

**Halsey Happenings and County Events**

**Short Stories from Sundry Sources**

Good morning. Merry Christmas. Days are growing longer. How do you like our new head? Miss Melba Neal went to Albany Monday. Lawrence Wells has a guest over the holidays. Delma Wahl arrived home Thursday from school. Miss Helen Armstrong is home from Eugene for the holidays. Hugh Cummings of Corvallis was a visitor at the O. W. Frum home Sunday. Miss Alberta Kootz, student at Willamette university, is home for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevenson of Brownsville were Halsey visitors Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robins expect to spend Christmas with relatives at Lebanon. Mrs. William McMahan and daughter-in-law, Mrs. James McMahan, were Albany visitors Monday. William Smith of Harrisburg was fined \$250 Monday because he was caught with liquor in his residence. Miss Ethel Veatch came home from U. of O. Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, B. C. Veatch and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Wahl and Mrs. A. C. Armstrong were Albany visitors Thursday. Delma Wahl returned with them. Ted Mitzner was called upon again Sunday to fill the pulpit at the Harrisburg M. E. church, as the pastor is still ill. W. H. Beene and family left Saturday for Long Beach and propose to reside in the sunshine state the rest of the winter. Bert Minckley and W. F. Carter have shipped out 7 carloads of sheep thus far, and the sheep raisers are keeping more than before. Miss Cleona Smith, who is teaching at Sweet Home, came home the last of the week to spend the holidays with her father, W. L. Smith. Helen Armstrong came home Saturday accompanied by Ardath Caldwell of Portland, who will spend the holidays with her. Both are students of the U. of O. A party and general good time was had in the vacant side of the Reynolds building Friday evening. After some games were played, a taffy pull was enjoyed. Miss Nettie Spencer is the representative of Douglas county at the Portland meeting of the Oregon State Teachers' association during the Christmas vacation. Miss Pearl Pehrsson came home from Monmouth, where she is a student at state normal, Friday, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Pehrsson. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Penland will have as dinner guests Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Witzig and family of Corvallis and Mr. and Mrs. George Starr and daughter Louise of Halsey. Grant Reynolds, the S. P. track walker, has a system all his own. He bought a ticket to Shedd Monday and then walked back with the cold north wind at his back instead of having to face it. Victor Woodfield and his crew, who have been constructing the new lead for the telegraph company, were called to Oregon City last week to help in clearing up the trouble caused by the snow storm, and were sent from there to Portland. The six-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sleutel, living east of town, was found smothered in bed Friday morning. On account of the intense cold the family were sleeping in one bed and the baby was kept too closely covered. Funeral at the Alford schoolhouse. County Judge Payne says this leap year is a fizzle. The girls are too shy, and reams of paper have been used to tell us how much more brazenly bold modern girls are than those of other days. We incline to agree with Judge Payne. Or maybe the girls are more independent. There are more ways open in which they can earn an honest living. At the city council room last week J. W. Rector was caring for a wanderer with a very badly swollen face. Dr. Marks was called and pronounced his trouble poison oak. It had been

**Brownsville Briefs**

Travis Martin went to Portland today. A. G. Powell went to Albany on Thursday. Chester Rice was an Albany visitor Friday. Mrs. W. C. Elmore was an Albany shopper Friday. Mrs. A. W. Lawson spent Thursday in Albany. Herbert Irwin was an Albany visitor Friday. Kenneth Overton is spending the holidays in Portland. Theodore Tetzle went to Portland today to spend Christmas. Mrs. Eldora Boyden went to La Crosse, Wash., for a visit Friday. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Walker of Albany motored to Brownsville Friday. Miss May Page is spending Christmas with home folks at Yamhill. Nutgrowers fear that many young trees have been killed by the cold. Mrs. L. V. Branson left for Stayton Thursday. She expects to move there soon. John Edwards returned to his home in Portland Friday, after a visit in Brownsville. Mrs. Ned Callaway and daughter Margaret were passengers to Portland today. 'Red' Hooker went to Independence Tuesday to spend Christmas with relatives. Mr. D. McKecher of Crawfordville is spending Christmas at Portland with her parents. Beulah E. Northern and Clyde Debell, the latter a Roseburg youth, were licensed Wednesday to marry. Ray Osborne, who has been visiting friends at Brownsville and Holley, left Friday to visit a sister in Eugene. Mrs. Grace Goodall went to Eugene Monday to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Kitty Turner. James Waggener has nine foxes on his fox farm, east of town, two of which have just arrived from Prince Edward Island. Mrs. Peggy Lovely was called to Sheridan Thursday on account of the death of her little niece, daughter of Mrs. Dave Paine. Paul Turner, who has been visiting his grandmother, Mrs. O. P. Goodall, returned yesterday to Eugene, where he attends the U. of O. Leslie Haskin of Brownsville, expert floral botanist, says the sweet-briar rose, now so common, wild, in Oregon, was introduced here by the mother of L. E. Blain of Albany. Mrs. S. A. Andrews of Seattle arrived Friday to spend Christmas with her friend, Mrs. Laura Biksen. Jack Elliott and Reed Miller of O. A. C. are spending the holidays with home folks. L. D. Vidito received word the past week that he had been appointed aide-de-camp to the commander-in-chief of the national G. A. R. This is an honor that he is justly deserving of and came as a complete surprise to him.—Times The new Methodist Episcopal church was dedicated Sunday by Bishop Shepard of Portland, assisted by District Superintendent Danford and Rev. Paroungian, a former Brownsville pastor but now at Salem working for the near east relief. Many were kept from attending these services by the bad weather. A. N. Preston and George England pleaded guilty to robbing the Spurlin home, near Harrisburg, and were sent to the penitentiary for a year. The other two accused with them appear to have known nothing of the commission of the crime, but Graves will be sent to Portland to be tried for stealing a suit of clothes. An hour a day makes farm reading pay. Tenant farming and soil depletion go hand in hand. The dirt farmer, if he would be successful, must also be a brain farmer. Exercise is nature's preventive of digestive troubles in live stock. Careful dairymen have found that warm and cold cream never mix satisfactorily. An ounce of carbon disulphide prevention will save more than a bushel of corn from weevils.

**Alford Arrows**

Deo Rolfe went to Buena Vista one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ingram went to Springfield one day last week. B. E. Cogswell of Portland is spending the week at his ranch. Fred Burkhart of Salem spent several days last week at his farm. E. D. Isom and E. A. Starnes attended an Odd Fellows' meeting at Creswell Wednesday night of last week. Philip Cogswell of Portland underwent an operation for appendicitis the day after Thanksgiving and is recovering nicely. The funeral for the little Sleutel baby, which was accidentally smothered to death at its home near Halsey, was held at the Alford schoolhouse Monday, with interment in the Alford cemetery. E. D. Isom has received a letter from Joseph LeBeau, who came to his home a couple of weeks ago and was taken to a hospital in Albany by Mr. Isom and E. A. Starnes. He is still in the hospital but expects to leave after new years. Increase Capacity of Small Vehicles Two Side Supports Will Prove Convenient. Loads of merchandise, which are light in weight but large and bulky in size, can easily be carried on small wagons by providing two side supports of the kind shown in the drawing. The supports are made by nailing a 10-inch board to two lengths of 2 or 3 by 4-inch wood, as shown in the upper right-hand detail, and the supports are then arranged on the wagon box, as shown in the left-hand view, with the 2 by 4-inch legs crossing each other. The legs should be bolted together to keep the supports in position securely, so that heavy loads will not displace them. Large Side Supports on Small Wagon Increase Its Capacity for Holding Bulky Loads. (Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) Succulent feeds in the ration of dairy cows have come to have such importance that many crops not grown primarily for this purpose may enter into the ration. Cabbage and potatoes, though not generally grown for dairy feeds, are often fed to dairy cows as a means of supplying succulence and disposing economically of products that are otherwise unmarketable. Impart Bad Odors. Like other succulent feeds, cabbage and potatoes may have a tendency to impart undesirable flavors and odors to the milk, says the United States Department of Agriculture, if fed under certain conditions. Tests have been conducted by the department to determine the extent to which these crops affect the flavor of milk and how they may be fed and the milk handled so as to minimize such effect. It was found that on the average when dairy cows consume as much as 14.5 pounds of cabbage within one hour before milking time, abnormal and objectionable flavors are produced in the milk. An increase in the amount of cabbage fed intensifies these flavors. An average of 25 pounds of cabbage may be consumed immediately after milking, however, without having objectionable flavors in the milk become noticeable. Some of these flavors may be eliminated by proper aeration of the milk, and others greatly reduced. Flavor of Potatoes. The feeding of 14.5 pounds of potatoes an hour before milking may flavor the milk to a slight extent, but hardly enough to be detected by the average consumer. Increasing this amount of potatoes does not increase the abnormal flavors and odors produced in the milk. Dairy cows may be fed as much as 25 pounds of potatoes immediately after milking with no resultant off flavors in the milk. The good corn farmer does not plant rubbings. Why should the fruit grower buy scrub trees to set an orchard? Too many farmers still do not realize that the experiment stations and agricultural colleges exist largely to save costly mistakes and long experience struggles by farmers.

**School Notes**

Basketball practice was turned over to the boys last week, as the weather was too cold for the girls. Perhaps the boys are made of "sterner stuff." We certainly would like to know the meaning of these student body meetings which the teachers are not permitted to attend. The lower grades are working on their Christmas program and we are sure it will be a grand and glorious success. Thanks to the janitor, the schoolhouse has been quite warm except in the north rooms, where the wind comes through the cracks around the windows. Monday morning the students were greeted by a very unpleasant odor. Everyone was very much puzzled. It was quite plain that something was being burned in the furnace. About 10 o'clock some one investigated and it proved to be a cat that had crawled into the furnace. If some one injured the cat he certainly took his revenge on the students and teachers. The Women's club enjoyed a Christmas program and party Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Marks. Sixteen members were present and responded to roll call with seasonable quotations. Mrs. S. J. Smith gave an able talk on the holy land and the origin of our Christmas customs, which was illustrated with prints. A program of Christmas music was given by Mrs. English, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Stafford and Mrs. Drinkard. A reading by Mrs. Pearl Shedd was much enjoyed. Followed the Christmas tree, which bore greetings for each member from the hostess, Little Elaine Strady then entered bearing a basket of gifts, which were distributed. The tables were gay with Christmas greens and red ribbons. Place cards represented trees each with a tiny doll. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Drinkard and Mrs. Laubner. Miss Lucile Shedd of Shedd and Mrs. Inez Freeland were guests.

**Lake Creek Locals**

Leonie Palmer of Monmouth is home for the holidays. Miss Myrtle Tobey, who teaches at West Linn, came home Sunday evening. Mrs. Annie Jones of Corvallis and daughter Marie were guests at the Martin Cummings home. The snow and cold weather have been the cause of much trouble with pumps and water pipes. Among those attending church from Peoria Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Gilluly and Mrs. Shaw. Mrs. J. S. Nicewood returned home Sunday after spending several weeks with relatives near Ashland. Rev. Mr. Parker and A. J. Hill of Halsey braved the bad roads and came to church for Sunday afternoon services. Those present from Pine Grove were Grant McNeil and family, Mrs. Albertson and daughter Iona and Pete Settle. Miss Palmer and the school children are preparing a Christmas program for Wednesday eve to be given at the church. Last Sunday about 15 people from McFarland neighborhood came to Lake Creek for the services and partook of the basket dinner. Revival meetings have been well attended this week, considering the stormy weather. Six new members were taken into the church Sunday morning by Mr. Hughes. Portable Barnyard Stand for Lantern Found Very Useful as It Can Be Set Where Needed. On farms not equipped with electricity the use of a lantern is a necessity. In many cases the lantern is hung on a nail driven into the wall or a nearby post, but this is not handy because the lantern is not always in a convenient location. A portable lantern stand of the kind shown in the drawing has been found very useful, as it can be set just where the light is needed. It consists of a 3-foot length of 1-inch pipe, a piece of 1/2 inch iron rod and a dial-lamp fastened to the dial by means of two nuts and washers. Portable Lantern Stand Proves of Considerable Convenience on the Farm. of two nuts as indicated in the detail. The iron rod is bent, as shown, to form an eye at the top for holding the lantern, a wire hook being slipped through the eye for this purpose, and the ends of the rod are then pushed into the open end of the pipe. The whole outfit is light in weight and can be carried around easily.—Popular Mechanics Magazine. Covered Farm Machinery Doubles Length of Life Double the length of the life of farm machinery by giving it a shelter that will protect it from "old man" weather. That is the way F. W. Duffee of the department of agricultural engineering, University of Wisconsin, puts it. "People are learning that the life of farm machinery is really considerably longer than they formerly thought. Binders, mowers and other farm machinery of this type, if well housed, should last 30 to 35 years but many spreaders, even of the best make, would probably not last longer than ten years at the most when housed," he continued. "The average investment for farm machinery on a 100-acre farm is approximately \$1,000, according to the 1922 census. A well constructed machine shed, suitable for a farm of 100 acres, would cost about \$500 for frame construction, and for sheds built from poles and rough boards the shed will cost but a fraction of that figure. Then after the shed is constructed, the application of a coat of paint once in a while will make the shed last 40 to 60 years," was the statement made by Duffee.



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