

Jots and Tittles

Short Stories of Happenings in Linn County Generally and in Halsey Particularly

Bert Mineckley and Fred Jackson were in town from Lake Creek yesterday.

Koontz' window attracts the little folks these days.

Misses Bessie Dykstra and Genevieve Wells visited the county metropolis Tuesday.

Mrs. R. B. Forbes and Margaret Dunlap of the Brownsville Dunlap drug store attended the funeral of Mrs. Acheson at Shedd Sunday.

O. W. Frum and wife and Mary Smith spent Monday Christmas shopping at the county seat.

Miss Gertrude McKern, who has a position in a Corvallis restaurant, enjoyed a vacation at home and in Shedd early in the week.

Mrs. M. M. Huston has gone to spend Christmas with her daughter, who came from her Portland home to attend the Price meetings.

Since the first of last week Frank Kirk has been living on J. S. McMahan's farm while Jim visited Salem and other places on business.

Mrs. Anna Sperry of Brownsville is taking care of the McMahan home while Mrs. Mildred McMahan, state head of the Red-bekahs, travels on business of the order.

The wife of Representative Acheson died at her home at Shedd Saturday.

I. W. Ponttu of the Brownsville Times called at this office Monday morning, on his way to visit his home at Astoria.

The next Yeslah will be out about Christmas. It does not confine itself to chronicle events that have occurred but voice ambitions as to what the pupils and teachers, the board and the city may do to improve educational conditions.

Mrs. D. F. Dean came home from Oregon City Sunday. Her granddaughter there, who had been very low, is improving.

The railroad crew had a vacation while the track was frozen.

J. C. Bramwell is still a widower, while his wife exercises her excellent skill as a cook at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland.

J. W. Rector is laid up with the grip.

Roland Marks is putting in his vacation from O. A. C., supplying the wants of customers at the Ringo drugstore.

Dean Troer came home from his job at Coquille and was met here Monday by Will Elmore of Brownsville and was taken home to stay over Christmas.

This is the shortest day of the year.

The sheet of white that covered the earth last week disappeared in the rain of Monday, but maybe Santa made the rounds with his sleigh while it was here and has good things for the little folks stored in nooks and corners waiting for Monday morning.

Christmas promises to be merry. The quantity of Christmas goods advertised in the Enterprise last week and this indicates that the supply is plentiful.

Mrs. M. I. Homes, the resourceful and efficient advertising manager for the Hamilton store at Albany, is off duty, following a surgical operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Holmes scheduled all those Christmas goods in the advertisement of that store in last week's

I Brushes, cloth and hair
Combs
V Mirrors
T Trays
O Hair receivers
P Powder boxes
R Takum can holders
P Perfume bottles
B Buffers
N Nail files

RINGO'S Drugstore

Enterprise, and many more. She is reported recovering nicely from her experience under the knife.

Last week the press of Christmas advertising that came in somewhat late kept the old man of the Enterprise up four days and three nights straight, John Standish pulling a similar stunt, and then the paper did not get out until Saturday morning. And among other errors there was a mix-up at the end of the first installment of "Beasley's Christmas Party". We do not often complain that we get too many advertisements.

Mrs. Nellie Briggs, daughter of W. H. Finley and wife of Brownsville, died at her home in Astoria last week.

The water coil in the cook stove in the L. G. Thompson home at Shedd froze up Tuesday night of last week and when fire was started in the morning it blew up, causing considerable damage.

Mrs. Harriet Dilley, from Orange, Cal., is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. D. Elder, at Shedd.

A. D. Elder of Shedd is ill with bronchial asthma and high blood pressure. He was working with a bridge carpenter gang for the Southern Pacific company.

The A. D. Kern construction company has closed down the crusher at Saddle Butte for about 80 days.

Mrs. Frank Tiddle of Brownsville spent Monday at the home of Mrs. G. W. Mornhinweg.

The Brownsville-Albany Stage company runs a conveyance from Brownsville to the county seat and return twice a day. Leaving Brownsville at 7:20 it reaches Halsey at 7:50 and Albany at 8:35. Passengers on this trip can take the Oregon Electric and reach Portland at 11:15 the same morning. The postoffice corner is the starting point, where stage can be taken for Brownsville at 9:45 a. m. and 5:45 p. m. The afternoon trip north leaves here at 8:50. See schedule in advertisement. People living on the route between here and Brownsville can take the stage at home and need not go to the trouble of a trip to town to take the train.

Dickson & Son's Jersey farm at Shedd has produced another wonder cow which in 365 days produced 12,358 pounds of milk and 752 59 pounds of butter fat.

George E. Miller of Detroit, Mich., has bought the Vick Bros. garage and implement business in Albany and taken a lease on the building. The Vicks go to their main office at Salem, where Ben takes charge.

Roy Farmer has decided that it is not safe to trust hot rocks in his garage. Last Friday evening Farmer, who lives on a ranch four miles northeast of here, heated a large rock, wrapped it in a sack and placed it under his Chevrolet to keep the battery from freezing. Before the car, some harness and potatoes, which were stored in the garage, could be moved to safety the building and contents were in flames. It was a total loss.—Halsey Cor. Albany Democrat.

Teachers' examination is now on at the county headquarters. It began yesterday with 24 candidates.

All the Halseyites are expected home from Willamette university for the holidays.

Saturday evening at 7:30 the Bible school will give a Christmas program at the Christian church.

The Albany chamber of commerce has decided to stimulate cooperative marketing by farmers and has under consideration the boosting of drainage projects in the interest of general prosperity.

The state treasurer has just remitted to Linn county the second half of the year's market road fund, amounting to \$21,915.98.

Reuben Jackson was at the county seat Tuesday.

Brownsville pays \$600 for legal advice in its suit with W. P. Elmore over paving, which the city lost.

EARLY RISERS

"Josh and the hired man have got to be regular early risers," said Farmer Cornossel.

"Anxious to get to work?"

"No. Anxious to get their game started before the golf course is crowded."

High School Notes

(Mearle Straley, Reporter)

Come and see the basketball game Saturday evening. The boys play Shedd high school.

A student body meeting was held last Wednesday and it was decided to send a remembrance from the high school to Bill Corcoran. Another meeting was called Monday morning and it was decided to postpone the Christmas program to some later date. Names were drawn to exchange Christmas presents, so we are sure of one gift.

Wednesday morning Roland Marks and Ercell Sneed visited school and made several experiments for the general science class. Mabel Robinson also spent the day with us.

John Standish was absent from school last Friday afternoon, as he went to Albany.

The junior class is planning a basket social for Saturday evening, December 30. All are invited to attend.

School will be dismissed Friday for the Christmas vacation, which will last one week.

The high school wishes all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Byron Taylor, who is attending O. A. C. this year, visited school Thursday.

Buy a Yeslah! They will be on sale the first of next week.

Janet Boggs Married

The home of Rev. C. T. Cook was the scene of a very pretty, quiet wedding Wednesday, December 20, at three p. m., when Janet Adela de Boggs, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Morgan, and Dean Tyler of Brownsville, son of Lewis Tyler and wife, were united in marriage by Mr. Cook. A pretty ring ceremony was used.

The bride was lovely in a white gorgette and crepe de chine gown and carried a beautiful bouquet of white carnations and sprays of Stivie. She was attended by her mother, and the groom by his brother-in-law, Will Elmore. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for Portland for a few days, after which they will return to make their home in Brownsville. After January 15 they will be at home to their many friends.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tyler and granddaughter, Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Will Elmore and Mearle Straley, besides the host and hostess. We all wish Janet and Dean a happy married life.

PATHOS IN HIS DEATH

It was rather a strange thing that Enos A. Mills, nature lover and author of books about the wild life, fauna and flora, of the Rockies, where he experienced many and often perilous adventures, should have come to his death from the perils of a city. He died as the result of an injury in a New York subway. Mr. Mills pursued wild animals for the purpose of study, not to kill them.

COST OF LIVING IN CHILE

Chilean living costs have increased 65 per cent during the last ten years. House rent has risen 54 per cent; light and heat, 109 per cent; domestic food, 38 per cent; imported food, 116 per cent; beverages, 33 per cent; clothing and domestic articles, 112 per cent, and railway transportation, 172 per cent. No increase in the rates of tramway transportation is recorded.

DIG HYDROELECTRIC PLANT

A hydroelectric plant in Ceylon that will utilize water falling 2,000 feet eventually expects to develop 100,000 horsepower.

OVERDID THE BUSINESS

In order to call public attention to their detective agency some Parisian engaged a man to "stage" some picturesque robberies of stores and warehouses, but the fellow found he had such excellent opportunities for pilfering that he could not resist temptation and in these exploits carried off any valuables that he saw about. He was suspected, accused and confessed and much of the stolen material was recovered, but his confession got his employers into disrepute.

Shedd Shots

(By Anna Pennell)

Mrs. Robert Acheson's funeral was held here last Sunday at the U. P. church.

Roy Kendall and wife have a new baby boy, born last week.

Mrs. Sally Burton is seriously sick at her home in Albany. She was formerly Miss Sally Troutman.

Raymond Shedd is home for the holidays. He is a student at O. A. C.

Mr. and Mrs. McComber have gone to Portland to spend the holidays.

Glenn Hill spent several days in Portland last week.

Earl Shearer and family and Walter Hense and family all spent Sunday at the home of Charles Troutman.

CHRISTMAS OF PRESENT TIME

Despite Methods of Travel and the Ease of Making Long Journeys, Home Holiday Best.

WHEN Christmas began its gay pilgrimage down the years society was stationary. Today families and individuals are constantly on the move. Modern means of transportation have abolished distance. The family today scatters to all quarters of the earth. One brother stays on the Atlantic coast, the other migrates to the Pacific seaboard, but then they are "only four or five days apart." In England sons and daughters find their way in all parts of an empire that covers the globe; it is nothing for the cabled Christmas salutations of a single family to travel between Montreal, Melbourne, Calcutta, Cape Town and London.

When Irving wrote "Bracebridge Hall," the little journey into the country was itself an adventure. The ease of travel nowadays has taken the edge from all such jaunts. Everybody travels. And increasing numbers use the modern transport system to leave home at Christmas time. It may be heresy, but the custom of spending Christmas at an inn is gaining ground. Congestion of population in great cities has narrowed the dimensions of the metropolitan home, and not many apartments can comfortably accommodate the family reunion and the preparation and setting of the Christmas dinner. So when the trip to the country falls the city family goes holiday-making in an hotel. If hotels once were lonely places at Christmas they are far from lonely now, and many seek them both for dinner and frolic.

These are tendencies, variations upon the old theme. The theme, however, remains unchanged. It will not change. The great majority will still keep Christmas at home. Where there are children the proper paraphernalia and the time-honored observances will hold the family at home. No substitute fully satisfies. At best the away-from-home Christmas is only a substitute for the genuine article. So long as children come to enrich the lives of men and women Christmas will remain essentially a home holiday. The organization of modern life brings some compensations to the absent and the homeless, but the fullness of Christmas satisfaction is only to be had at the family hearth.



BIG MONEY FOR FIRST BALE

The first bale of a season's crop of cotton often goes through a ceremony suggesting the economic importance of the millions of bales which are to follow. This year the first bale was sold in Houston at \$1,200 for Texas charities, presented by the purchasers to the Manchester Cotton association, and then on July 25 sold at public auction in England. At Manchester the lord mayor turned auctioneer and got \$2,155 for the cotton, this sum going to Lancashire charities. This was not the end of the career of the first bale, for it was passed along to Yorkshire, to be sold once more, this time for the benefit of another group of medical institutions.—Nation's Business.

TWIN STARS

Some time ago it was reported by a distinguished astronomer that the star called Xi Geminorum, which has long been known as a variable, is, in reality, double, but that its two components are so close that no telescope is able to separate them, and their existence is proved by the shifting lines in the spectrum. The variations in brightness, it is thought, can only be due to the attraction between the two stars, raising immense tides in their molten or vaporous globes, which, through the efforts of compression or otherwise, displace the spectral lines.—New York Herald.

Electrical Gifts are Practical Gifts

A new lighting fixture will brighten up the home wonderfully and will carry the Christmas spirit through the whole year.

We have two extra specials this week:

14-inch alabaster bowl with three-chain hanger for..... \$7.50
20-inch chain pendant with cut glass shade for..... 1.75

One of our best appliances is a Westinghouse toaster stove. On it you can cook many things, in addition to making delicious toast..... \$10.50

We have a wonderful buy in a Hold Hot grill, 5x9 inches, at..... 2.95

A heating pad in the sick room will relieve pain and afford comfort to those who are ill..... \$6 to \$9.50

Electric curlers are most economical for ladies..... \$3.50 to \$7.25

A waffle-iron that makes the old-fashioned round waffles..... \$12

Electric percolators make delicious Coffee..... \$10 up

RALSTON ELECTRIC CO.

Send for our radio catalog.

310 West Second st., Albany.

CHRISTMAS OPENS THE HEART

It is the Gladdest Season When the Happiest People Are Those Who Give the Most.

CHRISTMAS is one of the words of the language that convey a suggestion, create a vision, project an atmosphere of glamour, romance and sentiment far greater than themselves.

To say Christmas is to open the eyes of the mind and the doors of the heart to the dearest recollections of our childhood; and these fond and shadowy remembrances mean little unless they create in us the desire to have Christmas mean as much to children today as it meant to us when we were tiny.

For Christmas, the birthday of an immortal child, was, is and must remain especially the festival of the bright innocence of infancy. That is why we resent it when some over-literal and painfully conscientious person rises up in duty bound to declare there is no Santa Claus. Such joy-killers, robbing the nursery of an illusion cherished, would take away the fairy tales and quell the spirit of adventure and flood every mystery of shadowland with the light of common day.

Let no improving modernist tamper with the old-time, traditional observance of Christmas. We need for the life of our own souls the Christmas tree and the Yule log at the domestic hearth, and the stockings hung a-row, and the joyful clatter of the great morning, and the dinner with the family gathered round in glad reunion.

We need the sweet custom of the interchange of tokens, when into that custom there creeps no accent of compulsion, no hint of a mercenary calculation. For we know that it is of the very essence of Christmas to give, not to receive. The blessing rests on those whose love, "great enough to hold the world," seeks outlet on this day to other lives—cramped and pinched, alone and poor, meager in comfort, facing the day without a smile and the night without the pillow of a hope.

It is a wretched celebration of the time to shut oneself in with a surfeit of a feast and a piled board of gifts and exult that we have so much. Those whose Christmas is the merriest, whose coming year is certain to be happiest, are those who give the most away, and in the giving give themselves.—Philadelphia Ledger.



PANAMA CANAL TOLLS

Toll rates through the Panama canal approximate \$1,000 an hour.

ESSENTIALLY MASCULINE!

Gordon was visiting his aunt in the village, and was not acquainted with the children. At first he amused himself with Verona, some years younger, but when he met an older girl who possessed a velocipede he abandoned Verona regardless of her attempts to interest him with her little wagon.

"What's the reason you never play with Verona, now?" his aunt inquired. "Isn't she a nice little girl?"

"O, yes, Aunt Emma," explained Gordon. "Verona's all right, but a fellow wants a change, you know."

Christmas and Twelfth Day.

The festival of the Nativity was never held on any other day than the 25th day of December. The ancient observance of the feast, however, continued for 12 days, or in ecclesiastical language, "an octave and a half," other festival days having an "octave" or eight days of observance only. Hence, the last day of the feast was termed Twelfth day, Little Christmas (among the French) and Old Christmas day in some parts of England. It was in 813 A. D. that the Epiphany was first celebrated as a distinct festival, at the end of the Christmas celebration proper. The day has its own observances, twelfth day cake, king of the feast, the mystical bean in the cake, etc., etc., but is now usually celebrated as "le jour de roi," by the French people, or as the festival of the Epiphany, the Greek word for manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles.

TAKES MAN TO DRESS WOMAN

Paul Poiret, celebrated dress designer of Paris, says that only a man knows how to dress a woman. The art of dressing woman is as complex as woman herself. A woman must be dressed according to her type. Generalization is the failure of elegance. It's a man's job to be undertaken only after the matter has been given a great deal of study.

DEVASTATION BY LOCUSTS

Locusts larger than American grasshoppers aided the cause of prohibition in the Zangazour (North Africa) district by devouring so much of the crops that people were obliged to eat their stock of mulberrie, usually devoted to making brandy for market. Their devastating march lasted a fortnight and left in its wake barren fields and starving people.

UNCERTAINTY

Movie Director (persuasively)—Come, Sam, you will be out of that cage in two shakes of the lion's tail.
Sam—Yes, boss, but dat lion snaps his jaws twice't as fast as he done shake his tail!—Life.

RIALTO FRIDAY

Herbert Rawlinson

in **'The Scrapper'**

A dandy picture with plenty of action

Also **'Robinson Crusoe'**

and **Felix, the Cat,**

in a reel of fun