his respectful signature to this report, and is now under the care of Dr. Harold Palmer at his new log hospital. Mr. A. D. Lewis is on the other side of the river and we have no pen long enough to reach across.

**Tumalo Items.**

TUMALO, Dec. 27.—We still have a little snow in this vicinity.

J. L. Spoo moved his family from here to the new mill site near Gist yesterday.

Chas. Spangh and Jess Root passed through here yesterday.

C. L. Wimer made a trip to Bend last Friday with some turkeys, which he disposed of very easily there.

I. K. Wimer and Chas. Spangh were here last week getting their summer's supply of ice.

J. W. Baker and Chas. Thornthwaite made a trip to Laidlaw one day last week.

Milt Roberts of Redmond passed through here last Saturday going to Bend.

A large crowd gathered at the Bayley school house Christmas eve, where an

excellent program and Christmas tree had been prepared. The program was a lengthy one and everyone pronounced it excellent. The Christmas tree was well loaded and beautifully trimmed, and all expressed themselves as well pleased with having availed themselves of the opportunity of going.

**Will Use Landplaster.**

The farmers of the Laidlaw section were so well pleased with the results of the use of landplaster on their land last year, that they are determined to use it much more extensively next season. Yesterday Jas. R. Benham was in Bend to see if arrangements could be made with C. H. Erickson whereby he would manufacture a supply from his gypsum deposits at Bear Creek, but Mr. Benham reported that no definite arrangements could be made.

Failing to secure a supply from the Bear Creek mines, the farmers have about decided to order 30 tons from a manufacturer in the Valley, getting quite a liberal reduction in the price by taking that amount. Those interested have called a meeting of farmers to be held at Laidlaw on Saturday, January 8, and are anxious that every farmer, who may wish to give landplaster a trial, shall be present. Nearly but not quite all of the 30 tons has been subscribed for, and it is desired that the full 30 tons may be sold in order to get the reduction in price.

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**PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.**

Miss Anna Moen was absent from school the first of the week.

Miss Reid was absent from school on Monday forenoon on account of illness.

Miss Margaret Wiest was absent from school on Wednesday on account of illness.

The Holiday vacation began Friday and the students will enjoy the respite from their work until January 10, 1910.

The eighth grade presented Miss Vandever with a handsome fountain pen, which was highly appreciated by the recipient.

We are sorry to lose Miss Fern Hall from the high school ranks. However, we are glad she has secured a higher position.

Everyone, not only in the grades but in the whole school, was glad to welcome Miss Sarah Wornstaff back to school, after her brief illness.

The Bend school was entertained at a Christmas tree in Miss Richardson's room on Friday afternoon. A short program, consisting of songs by the school, a violin solo by Robert Innes, and a recitation by Ruth Caldwell, was rendered. The chief source of enjoyment was the presentation of gifts and the treat at the last. The tree was beautifully decorated and greatly delighted the little folks.

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A BIG PROFIT.—An estimate compiled recently states that the income to Colorado farmers from the production of sugar beets during the past year totals the neat sum of \$7,500,000. Eastern Oregon is similar in many respects to Colorado, and the Bend country has produced beets that tested extraordinarily high in sugar. The above note regarding the Colorado income is but a prophecy of what will be duplicated some day in the Bend country.

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