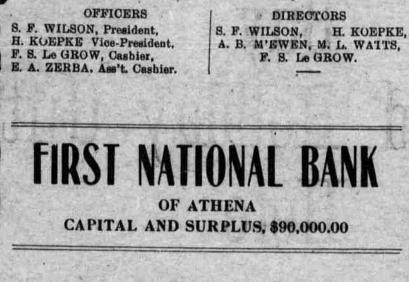
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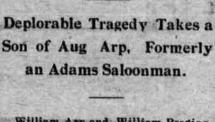
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VICTIM WEILDS REVOLVER AND

FRIEND TOOK A RIFLE.

William Arp and William Breding, triends and fellow workmen on farm 11 miles north of Pendleton while playing the holdop game at the ranch Tuesday evening, pulled off an acoidental tragedy in which Arp was almost instantly killed. Arp play-fully pointed a revolver at Breding. and his friend seized a 22 rifle in the same joking spirit, accidentally dis-obarging it and killing Arp instantly. The two men were alone at the ranch, and when Breding returned to the house after fluishing the chores he was confronted by Arp with a revolver in his band, who commanded him to "tbrow up his hands." With

a laugh Brediog seized a rifle which he supposed was unloaded, presented it at his friend and killed him. The rifle had been used for target practice the night before and in returning it to its usual place the lever bad been thrown back, leaving the gun cocked. The last shell, however. had oaught in the barrel, thus leaving the gun loaded and cocked without the knowledge of the young man. A roper's jury held an inquest and returned a verdict exonerating Breding of oriminal blame. Testimony showed the men had been the best of friends. Arp is a son of Gus Arp of Belix, and 22 years of age. Bredlog is an orphan boy and 19 years old, but has been raised by the Eggers family, owners. of the ranch where the tragely ocourred.

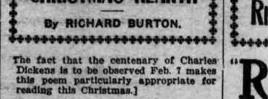
Elected on Debating Team.

of the debating team to upbold the

bonors of the University; receiving the

second highest number of votes.

Peter Crockett, the U. of O. student s in the city visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. M. Meldrum. Mr. Crockett is a detater of note, and recently been



EFORE the Christmas hearth I

muse alone, And visions of the past, for grave and gay. Rise from the ruddy coals; outside the moan Of homeless winds is childen by the lay Sweet sung by children who keep holi-

day, Making the season's mood their very own. And slowly, while I gaze and dream and

grow Less lonesome, do the sights and sounds

of earth Fade, and my fancy wanders to and fro With a great master of lament and Who waved his wand to gild the long ago.

A wondrous company! Micawber smiles In spite of poverty, and Little Nell, Too frail a flower, travels her weary

Then falls on aleep, and David tries to The trials of the young: now Pickwick's

spell Makes laughter easy: on a pinnacle Of sacrifice sits Carton midst war's wiles.

Now the air sweetens, for those brothers

twain, The blithesome Cherrybles, have preach ed their creed Of kindness; honest Tapley halls again

'D ING out the old year, ring in the new!" In every country of the world where civilization has

taught mankind the importance of celebrating his holidays brazen throated bells will obey this injunction at the midnight moment which marks the passing of 1911 into 1912.

Every bell, every chime, every peal, come it from brass or steel or glass, sounding in mellifluous beauty in the silence of night, marks the observance of a custom that goes back not less than fifteen centuries.

Ring out the old year, ring in the new, is not an impulse to celebrate with mere noise another swing of Father Time's scythe. The custom has a significance, a beauty of meaning identified with some of the earliest observances of the church.

From remotest antiquity bells played a part in religious worship. In Egypt the feast of Osiris was announced by the ringing of bells. Aaron and other Jewish high priests wore bells attached to their vestments. In Athens the priests of Cybele used bells in their rites; the Greeks employed them in camps and garrisons, and the most solemn moment in the ritual of the Catholic church is preceded by the ringing of silver chimed bells.

Paulinus, bishop of Nola, introduced the bell into the Christian worship in the year 400 A. D.

The first bells were made in Campania, hence the term campanile or bell

tower. The adoption of the bell into the vent storms, to drive away evil spirits and to bring repose to the sufferer. The direct forerunner of the New

Year bell is what was known as the "passing bell." This was rung at the death of a believer. In theory devils troubled the expiring patient.

But the peals of a consecrated bell were believed to possess a potency that the most malignant of devils could not withstand; hence with every death the ringing of the holy bells

THEN the weather is favorable on Christmas day the members of many country clubs throughout the United States engage in a fox hunt. This is the modern survival of the ancient

chase that used to furnish game for the great boliday feast. Long ago in the middle ages before the day of markets, of storage houses or refrigerator cars the lord and vassals shared the traits of the lion and scorned to eat that which they did not kill. At daybreak on the morning of the holiday the chieftain summoned the men of his clan, and to horse they went in pursuit of the wild boar. Across hills and level stretches, through swamps and across frozen streams they galloped till they came

up with the flerce prey. In the battle that ensued the privilege of the most valorous feats, of indergoing the greatest danger and of finally administering the death stroke was intrusted to the noblest. Then the body of the boar was carried back by the vassals, the body roasted and the head garnished and decorated to take the place of honor in the center of some long table laid in the center of a baronial hall.

Far into morning of the next day would the roistering continue, and the poor gentleman who could drink only one bottle was destined to sad experiences in this bout of mighty

bibblers. The boar has passed from the earth.

No longer does the lord kill his own Rec. Christmas feast, but in small measure he revives the joys of the holiday Rec hunt by his pursuit of sly reynard. There are in the United States seven-Reo ty first class clubs devoted to the sport of fox hunting. The season be-Solo gun at Thanksgiving day is at its height by Christmastide, for then the air is crisp with frost, and the last of the crops that hunters might have Reg. damaged have been gathered into the

barn and safely stored away. For persons of wealth these are early risers who, at 7 o'clock in the morning, have gathered near the clubhouse. merry exchange of Christmas greetexorcised the evil spirits and assured | ings recalls the holiday.

Rec Rec Rec One comrade joins another, and a Rec.

Song

ful presents will be hung on the trees. Fit trees from the mountains have been put in place and the decorations are to be the most beautiful imagin able. The numbers on the programs for the most part will be given by members of the Sunday schools of the different churches and diligent rebearsals have been under way for some time, to insule satisfactory results. The various programs are as follows: M. E. Oburch. Soug. Joy to the World Praver. by the Pastor Christmas Bells Song School. Welcome Vernà Pennington. Xmas Lonis Stewart. Once a Year Helen Downing. selected Miss Velma Wilkinson Why Do Bells for Xmas Ring Doris Thompson The Song and the Child Dorothy Lawson A Obristmas Carol Thelma McEwep. The Master Comes

CHRISTMAS TREE EXERCISES TO

BE VERY INTERESTING.

Three Programs To Be Ren-

dered By Members of Differ-

ent Sunday Schools.

Christmas tree exercises at the churches in Athena will be held to-

morrow evening, beginning at seven

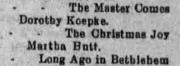
o'clock. Excellent programs as en-

tertainment features will to given at

the Methodist, Baptist and Christian

oburches. The various committees in

charge have all arrangements complet-ed and tomorrow hundreds of teanti-



services of the church soon gave the chimes the comforter's office in the minds of the devout. In their simple faith the worshipers believed that consecrated bells had the power to pre-

We Announce our Readiness for Christmas

Time is just about over-only 1 shopping day remains, only 1 day in which to do an immense volume of business, and as rapidly as day succeeded day this volume has continued to grow.

With buyers coming in greatly increasing numbers, assortments and varities must necessarily decrease.

Thousands of articles come from markets too far to permit of re-orderidg. Among these are the unique novelties in which early shoppers find joy in selecting. Therefore we advise all those who shop for Christmas, to

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The Best that Money can Buy Always Found Here

DELL BROTHERS, CATERERS TO THE PUBLIC IN GOOD THINGS TO FAT Athena, Oregon LAMENT AND MIRTH, WHO WAVED HIS WAND TO GILD THE LONG AGO."

A world too pleasant; while their horses The Wellers make the welkin ring in-

deed. Lo, Deadlock House looms darkly through the rain

And, look, the tiny dressmaker limps by, And she, eternal type of faithfulness, Dorrit, whom prisons do not daunt: her

Is for her father; next, in seaman's Quaint Captain Cuttle lifts his hook to

His darlings; Barkis at low tide must die.

Drolls, villains, gentiefoik of all degrees Make populous the air, a hundred strong, Last comes, as fits the senson, Scrooge, his knees Atremble, till he harks the Christmas song Of love and knows that spite and greed

are wrong And how that charity is more than these

Master of human hearts! No Christmas-Whose chants are not the sweeter and

whose cheer Is not more blest since Dickens lived and The savor of his teachings makes each

year Richer in homely virtues, doth endear Man unto man; hence shall he long abide.

CHRISTMAS TOWN. T lieth sweet as a little street That sweeps to a good green valley. It lieth clean, with no squalor No dark and loathsome alley.

t lieth there in the golden air, A town of song and gleaming, childhood's chatter and bugles' clatter And the make believe of dream-

It lieth still on a little hill, By a brook and a strip of wild-

Oh, let's go down to Christmas Town Just as we did in childhood!

Its streets are bright with merry light. And all day armies wander All to and fro, with golden glow. From childhood's way back yon-

Each laughing face wears smiles of

And trust and all undoubting. And o'er the throng the voice of

song Ewells into slivery shouting. It lieth caim as isles of baim Far off from hate and wrangle. Oh, let's go down to Christmas Town With all its glow and spangle!

Its hills are toys for girls and boys, Its vales are candy icing. Its lanes and take are gingercake onbons most enticing. While always there a fragrant air Of orange bloom is blowing. And on the trees green memories Of childhood days are growing. t lieth far, but love's sweet star Eternal watch is keeping

Through little paths of sleeping.

Ah, it may seem a foolish dream That I should see it lying So still and sweet, its every street With some fond vision vying, But yet I know that long ago

It lieth near for those, my dear, Whose eyes have fairy essen To help them see, though aged they

The gleam of childhood's presence. ntstown Bard in Baltimore Sun.

ne soul a happy passing into a future Trotting behind the huntsmen and untroubled peace. the whippers-in come the hounds, now · From this ancient custom developed quiet and businesslike, but at the easily and naturally the habit of ringword of command ready to break into

ing out the old year and ringing in a very babble of dog noise. Horses, the new. uperb horses, strain eagerly at their Centuries have passed, a thousand bridles, anxious to bear their red contyears, and still 500 more have been ed riders off in the chase. numbered since the first New Year The master of the hounds gives his was halled by the music of tuned word of command, and across a cornbrass, but man still finds the custom

field the mad Christmas race starts. beautiful and comforting, and 1912 To the first fence comes the mad cav- Dialogue will be saluted by more peals than any alcade. It is a high one. Over, under of its predecessors. and through the bars scramble the The bell most favored is made of tin dogs. Grandly on his horse the masand copper. In the reign of Henry 11. experts decreed that a bell should have

ter takes the fence. Others follow, some not so gracefully. Some one two parts of copper and one of tin. falls, but the race goes on, all eager When Mr. Layard made his famous into reach that place where in front the vestigation of the ruins of Nineveh he hound is giving tongue. found beautifully toned bells where

There comes a ditch whose surface the proportion was ten parts of copper is only partly frozen, the middle havagainst one of tin. Later experts have ing the water free. The leap is a bad decided that four to one is about the one, with the footing covered with ice, right proportion. Experiments have but one after another the hunters put also been made with bells of brass. their steeds at it. Some slip and German silver, real silver and gold. scramble, splashing seas of mud on Some made of steel were shown to their riders, but none cares. Too great have a beautiful tone, but deficient is the joy of getting over without loss from the fact that it could not be susof time to worry over a couple of tained. Glass bells of great thickness pounds of mud added to the weight of give out an exquisite melody, but the what the gallant horse must carry. material is too brittle to withstand the

A level stretch is reached. The thoroughbreds are put to it to keep up So most of the bells that greet 1912 with the dogs. Then come a wilder will be made according to the formula outburst of barking and the capture of four parts copper to one part tin. of a fox. The brush is taken and The most famous of the bells that awarded to the lucky rider who was have greeted New Year are now siin at the death.

lenced for all time. One is a prized Then the party turns sedately back. relic of the world's greatest autocracy; the excitement of the day over. The the other is a worshiped memento of dogs are returned to the kennel, the the struggle for liberty that launched horses are carefully rubbed down, the into existence the world's mightlest reparticipants in the hunt have their

shower bath and are ready to dress The great bell of Moscow, now lo for dinner after the most exciting and cated in the Kremlin, was cast in enjoyable start a Christmas day can 1734. It was the design of its makers well have.

that it should fill the air with a vol-Not only members of the clubs have ume of melody that should make it taken part in this chase. The growing world famous. In both height and digood will between farmer and hunter ameter this colossus of bells is twentyhas turned the attention of the man of agriculture to the delights of this hol-But how vain is the planning of idny ride. He has mounted his best

mankind is proved by the tragic cahorse and joined in the race. He, too, reer of this monster of sound. Only returns home to a hearty dinner to tell for three years did it toll forth the bewhat a good time he had.

In less aristocratic clubs, such as the many organizations of farmers are in various parts of the country, the hunt is less' ornate, but it results in more Christmas killings of foxes.

The wild, rough country of Virginia makes directly following behind the hounds a hozardous, if not impossible, performance. This gives rise to the distinctively American style of hunting, which is to let the bounds work much of the time alone, the hunter following only in spirit, catching a glimpse of the flying pack occasionally, or, guided by their musical baying. Lying to catch up at the next station. In Kentucky the Christmas hunt is held at night, on Christmas eve.

The fox hunt is an importation from England, where it still is the favorite sport of the elite at Christmas time. Virginia's early settlers first introducad the custom into the colonies, and Before that memorable day in 1776 General George Washington was one

> The colonial girl was educated to fox ing as part of her accomplishand hundreds of the belles

ke a five rall fence as easily as a graceful figure in a minuet.

Primary class Rec. Bethlebem Henry Koepke. - Praise to the King Ruby Hall. Rec. When Santa Olaus Comes Mildred Stanton. Rec. What Does It Mean to Me Mildred Lawson. Song Christ Is Born School. The World's Gift Four Boys Rec. Our King Evangeline Fix. Rec. My Wish Bessie Mathers. Rec. Christmas Memories Mrs. Kisler.

Baptist Church.

Organ Prelude, - Mrs. Plamondon Song, "Christmas Day." - Sahool Invocation, Supt. Mrs. C. A. Barrett Song, "Hear the Glad Bells Bing-

ing," - - sobool oborus Scripture reading - Mrs Chas. Betts. Vocal duct, "Santie," - Edos and Thelms Saling

Rec. "The First Obristmas," Dolly White

Rec. "If You Are Good" Areta Littlejohn Exercise, "Obristmas Brauches,"

- Mrs. Winship's class Song, "Haill Hail! Hail!"

Double chorus Rec. "The First Carol," Ida Crable Kobler Betts Rec., selected, Song, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little

Star." - Class of girls Rec. selected, -Audrey Winship Rec. selected, George Kidder Song, "Santa Claus,"

- Mrr. M. L. Watts' class Rec. "A Dresm," - Vernits Watts Rec., selected, - Hazel McFarland Class of boys Exercise. Song, "Christmas Every Day,"

- - sobool oborus Distribution of presents by committee, Henry Barrett, M. L. Watts, and Floyd Payne.

Doxology, audience and ohorus. Benediction, Mr. Desper. Program read by Mr. Chas. Betts.

Obristian Church.

Song by the obildren Duet M1sses Lucille faylor and Zola Keen Rec. Cysil Crusey Song. Jeanette Miller. Rec. Glen Steen Pisnoforte solo Mrs. A. M. Meldrum Hope McPherriu Rec. Song. - Merna DePeatt

Local Team Lost Two.

Saturday evening the Athena High school basket ball team went down to Echo and dropped a game to that town by a score of 25 to 15. Last night the local boys played the nifty Columbia College team off it's feet to a tis at 16 and, at the end of the second balf. In the playoff, Columbia appexed three points, taking the game 19 to 16. The patronage was all that could be expected, a large crowd wituessing the game. The next game here will be with Pendleton High on the evening of January 6.

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dome of a small chapel made by excavating the space beneath it. Now, though it may no longer ring in the new year, it can be the sanctuary for the New Year prayers of the faithful. Every New Year eve citizens of

when the nation's fathers gave forth of the most famous of fox hunters. to the world their Declaration of Independence, whose signing was heralded by the ringing of Liberty bell, the old bell had been used to ring in the new year.

ginning of the new year. Cast in 1734, it remained in its place till 1737. Then it fell during a fire and from its great weight sank deeply into the earth. For exactly one century it was permitted to remain buried. Then it was raised, but the excavators found in its side a gaping hole,

one feet. It weighs 193 tons.

public.

constant impact of the ciapper.

where a great piece had been broken out No more should the bell ring. But they raised it, placed it on a solid foundation, and it now forms the

Philadelphia gather around the shrine of liberty. Independence hall, to hear the new year rung it. Formerly this service was performed by the bell now known as the Liberty bell.

To guide us down to Christma

They built it there who love us, And many a day we've spent in

With its blue sky above us!